



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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November 2018

November General Meeting

Wednesday November 7th at 7pm

Location: Venice Community Center (doors open at 6:30pm)

Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids

Topic: *Catasetum* Species, Hybrids and Their Culture



Catasetums are from the Tribe Cymbidieae. Individually, it has been considered an orchid oddity, or “botanical”, of interest mainly to the seriously addicted enthusiast. These plants have a brief deciduous period in winter, when the plants need a definite dry rest period bordering on neglect. These robust orchids are native to lowland tropical forests in Central and South America and are

usually grown in warm or intermediate conditions.

Commercially, *Catasetum*, have occupied a small market niche on the edge of a sea of Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums, Epidendrums, and so on. Until recently, they have not attracted much attention from hybridizers, but in the past several years some spectacular hybrids have been produced, receiving great acclaim and an increasingly large collection of awards from the American Orchid Society.

This talk will feature a widescreen computer slide show on some of the species, new hybrids and plant culture of *Catasetums*. The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 35 years and has been hybridizing for 35 of those years. With over 32 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

November Events

November 7th

Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Fred Clarke

Topic: “*Catasetum* Species, Hybrids and Their Culture”

November 8th

(2nd Thursday)

Growers Clinic

Venice Community Center

Room F, 7pm.

Topic: *Members Orchid Growing Areas and Protecting your Orchids in Cold Weather*

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Fred Clark Bio Continued....

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Australian Dendrobiums and Paphiopedilum hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed". This grex has received eight FCC's and over 50 awards worldwide.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Fred will have plants for sale. You may pre-order from his website via email with a 10% discount and free shipping. Pick up and pay for your order at our meeting. Cut off date for pre-orders is November 1st.

fred.clarke@att.net

www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

In Memoria

Alice Dunley 1926-2018.

Alice was an active member of the Venice Area Orchid Society for many years in its early inception. She worked to set up VAOS displays in orchid society shows throughout Florida in Lakeland, Sarasota, Tampa, and Tampa Bay. She also served on the board as Vice President for a number of years. The VAOS board and members extend our condolences to Alice's family.



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Catasetinae Plant Culture

Cycnoches, Catasetums, Mormodes, and Clowesia

The cultural information below is a generalization and will apply in most situations; however each grower and growing environment is different. I encourage you to make adjustments based on your own experience and growing conditions.

Catasetinae have a distinctive growth and rest period (dormancy). For best plant growth it is important to understand and respect these growth phases. When the plants are in active growth maintain constant root zone moisture and fertilize regularly. This is essential to optimizing the development of new growth. When the plants are dormant little or no water is needed as the pseudobulbs store enough moisture and nutrients to survive the dormancy.

Catasetinae plant culture is not difficult. All it takes is an understanding of the seasonal growth patterns. The plants' vegetative state signals to the grower their changing needs. Interpret the signals and make the appropriate cultural adjustments. Here is what to look for:

Early spring:

Catasetinae begin their new growth in early spring. However, watering should wait until the new growth has well-developed new roots. This means you should let the new roots grow to an approximate length of 3-5" before you begin watering. Let me emphasize this point. Wait to water until the new roots are well developed. The waiting to water is not easy; my natural instinct is to begin watering when I see new growth, but I have learned through trial and error that it is better to wait to water than start watering too soon. I also believe that Catasetinae roots deteriorate during dormancy, and in the following year they are not as effective at taking up moisture and nutrients. This makes the new roots vital in the plants' health. This reinforces the message about not watering too early.

Mid-Season:

Once the new roots are sufficiently developed, this is the period where the plants are rapidly developing their new pseudobulbs. There is a surprising amount of growth that occurs in these 3-4 months; often the plants will double their size. Due to this, the plants require constant moisture and regular fertilization. In most cases, irrigation will be needed 2 or 3 times a week. A balanced fertilizer at full strength is suitable for this rapid growth. Light levels at or above those suggested for *Cattleya* will help insure strong good growth and flowering. This is the time when the fruits of your labor will begin to pay off as the flowering season is in underway.

