



# VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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December 2018

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*



## December Events

No Monthly Meeting

No Growers Clinic

**December 7th at 5:30pm**  
**VAOS Holiday Party, Boca**  
**Royale Country Club,**  
**Englewood**

## January 2019 Events

**Wednesday January 2**  
**Monthly meeting**  
**Speaker: *Francisco Miranda***  
**Topic: *Orchids of Brazil***

**January 5-6**  
**Sarasota Orchid Society**  
**Annual Show and Sale**  
**Sarasota Municipal**  
**Auditorium**

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# A Message from Your President

Hoping that all of our members had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. We have survived hurricane season and the excessive heat of this summer as well as the Red Tide and construction on West Venice Avenue. As I write this, our temps have plunged from the 80's to the 60's and I am covering up plants tonight in anticipation of low temps in the 40's! Thank goodness our orchids are hearty plants that can tolerate these temperature swings with a little help when needed.

I am pleased to see that many of our members will be joining us at our annual holiday dinner party on December 7<sup>th</sup>. A few more days left to sign up – see the flyer in this newsletter. Reminder that we will not have a monthly meeting or Growers Clinic in December. Our next meeting will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> with Francisco Miranda presenting “Orchids of Brazil”.

We are gearing up for our first show of the 2019 season, the Sarasota Orchid Society Show and Sale January 5-6. VAOS members are encouraged to enter their blooming plants for our display. Jay Loeffler and his team have been working hard to design the display and will need your plants to create a winning exhibit. Please see the article in this newsletter that provides instructions for entering your plants.

Our show committee is also working to finalize all the details for our own show February 2-3. We have had a great initial sign up of show volunteers but still have many slots left to fill. Please see the article and list of volunteer positions left to fill in this newsletter. You can email [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto:ShowChair@VAOS.org) to sign up. All members who volunteer their time will receive free admission, a special edition show t-shirt, great food and camaraderie with their orchid buddies. We hope that all of our members will volunteer some time to ensure a successful show.

My best wishes to all of our members for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

*Carol Wood*



## *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](mailto:social@vaos.org)

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

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

## January General Meeting

**Wednesday January 2nd at 7pm**

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

**Speaker: *Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids***

**Topic: *Orchids of Brazil***



Miranda Orchids started in 1999 and is a nursery specializing in growing mainly selected Cattleya alliance species. In a sense, it is a continuation of Boa Vista Orchids, a nursery we ran in Brazil from 1986 until we moved to the U.S.A. Many of the plants available are produced in our lab and nursery in Central Florida from our extensive collection of stud plants. The rest we bring from Brazil to increase variety and novelty. Being native Brazilians, and having had a nursery for many years, we know that there is a lot of development in Cattleya species being done there. This is mostly because a lot of those species are native from Brazil (including all the bifoliate cattleyas) and because these plants are favorites of growers there. Of course having lived and grown orchids for a long time there we know most of the growers and what is being produced and we go there several times a year to make sure we are kept up-to-date. Miranda Orchids also grows other Brazilian species so if you are looking for something in particular do not hesitate in contact us. Our goal is to be your number one source for selected Brazilian Orchids.

A taxonomist, naturalist and orchid grower, Francisco travels extensively in the U.S. and internationally speaking at orchid-related events and meetings. He has been doing this since 1988, while still living in Brazil. The subjects of these presentations reflect Francisco's extensive travels to study orchids in their natural environments.

Miranda Orchids is located between Orlando and Tampa, on the I-4 corridor. He will have a nice selection of orchids for sale.

## Membership Dues Are Now Due

It's that time of year again. Time to renew! Dues that are for January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 can be paid at the January 2nd meeting or mailed to:

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

Dues are \$20 per household per year. 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 planned 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 your dues by January 2, 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](mailto:kathleenbck@gmail.com) or 941-496-2797.