Late Season:

Sometime after flowering, in the late autumn the plants will begin to enter the dormancy phase. Understanding the signals of the onset of dormancy and the factors triggering it are important to a healthy plant culture. The plant's first signals are the yellowing and browning off of the leaves, at this time stop fertilizing and reduce watering by one-half and when most leaves are yellow/brown and have dropped off cease watering altogether. The general rule to follow is: by the 15th of November stop fertilization and reduce watering by one-half. Most leaves should have yellowed or fallen off by the 1st of January. However, if the plants still have leaves all irrigation should be stopped at this time.

The onset of dormancy is caused by several factors; the maturity of the pseudobulb, shorter day length, cooler day/night temperatures, and a reduction of root zone moisture. In most of the country dormancy occurs naturally; however when the plants are cultivated in warm growing areas such as in South Texas, Florida, Hawaii, or in the home or under lights sometimes dormancy needs to be encouraged. I have found that stopping watering in early January regardless of the number of green leaves will trigger the dormancy.

Note: Watering during dormancy should only be done if the plant shrivels severely. Usually a single irrigation is sufficient to restore the bulbs.

Catasetinae Plant Culture

Cycnoches, Catasetums, Mormodes, and Clowesia, Continued

Here's a summary:

- As the new growth develops wait to irrigate until the new roots are well-developed and are 3 to 5" long. (Don't be in a hurry to water; it is better to wait)
- Irrigate and fertilize frequently while the plants are in active growth.
- Stop fertilization and reduce irrigation by one-half around by mid November. Cease watering by the 1 st of January.

Light levels: Catasetinae like light levels comparable to Cattleyas at about 2500-4000 foot candles (fc) However, the plants are widely adaptable and do well with light levels as low as 1500 fc and as high as 5000 fc. For optimal growth I suggest a Southern exposure or a location where all the plants will receive plenty of bright, filtered light

Potting mix: For mature plants I have been using a 3:1 of mix of fine 'Kiwi Bark' and medium Perlite. For seedlings up to a 3" pot size I like to use New Zealand sphagnum moss with the bottom 1/3 of the pot filled with Styrofoam peanuts. However, this genus is not too particular in what it is potted in, and any well drained media will work well.

Containers: I prefer to grow in plastic pots; however clay pots, baskets, and cork slabs will all work. Catasetinae don't like to be over potted; select a pot size that will allow for 2-3 years of growth.

Fertilizer: When in active growth, regularly use one teaspoon of your favorite fertilizer per gallon of water.

Air movement: Catasetinae enjoy abundant air movement. If you are growing in a green house use air circulating fans. Also, hanging the plants allows for maximum air movement around them and often they do best hanging.

Repotting and Dividing: Is done as the new growth is just starting to develop and before the new roots start to show. (Remember no watering until the roots are well established, 3-5" long). Unlike most orchid plants Catasetinae do well when divided in to 2 bulb pieces. Divisions are made by cutting with a sterile tool or by pulling the bulbs apart. I try to keep the size of my plants between 2 and 5 bulbs.

Insect pests: Catasetinae are generally pest free. However spider mites are attracted to the soft leaves of these plants. Spider mites are quite small. They live and feed on the undersides of the leaves. Take care in checking for them as the plants are developing the new leaves and control them with a recommended miticide from your garden center. Although the leaves will drop off during dormancy this is not an excuse to not treat for them.

Please feel free to contact me on any question regarding the growing of this genus. Once the basics are understood they are very rewarding. fred.clarke@worldnet.att.net

"Creating Superior Hybrids for the Orchid Enthusiasts"

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A Message from Your President

Our Membership Chair, Kathy Beck, recently reported that our membership has reached 352 members, an all-time record! At a time when many orchid societies are declining and losing members, our society is growing and thriving. So you might ask, why? The answer is because of the enthusiasm, camaraderie and involvement of our members. I hear this constantly from our speakers and show vendors who work with many orchid societies around the country - "what a friendly group", "I've never seen such an enthusiastic orchid society!", "How do you get so many members to volunteer?" My own experience confirms this – we have such a rowdy, happy group I have trouble getting the crowd calmed down at our monthly meetings! We have an amazing turnout of member volunteers for our annual show and we have a constant influx of new members.

We are so fortunate to have an active society. There are many opportunities to get more involved. Here are some examples:

- Mentor Program Coordinator – match mentees to mentors
- Speakers Coordinator – welcome and assist our speakers at our monthly meetings
- Displays – Volunteer to help Jay with an orchid show display
- Technology Team – Help set up laptop, projector and Mics at monthly meetings
- Refreshments – Help to set up refreshments table at monthly meetings
- Social events – Volunteer to help at our holiday party, Octoberfest, garden tours, road trips
- Photographer – photograph award winning orchids at local shows
- Greeters – welcome members to our monthly meetings
- In addition, several board positions will be open next year.

We are a fun group and would like to get to know you better. Get involved! Contact me to discuss these volunteer opportunities.

Our annual show is coming up February 2-3, 2019. This is our major fundraiser of the year. Show proceeds fund our meeting room and show venue rent, speaker fees, social event subsidies and all of our administrative and operating costs. In November, we start the sign up process for our annual Orchid Show volunteers. Please see the

A Message from Your President Continued....

summary list of volunteer positions in this newsletter. We will continue sign up at our grower's clinic in November and our holiday party in December. The final list of volunteer assignments will be published in our January 2019 newsletter before the show. As my Show co-chair Judy says: "It Takes an Army". We hope that all of our members will sign up to help us produce a successful annual show.

At our November 7st monthly meeting, we will unveil our 2019 show poster. Our show theme is "Orchids at the Opera" and we will have opera music playing in the community center throughout the weekend of the show. We look forward to seeing how our growers and other societies incorporate this show theme into their displays.

This month two of our local growers will hold their fall sales events. Plantio La Orquidea on November 9-10 and Palmer Orchids on November 16 - 18. U.S. orchid growers face growing competition from the mass production Asian markets - it is so important to support our local growers and annual show vendors. Please come out to support them.

As the holidays approach, we will take a break from our regular meetings. There is no monthly meeting or Growers Clinic in December. Instead, we invite you to join us at our annual holiday dinner party at the Boca Royale Country Club in Englewood on Friday December 7th. A beautiful venue and fun event – we hope that you can join us.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

With heartfelt gratitude to be a part of this amazing orchid society!

Carol Wood

Lost a Plant Label? Need Culture Info or Parentage?

If you've lost the label from your orchid, we may be able to help you identify it. Email a photo of the bloom and the plant to Pres@VAOS.org. I'll share it with the Growers Clinic team and we'll try to ID it for you. Wondering what your plant's parentage is or looking for culture advice for a special orchid? Send an email to me with your plant name and question and our group of experts will help.



Grower Clinic Culture Tips, Recap and Upcoming Clinic

November Culture Tip: TIME FOR SOME ORCHIDS TO TAKE THEIR WINTER REST

Some of our orchids require a dryer winter rest with no fertilizer to ensure they bloom in the spring. Nobile type dendrobiums (also chrysanthum, anosom and other species) need reduced watering and no fertilizer from around Thanksgiving spring when they bloom. The catasetum alliance plants require a complete dry winter rest as they go into dormancy until spring. Remove them from your growing area to ensure they are not watered. Resume watering in the spring when substantial roots have developed.

October Growers Clinic Recap

We had about 30 members participate in our October 11th hands on repotting session. Members brought in their bare root plants and pots and VAOS provided the media and supplies. Several members of the Growers Clinic Team were on hand to provide help.



November Growers Clinic

Members' Orchid Growing Areas and Protecting Your Orchids in Cold Weather

Thursday, November 8th, Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm

Wonder how our members grow their orchids? Do you know the lowest temperature your orchids can tolerate? Do you know how to protect them from cold weather? Please join us for the November Growers Clinic when Jimmy Thomas and the Growers Clinic Team will answer these questions.

Note: Attendees are requested not to wear perfume as this is a small room and many of our members have allergies. Park on the left side of the building and enter Room F at the side entrance. Guests are welcome.

Do You Really Need the Nuclear Option?