## 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](mailto: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.





## VAOS 2019 SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

1/02/19	Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids: "Orchids of Brazil"
2/06/19	Roy Krueger: "Orchids 101"
3/06/19	Courtney Hackney: topic to be announced
4/03/19	Allen Black: "Spiders and Stars"
5/01/19	Dr. Michael Kane, UFL Gainesville: "Orchid Conservation in the Everglades"
6/05/19	To be announced
	No July Meeting - Joint meeting at EAOS
8/07/19	Dona Goodwin, Goodwin Orchids: "Vandas"
9/04/19	Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids: "Phalaenopsis"
10/02/19	Dr. Martin Motes: topic to be announced
11/06/19	Dr. David Berry, Ringling College: "Orchidmania – How it All Began"
	No December Meeting

## VAOS 2019 GROWERS CLINIC SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

- 1/10/19 - Culture Basics for Specific Genera (Catts, Phals, Onc, Dens, Vandas, Paphs, Other)
- 2/14/19 - Repotting Clinic (Hands On)
- 3/14/19 - Orchid Basics Part 1 (Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer & Supplements)
- 4/11/19 - Orchid Basics Part 2 (Pots, Media, Repotting, Tools)
- 5/09/19 - Seedling Competition Kick off, Hands on Potting of VAOS gift plants
- 6/13/19 - Orchid Plant Dividing – Presentation and Demonstration
- 7/11/19 - Repotting Clinic (Hands On)
- 8/08/19 - Potting Without Pots /Mounting Orchids
- 9/12/19 - Pests & Diseases (Presentation)
- 10/10/19 – No Growers Clinic. Octoberfest at 5pm instead
- 11/14/19 - Growing Areas and Protecting Your Orchids from the Cold
- No December Growers Clinic

All Growers Clinics are held the second Thursday of the month, 7pm - 9pm, Room F, Venice Community Center. Enter left side of building. Bring problem plants for expert help. Guests welcome.

***Schedule and topics are subject to change. Please monitor our website for updates.***  
***www.VAOS.org***

## 2019 VAOS ORCHID SHOW & SALE

**FEBRUARY 2-3, 2019**

The Venice Area Orchid Society (VAOS) will present our 53rd annual show and sale at the Venice Community Center in beautiful downtown Venice, FL on February 2-3, 2019. Our show theme this year is **“Orchids at the Opera”**. Sixteen vendors will exhibit and sell 1000's of blooming orchid plants as well as orchid floral arrangements, artwork, jewelry, accessories and supplies. The show is widely regarded as the most popular orchid show on Florida's west coast and comes just before Valentine's Day.

This major community event is expected to draw over 4000 attendees. Nationally recognized growers from as far away as Hawaii will exhibit and sell orchids. They include:

Accent Orchids	Mac's Orchids
Art Stone Orchids	Miranda Orchids
Carmela Orchids	Odom's Orchids
Florida SunCoast Orchids	Palmer Orchids
Krull-Smith	Plantio La Orquidea

Artists and Supply Vendors include:

OFE International Orchid Supplies  
Carol Marcus Water Color Artist  
Joanna Shaw Clay Pots  
Just One More Orchid  
The VAOS Orchid Boutique  
The VAOS Member's Arts & Crafts Display  
Orchid Envy

For our show, 20-25 American Orchid Society (AOS) accredited judges travel from around the country to judge this event. Cash awards and trophies are awarded to the best exhibits and plants in each class.

The Venice Area Orchid Society is one of the largest and most active orchid societies in the U.S. with more than 300 members. Our mission is to foster orchid growing, to provide a forum for orchid exhibition, to promote orchid conservation, and to share the knowledge and experience of growers and hobbyists. We are an affiliate of the American Orchid Society. Our annual show is our major fund raising event and is always held the first full weekend in February at the Venice Community Center in downtown Venice.

Please volunteer to support our show! See the following volunteer list for where we need help. Email [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto:ShowChair@VAOS.org) to sign up.

## AOS MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Please consider donating your old issues of AOS Magazine to the VAOS for our 2019 show. Last year we raised a significant amount of money from the sale of magazines. We sell them for \$1 each and they are popular with new members and show attendees. Sales proceeds benefit the VAOS.

Please bring your magazine donations to our January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting or directly to the show on Friday February 1st, Saturday or Sunday mornings. Bring to the Membership Table. Thanks for your donation!