You walk out to the pool cage, greenhouse or wherever you grow your orchid collection to see what's blooming since last week and you're shocked to see aphids on a couple of cattleyas, mealy bugs on a den and the dreaded soft scale on another. If you're like me, the first impulse is to reach for the nearest container of insecticide within your reach, mix a batch and douse everything in sight. Is this really necessary or are we taking what we perceive as the easy way out? We've all heard and read many times that simple household chemicals such as dish soap, rubbing alcohol, cooking oil, among many others, are very effective if used at the first signs of infestation. You might have to alternate and repeat the treatments periodically, but will often be able to avoid the use of insecticides that can potentially cause harm to ourselves and our environment. This is a problem that we often tend to overlook in our zeal to kill the darn critters as quickly as possible, forgetting that what kills the scale and aphids can just as easily kill beneficial toads and lizards that help to control most pests. If you take the time to read the Caution statements on most labels, you'll find that almost all fungicides and insecticides are harmful to humans and pets, and in the case of broad spectrum insecticides, also kills most beneficial insects. Systemic insecticides containing imidacloprid, most commonly found in Bayer products, are very effective in part because they travel throughout almost the whole plant and remain effective for an extended period of time. What isn't mentioned is the fact that these and similar systemic may be responsible for the drastic decline in our bee population. Thomas Mirenda is the orchid collection specialist at the Smithsonian Institution, an accredited AOS judge, and a frequent contributor to Orchids magazine. In the March 2014 issue of Orchids, discussing web spinners in his Questions and Answers column, writes, "Some systemics have been implicated in the decline of bees and they may be the likely cause of the colony collapse disorder that is plaguing our pollinators around the world". Do we want to contribute to a potential catastrophe? There are other steps we can take to eliminate or at least control pests in our growing areas. Among these are to provide the best environment for our orchids, be it light, temperature, humidity, moisture and fertilizer. All orchids have these needs, but there are subtle, and often quite substantial, differences among genera and species. Keeping the area clean, providing adequate airflow, and removing dead sheaths and other decaying plant material, are simple things we can do without chemicals. From my own personal perspective, the most important thing that we can do is to look at our orchids often, not only to admire the fragrance and the blossoms, but to do a quick visual check for anything that seems out of the ordinary. Are there black or yellow spots that weren't there yesterday? Is a leaf shriveling? Is there a pseudobulb that has turned soft or brown? This will allow us to attack the fungus, disease or pest in the earliest stages, giving us the best chance for success at the least cost to our environment.

Submitted by Steve Vogelhaupt. Reprinted from April 2014 VAOS Newsletter

Minutes from October 3rd, 2018 Monthly Meeting

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7 pm by welcoming new members and guests. She reviewed the meeting format for the new members.

Announcements:

- The next Grower's Clinic will be Thursday October 11 and will be our annual repotting clinic.
- Our meeting next month will feature Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in California. His presentation will be on Catasetums and he will have plants for sale and a preorder list.
- There are upcoming fall open houses at our 3 nearest local growers.
- October 13 will be at Florida Suncoast Orchids owned by Jim Roberts in Myakka City. It will include other vendors Bredren Orchids, Miranda Orchids, and Joanna's Orchid Pottery
- November 9-10 will be Plantio La Orquidea owned by Rafael Romero in Sarasota
- November 16-18 will be Palmer Orchids in Bradenton with Joanna's Orchid Pottery
- November 3rd will be the EAOS annual member plant sale-all of the tables are now taken. Please attend to find some great deals on plants grown by our friends!
- The Holiday party will December 7th. Info will be upcoming in the newsletter.
- Janet Keown thanked the members for bringing in so many goodies for the refreshment table tonight

Carol introduced the speaker for the evening, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids. Alan's presentation was of Interesting Species to grow with our Cattleyas. He had a great selection of plants for sale

Joanna Shaw presented the plant table. John and Sharon Kahnoski did the raffle table.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm

Submitted by Joanna Shaw, recording secretary.

October 2018 Meeting Plant Table Awards

Narrative and Photos by Cynthia Vance

First Place Blue Ribbon was captured by *Laurie Houkes* for her stunning multiflorous plant, *Oncidesa* (Oncsa.) Sweet Sugar. It was registered in 1990 by M. Sato as a cross between Oncsa. Aloha Iwanaga and *Gomesa varicose* and it's still found under its former classification, *Oncidium Sweet Sugar*. This orchid is also known as dancing ladies for their distinctive floral design. They have so many bright yellow fluttering blooms on each spike that they've been said to resemble branches covered in butterflies waving in the breeze. As a result, it's a favorite among collectors for its bright yellow flowers are larger than most yellow *Oncidiums*. Great job, Laurie!



Second Place and Speaker's Choice Ribbons was won by *Joanna Shaw* for her gorgeous *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (Rlc.) Suncoast Stargazer. It had 14 blooms – doubling last year's crop of 'just' 7 blooms. Also, best to know, the flowers all bloom at once! Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids created this hybrid (Lc. Corinne 'Spotted SunCoast' x *B. subulifolia*) and held a naming contest last year. Joanna won with her entry, 'Suncoast Stargazer' so Jim gave her the plant. Using an excellent fertilizing strategy,

she has bloomed it wonderfully again. Maybe, next year 21-plus blooms? Fantastic cultivation, Joanna!

October 2018 Meeting Plant Table Awards Continued....



Third Place and Member's Choice Ribbons were awarded to *Jeff Higel* for his beautiful and eye-catching Ascocenda (Ascda) Nok Yip with two huge inflorescences. T.Orchids, Thailand originated this hybrid in 1992 -- a cross of V. Chindavat x Ascda **Yip** Sum Wah. What's the difference between a Vanda and Ascocenda? Ascocenda is a man-made [hybrid orchid genus](#) resulting from a cross between [Ascocentrum](#) and [Vanda](#). Ascocenda contributes the large flower size of the *Vanda* parents with the color

and compactness of the *Ascocentrum* parents – a perfect combo! Jeff is the master orchid grower at Honey Bee Nursery. Bravo Jeff!

Best Species Purple Ribbon was presented to *Carol Wood* for her lovely and adorable Phalenopsis (Phal.) bellina 'Red Apple' with its electric magenta and buttery green colors which makes the contrast very striking – all resting on giant flowing leaves. It is a **monopodial epiphyte orchid species**, native to **Malaysia and Borneo**. This is one of the most iconic Phalaenopsis species, due to its exquisite appearance and delicious fragrance, making it also a tidy and lovely indoor display plant for small places. Also, unlike most Phals, it is a consecutive bloomer all year round – perfect for an avaricious VAOS grower! Beautiful specimen, Carol!



New Members Ribbon! Remember, new members – if you've been a part of VAOS for 2 years or less and you bring in your blooming plant -- you might win this award!! Let's see your beauties on our VAOS Plant Table!

Thank you to all the members who brought in their beautiful plants!

Everyone is encouraged to bring in their plants for judging!



VAOS Annual Holiday Dinner Party

Friday December 7, 2018

Boca Royale Country Club
1601 Englewood Rd. (Rt 776)
Englewood

5:30pm Happy Hour with Cash Bar

Dinner 6:30pm

*Followed with an Orchid Auction
and dancing to the music of George DeJong*

\$25pp

Dinner options: Prime Rib, Chicken Picatta, Grouper,
Vegetarian/Vegan: Vegetable Stir Fry

RSVP: to social@vaos.org

Make check payable to VAOS
[note your menu choices on your check]