# **Orchid Show & Sale**

**Venice Area Orchid Society Presents**

***"Orchids at the Opera"***

**February 2-3, 2019**

**Saturday 10am - 5pm**

(displays open at 11am)

**Sunday 10am - 4pm**

**Venice Community Center**

326 S. Nokomis Ave.

Venice, Florida

**Admission \$5**

(under 10 free)

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# Volunteer for our 2019 Show

**Friday February 1st 11am -8pm Set Up**

**Saturday February 2nd 10am - 5pm**

**Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 4pm**

<b>Show Committee</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Job</b>	<b># Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>Set Up</b> 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.	1 more
<b>Take Down</b> 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.	5 more
<b>Clerks</b> 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!	10 more
<b>Front Door Admissions</b> Coord: Elaine Ortt 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.	3 – Saturday 4 - Sunday
<b>Show Hosts</b> Coord: Sharon & John Kahnoski 616-581-9131	Friday 2/1/19 9:45am – 5pm 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 2.5 hour slot Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Some sit down jobs.	14 – Friday 26 – Saturday 30 - Sunday
<b>Hospitality/Food</b> 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, etc. 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**

# **Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!**

## **Sarasota Orchid Society Show**

**Saturday Jan 5th - Sunday Jan 6th**

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

**Sarasota Theme: For the Love of Orchids**

Our first orchid show of the season, the annual Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS) Show and Sale. Show hours are Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm.

Setup is Friday, January 4th, 2018, 9am - 4pm.

Your blooming plants are needed to create our display. We will collect and transport your plants to the show and ensure their safe return to you on Monday following the show. Bring your plants to one of two locations by Thursday January 3th, 6pm:

South Venice: Carol Wood, 4941 Bella Terra Dr., Venice (Venetia), 497-4995 (Leave on front porch)

Venice Island: Bruce Weaver, 328 West Bay Dr., Venice, 800-7804 (leave by front door)

Or bring them to the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on Friday January 4th at 9am

**All plants must be registered in advance via email by Wednesday, January 2nd, 8pm:**

**Email your plant name with a photo or bloom size and color description to [PlantReg@VAOS.org](mailto:PlantReg@VAOS.org).**

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and labeled with both the plant name and the owner's name. Flowers should be in prime condition to last through the weekend show. Please water your plants thoroughly and place in a box or container for transport to the show.

We need help transporting plants and with display set up on Friday and take down on Sunday. If you can help, please contact Jay Loeffler at 485-9569

## Preparing Your Orchid for the Show Exhibit

If your really nice plants are in full bloom during the show weekend, you may want to consider entering it into the VAOS display exhibit or exhibiting the plant individually for a potential award.

**Identify Your Plant:** To make sure your plant is properly labeled and to make sure you get your plant back after the show, some helpful steps are necessary.

**PLANTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN AVANCE BY EMAIL:** PlantReg@VAOS.org. Email your plant name with a photo or flower color description and flower size (larger or smaller than 5"). The Plant Register will send you a number to identify your plant. You should mark your pot with this number and your name, with masking tape and a Sharpie pen.

**Groom Your Plant:** You should remove dead or brown leaves and pseudobulbs from the plant. Make sure it is insect and disease free. Clean the leaves with a mildly acidic solution like white vinegar, lemon juice, Sprite, 7 Up, etc to remove calcium build up or other spotting. Remove trash, debris, stems and weeds from the pot. Stake the inflorescence to show the flower to its best advantage.

**Getting Your Plant to the Show:** If you are can't bring your plants to the setup of the display, arrangements will be made to transport your plant to the show. In either case, secure your plant in a carry box with newspapers to hold the plant stationary. The plants must be ready no later than the day before set up.

**Checklist:** To follow for preparing your plants.

- ☐ Clean the pseudobulbs and leaves (water helps to soften the dry papery sheath coverings around mature pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off).
- ☐ Make sure the media in the container is clean and free of weeds.
- ☐ Wipe the top of the leaves (vinegar, lemon juice, sprite, 7 up, diluted milk, etc.) to remove residue. Do not use commercial spray to shine the leaves, it is not good for the plant or judging.
- ☐ Carefully inspect plant for pests and if any are found remove them with alcohol and a Q tip. If there is a bad infestation, do not bring the plant to the show.
- ☐ Inspect the flowers for thrips and other damage. If a flower is marred by the spots, it is better to leave the plant at home.
- ☐ Carefully stake the inflorescence if this will help present the flowers to their best advantage. If you can plan ahead of time it is best to train the inflorescence as it emerges and is soft, a mature inflorescence is hardened off and can break easily.
- ☐ Remove any wire hangers, hoops, etc and water each plant thoroughly before bringing to the show.