mail to: **PO BOX 443**
Venice, FL. 34284-0443

Or sign up at our
November 7th meeting

Volunteer for our 2019 Show

Friday February 1st 11am -8pm Set Up

Saturday February 2nd 10am - 5pm

Sunday February 3rd 10am - 4pm

Show Committee	When	Job	# Volunteers Needed
Set Up Coord: Jerry Daenzer 284-5001	Friday 2/1/19 11am - 2pm	Set up the hall for exhibits. Lay plastic assist vendors in bringing in plants and greenery. Some strong backs needed.	10
Take Down Coord: Ed Soentgen & Carol Wood 497-4995	Sunday 2/3/19 3:45pm - 6pm	Show take down and clean up. Assist removal of plants and displays. Dispose of trash, sweep floor. Fresh/rested volunteers needed.	10
Clerks Coord: Mary Anne Digrazia 697-9237	Saturday 2/2/19 7:30am - 10:30am	Work with AOS judges finding and pointing out plants in the exhibits and placing ribbons. A great learning experience as the judges share their knowledge of what makes a quality plant and flower!	30
Front Door Admissions Coord: Elaine O 485-5313	Saturday 2/2/19 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/3/19 9:45am - 4pm	Sell admission tickets. Cashier skills required. A sit down job. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Saturday or Sunday.	30
Show Hosts Coord: Sharon & John Kahnoski 616-581-9131	Friday 2/1/19 11:30 - 7pm Saturday 2/2/19 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/3/19 9:45am - 4pm	Monitor entrances and exits. Ensure visitors don't step into displays. Serve as Show Host for AOS judges, other societies and vendors. Sign up for a 2 hour slot Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Some sit down jobs.	70
Hospitality/Food Coord: Linda & Bruce Hahn 408-7646	Friday , Saturday and Sunday	Bring your favorite dish Friday, Saturday or Sunday: hot or cold main dishes, casseroles, pastries, platters, desserts, et Bring to kitchen by 11am each day. Sign up your dish and what day. Help with clean up Saturday or Sunday	All

Sign-up sheets will be available at our monthly meetings, growers clinics and holiday party

2019 ORCHID SHOW SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars - VAOS will participate in the following orchid shows:

Sarasota Orchid Society (January 2019)

Saturday Jan 5th - 9am - 5pm

Sunday Jan 6th - 10am - 5pm

Set Up: Jan 4th - 9am - 5pm

Location: Sarasota Municipal Auditorium: 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Theme: For the Love of Orchids

Show Chairs: Laurie Stoner aurissas@msn.com, Dennis Pavlock dfpavlock@gmail.com and Marta Hudson martadiazhudson@gmail.com

Venice Area Orchid Society (February 2019)

Saturday Feb 2nd - 10am - 5pm

Sunday Feb 3rd - 10am - 4pm

Set Up: Friday Feb 1st - 1pm - 8pm

Location: Venice Community Center: 326 So. Nokomis Ave., Venice

Theme: Orchids at the Opera

Show Chairs: Carol Wood & Judy Loeffler ShowChair@vaos.org

Englewood Area Orchid Society (March 2019)

Friday March 1st - 10am - 5pm

Saturday March 2nd - 10am - 5pm

Set Up: Thursday February 28th - 10am - 5pm

Location: Englewood United Methodist Church: 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood, FL

Theme: Orchids By Lemon Bay

Show Chair: Mary Anne DiGrazia tommmaryanne@centurylink.net

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Honey Bee Nursery

2383 Englewood Road (Rt. 776),
Englewood, FL (941-474-6866)

Palmer Orchids

22700 Taylor Dr.,
Myakka City, FL 34251(941-322-1644)

Plantio La Orquidea

3480 Tallevast Rd,
Sarasota (941-504-7737)

Orchid Envy

339 Venice Ave. West,
Venice, FL (941) 266-6351

Florida SunCoast Orchids

8211 Verna Bethany Rd.,
Myakka City, FL (941-322-8777)



LOCAL ORCHID VENDORS FALL SALES

Two of our show vendors and local growers are planning fall sales events. Please come out and support them. If you are interested in joining a caravan out to these events or need a ride, please contact Janet Keown, VAOS VP Social Affairs, Social@VAOS.org

FALL ORCHID SALE

Friday and Saturday | November 9 and 10, 2018 | 9 AM to 4 PM



- Browse through 10000+ sq ft of Orchids.
- Thousands of Orchids, species and hybrids to choose from.
- Advice on Orchid Growing from Experts. Free Parking.