# **Grower Clinic Culture Tips, Recap and Upcoming Clinic**

## **November Growers Clinic Recap**

Jim Thomas and Jay Loeffler gave an excellent presentation on Protecting Your Orchids in Cold Weather. Here are some general guidelines they presented:

- Phalaenopsis. need temperatures down to 50-60\* to initiate flower spikes
- Cimbidiums benefit from temperatures down to the 40\*'s to initiate flower spikes
- Reduce watering during the winter months.
- Vandas are sensitive to temps below 60\*
- Phalaenopsis-type dendrobiums are sensitive to temps below 60\*
- Other dendrobiums enjoy nighttime temps in the 50\*'s
- Cattleyas don't mind cooler temps into the 50\*'s and mature plants can tolerate down to 35\* nighttime temps.

## **There is no Growers Clinic in December**

## **January Growers Clinic**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, Donn Smart will present: Culture Basics for Specific Genera (Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, Dendrobium, Vanda, Paph and others.

Note: Attendees are requested not to wear perfume as this is a small room and many of our members have allergies. Thank you.

Note: Park on the left side of the building and enter Room F at the side entrance. Bring problem plants for expert help. Guests are welcome.



## Minutes from November 7th, 2018 Monthly Meeting

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

Announcements:

- Cynthia Vance announced that the Grower's Clinic tomorrow night will cover 2 topics, types of growing areas that our various members use, and how to protect our orchids from the cold. This will also cover how to figure out which ones need protection and which ones don't.
- Next month there will be no meeting and no grower's clinic, we will have our annual holiday party at the Boca Royale Country Club. This will be December 7<sup>th</sup>, early in the season so it will be a great start the holidays. The cost to attendees is only \$25 per person as the orchid society subsidizes the difference. There will be an orchid auction, we will purchase a nice selection of blooming orchids from Palmer Orchids. There will also be music and dancing. See Judy Loeffler at the front table to sign up.
- There are 2 more upcoming fall open houses at our nearest local growers.
  - \* November 9-10 will be Plantio La Orquidea operated by Rafael Romero in Sarasota
  - \* November 16-18 will be Palmer Orchids in Bradenton with Joanna's Orchid Pottery and Art Stone Orchids

Carol Wood announced that our annual show is now less than 3 months away. We usually have close to 4000 attendees making this one of the best attended shows in the state. Putting on this show is how we cover our operating expenses for the remainder of the year. Carol noted that it takes an army of volunteers to put this on and we need everyone's help. We have sitting jobs and standing active jobs. We need clerks to assist the judges, help at the door to greet attendees, we need people to bring food to feed the vendors, judges and volunteers, help with set-up, take-down, and on the display team itself. We have a job for everyone, sign up sheets are at the front. This is usually a very festive time, fun is had by all, and it's a great way to meet others in the society.

Bruce Weaver introduced the speaker for the evening, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in California. Fred spoke about the genus *Catasetum*. He showed us the variety of different species and hybrids, and spoke about proper culture. He had a great selection of plants for sale.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm

*Submitted by Joanna Shaw, recording secretary.*



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### Treasurer's Report October 2018

<b>Operating Fund</b> Starting Sept. 29, 2018	\$	11,891.53
+ Income	\$	1,352.03
- Payments	\$	4,430.78
Closing Balance Oct. 31, 2018	\$	8,812.78

<b>Petty Cash</b>	\$	75.00
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<b>Total Operating Fund Oct. 31, 2018</b>	\$	8,887.78
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### Reserve Fund

Starting Balance Sept. 29, 2018	\$	25,184.76
+ Deposit	\$	100.00
+Interest Income Oct. 31, 2018	\$	0.68
Closing Balance Oct. 28, 2018	\$	25,285.44

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

## November 2018 Meeting Plant Table Awards

*Narrative and Photos by Cynthia Vance*

**First Place and Blue Ribbon** was presented to *Jeff Higel* for his stunning orange Vanda (V) phairot x V. Yip Sum Wah with 3 inflorescences of multiple blooms, the third inflorescence not seen in the photo, being on the backside. In addition to the flowers, the roots were more than 6 feet long attesting to Jeff's meticulous routine watering and fertilizing, not unexpected of a master professional grower at Honey Bee Nursery, Englewood. Last month Jeff also took an award for his Vanda. Always quality plants, congratulations Jeff!!