Plantio La Orquidea, 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243, Same driveway as Tropiflora

PLANTÍO LA ORQUÍDEA

3480 Tallevast Rd.

Sarasota, Florida 34243

Phone: 941-504-7737

E-mail: info@plantiolaorquidea.com

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LOCAL ORCHID VENDORS FALL SALES

PALMER ORCHIDS' ANNUAL

FALL OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 10 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 10 AM - 4 PM

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BLOOMING ORCHIDS, PLUS YOUR
FAVORITE ORCHID HYBRIDS AND SPECIES

REPOTTING DEMONSTRATION
SATURDAY AT 11 AM

with guest vendors

ART STONE ORCHIDS

and

JOANNA'S ORCHID POTTERY

COME SEE ALL WE
HAVE TO OFFER
THIS FALL!

22700 TAYLOR DRIVE
BRADENTON, FL 34211



Other Upcoming events

EAOS Annual Members Plant Sale

VAOS members are invited to participate in the Englewood Area Orchid Society Annual Plant Sale.

November 3rd

9am – 12pm

Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. (Rt. 776), Englewood
Orchids, other plants, orchid related
arts and crafts can be sold

Tables provided but bring your own
plastic table cloth

20% of your sale proceeds goes to
EAOS

Contact Mary Anne Digrazia, President,
EAOS, if you would like to participate.

tommaryanne@centurylink.net 941-
697-9237



Treasurer's Report September 2018

Operating Fund Starting Sept 1, 2018	\$ 12,692.44
+ Income	\$ -
- Payments	\$ 800.91
Closing Balanced Sept. 28, 2018	\$ 11,891.53

Petty Cash	\$ 75.00
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Total Operating Fund Sept. 28, 2018	\$ 11,966.53
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Reserve Fund

Starting Balance Sept. 1, 2018	\$ 25,184.76
+ Deposit	\$ -
+Interest Income Sept. 28, 2018	\$ 0.58
Closing Balance Sept. 28, 2018	\$ 25,184.76

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

Membership Dues Are Now Due

Its that time year again. Time to renew! Dues that are for January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 can be paid either at the November 7th meeting or at the growers clinic on November 8 Growers clinic. If you wish you can mail them to:

VAOS
P.O. BOX 443
VENICE, FLORIDA 34284-0443

If paying by check, please make check payable to VAOS.

If you have had any change in phone number, email address or mailing address, please let us know as this is the information we use for the Membership Directory.

We have many exciting programs and events planed for next year. We have outstanding speakers lined up. The growers clinic has some new programs along with our popular potting and mounting programs. An Oktoberfest is being planned and don't forget the ever popular Redlands bus trip in May.

Make sure you pay you dues by January 1, 2019 to be included in the Membership Directory for 2019 and to enjoy all the events of 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Kathy Beck, Membership Chairman at kathleenbck@gmail.com or 941-496-2797.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3 – EAOS Annual Members Plant Sale, 9am – 12pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Englewood (see article in this newsletter)

November 7 – (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting, Venice Community Center, 6:30pm. Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids. Topic: Recent Trends in Catasetums

November 8 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic – Member's Growing Areas and, Protecting Your Orchids in Cold Weather. Presentation and discussion. Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm

November 9-10 – Plantio la Orchidea Fall Open House/Sale. See sales flyer in this newsletter

November 10-11 – Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show. Contact: rita2zfpos@gmail.com

November 16 – 18 - Palmer Orchids Fall Sales Event. See sales flyer in this newsletter

December 5 – No monthly meeting this month

December 7 (Friday) – VAOS Annual Holiday Dinner Party. Boca Royale Country Club, Englewood. See flyer in this newsletter.

December 13 – No Growers Clinic this month

Happy Holidays!

ONGOING

Mentor Program: Help for beginning growers, contact Kathy Toth, Mentor@vaos.org

Orchid Judging: Takes place at Christ the King Catholic Church, McLoughlin Center – Room C, 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33609. at 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Info: <http://www.fncjc.shutterfly.com/>

Next Meeting November 7th

**Bring a friend
Bring a treat to share
Donate plants for the Raffle Table**

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SAVE THE DATE!

VAOS 2019 Orchid Show & Sale

Feb. 2 & 3, 2019

Set up Friday Feb. 1st