**Second Place and Red Ribbon** won by *Donn Smart* for his Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Parishii x Paph. Lowii with four graceful blooms -- a lovely mixture of red, yellow and brown. Donn grows this plant in a filled-up shade house he built, equipped with an overhead water/fertilizing system and fans to keep the air moving. He constructed rolled-up plastic curtains on the sides to protect his plants from the cold weather. Last month, this very plant was awarded at the Florida West Coast Orchid Show, as the 'Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid'. A talented grower -- Donn!

**Third Place and Yellow Ribbon** was awarded to *Steve Keller* for his striking red beauty, Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc.) NOID, or No Identification tag. At the Growers Clinic we saw examples of our member's growing areas. We found that the easiest way to grow our orchids is in a pool cage (providing 70% light) having natural air circulation that dries out the plant quickly after the rains. Another advantage is that the sunshine graces the plants from all sides so they grow straight up, elegantly. Steve has such a pool garden. Wonderful growing, Steve!



## November 2018 Meeting Plant Table Awards Continued....

### Both Best Species and Member's Choice Ribbons

were awarded to *Barry Reese* for his showy pink *Cattleya* (*C.*)  *trianae* 'Esperanza Mejia' This plant overwhelmed our huge plant table with at least 23 huge blooms. This beautiful species is from Colombia's rain forest, across all 3 cordillas (mountain chains) and is their national flower. It was selected for this prestigious position because it has the same colors as the Colombian flag – red, blue and yellow, with the petals and sepals the more lavender. A magnificent specimen– double congratulations to Barry!



**New Member Grower's Ribbon** was given to *Deborah Magliolo* for her delightful *Psychopsis* (*Pyp.*) *mendenhall*, called the 'Butterfly Orchid'. *Psychopsis* means "soul" in Latin and it's named after the goddess *Psyche* -- the wife of *Eros*, who had butterfly wings! When the wind blows, the flower waves like butterflies, and bees think this is an aggressive act, so they 'attack' the flower, transporting pollinia. This orchid species surprised European botanists so much, that psychopis mania began soon after its discovery. They hail from Trinidad, Central and S. America and are beloved in part because they're almost always in bloom as hearty sequential bloomers. Great job, Deborah!

**Speaker's Choice Ribbon** was granted to *Donn Smart* for his gorgeous deep purple-black *Fredclareara* (*Fdk.*) After Dark SVO 'Black Pearl' FCC/AOS. No wonder *Donn* received this award – *Fred Clarke*, from Sun Valley Orchids in CA, was our speaker that night – one who would deeply appreciate this special plant. *Fred's* pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently this grex, *Fredclareara After Dark*, which produces "the blackest flower ever witnessed" according to judging experts. It has received eight FCCs and more than 50 awards worldwide and *Donn's* plant is raised to this level. Gorgeous specimen, *Donn*!



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

**Everyone is encouraged to bring in their plants for judging!**



# Support Our Local Growers!

## **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)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January 2 – (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center 6:30pm. Speaker: Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids. Topic: Orchids of Brazil

January 5 - 6 – Sarasota Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale. Set up Friday January 4, 9am – 5pm. See article in this newsletter.

January 10 – (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) – Growers Clinic – Culture Basics for Specific Genera. Venice Community Center Roof F, 7pm.

January 11 – 12 – Miami Orchid Society's Tamiami International Orchid Festival, Miami. Info: [www.orchidfestival.com](http://www.orchidfestival.com)

January 25 – 27 – Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show. Info: [michaelschaberi@comcast.net](mailto:michaelschaberi@comcast.net)

February 2 – 3 – VAOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Set up Friday February 1, 11am – 8pm. See article in this newsletter.

Happy Holidays!

### ONGOING

**Mentor Program:** Help for beginning growers, contact Kathy Toth, [Mentor@vaos.org](mailto: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 January 2nd

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

## Contact Us

**Venice Area Orchid Society**

**PO BOX 443**

**Venice, FL 34284-0443**

### **President**

**Carol Wood** [pres@vaos.org](mailto:pres@vaos.org)

### **Membership**

**Kathy Beck** [memb@vaos.org](mailto:memb@vaos.org)

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**VAOS 2019 Orchid Show & Sale**

**Feb. 2 & 3, 2019**

**Set up Friday Feb. 1st**