



# VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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January 2019

## 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 to contact us. Our goal is to be your number one source for selected Brazilian Orchids.



## January 2019 Events

**Wednesday January 2**

**Monthly meeting 7pm**

**Speaker: *Francisco Miranda***

**Topic: *Orchids of Brazil***

**January 5-6**

***Sarasota Orchid Society***

***Annual Show and Sale***

***Sarasota Municipal  
Auditorium***

**Thursday January 10**

**Growers Clinic 7pm**

**Venice Community Center  
Room F**

**Speaker: *Donn Smart***

**Topic: *Culture Basics for  
Specific Genera (Cattleya,  
Phalaenopsis, Oncidium,  
Dendrobium, Vanda, Paph and  
others.***

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## ***Francisco Miranda Bio Continued...***

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 contact Judy Loeffler, Acting Membership Chair, at [Memb@vaos.org](mailto:Memb@vaos.org) or 941-485-9569.



# A Message from Your President

Thank you Janet Keown, our VP Social, for an enjoyable holiday dinner party! The Boca Royale Country Club provided the perfect venue. We had about 75 members there, great food, friends and fun and Bruce and Tori (Vanda White) did a great job with our auction! Thank you also to Kristen, Donna and Sue. Next year we plan to change things up a bit – we're planning a holiday brunch party at the Boca Royale Country Club on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – save the date!

I'd like to thank Kathy Toth who is completing her two years as our Mentor Program Coordinator – good job! We have now graduated more than 100 “mentees” from our program that has been a model program for other orchid societies. Rick Belisle will now take over as Program Coordinator – we thank Rick for volunteering and encourage our member growers to become involved as a Mentor. It is a short-term commitment and takes little time but is very rewarding as we help our new member growers get off to a good start.

Show season is upon us. We look forward to displaying your blooming plants in our Sarasota Area Orchid Society show exhibit January 5-6. Please see the article in this newsletter for instructions to register plants.

Our own show is just a short five weeks away – it is hard to believe a year has passed! We're continuing to sign up volunteers for our show – please see the information in this newsletter that delineates where we need your help. Every year we are fortunate to see a large number of our members turn out to help produce a successful show. We appreciate it!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year with good health, peace, prosperity and blooming orchids to all.

*Carol Wood*

## 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.)

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.

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



### 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 Holiday Party



Venice Area Orchid Society opened the Holiday season with a joyous dinner party at Boca Royale Country Club in Englewood. Beginning with a friendly cocktail hour we moved on to a delicious meal enhanced by beautiful holiday decorations and music. The highlight of the evening was the orchid auction led by auctioneer Bruce and Tori (aka Vanna White) Weaver. Our talented artist members also donated items that made the auction extra special. It was a fun evening for all and hopefully the beginning of a joyous holiday season.

*Submitted by Janet Keown /Social VP*



Thank you Janet for planning and organizing our annual holiday party and for bringing the plants for the auction. Thank you Bruce, Tori, Kristen, Donna and Sue - Well done!!!

*Carol Wood*

# 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.	All set!
<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.	4 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!	7 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.	1 – Saturday 3 - 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.	8 – Friday 21 – Saturday 28 - 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 and growers clinics!**

# VAOS Annual Show 2019 Committee Volunteers List

\* Committee Chair

am = 9:45am - 12:15pm

mid-day = 12:00 - 2:45pm

pm = 2:30pm - 5:00pm  
(or 4:00pm on Sunday)

<b><u>Show Co-chairs</u></b> Judy Loeffler (485-9569) Carol Wood (497-4995)  <b><u>Arts &amp; Crafts</u></b> <b>Noreen Chervinski*</b> (505-1304)  <b><u>Orchid Boutique</u></b> <b>Janet Hoy *</b> (445-9076) Karen Mann Jane Camarota Frank Camarota Toni Marie Don Stoecker Pat Stoecker Bev Manypenny Noreen Chervinski Cindy Randt Rita Toole Sybil Levien Brenda Hoy Irene Thimm Dale Hoy Ingrid Lehmann Peg Heffley Dini Stewart Mary Lappeus Bob Lappeus Diane Vernon	<b><u>Show Host - Friday</u></b> <b>Sharon &amp; John Kahnoski</b> * (616-581-9131)  <b><u>Friday a.m.</u></b> Kathryn Jeske X _____  <b><u>Friday mid-day:</u></b> Nancy Morrison X _____ X _____ X _____  <b><u>Friday p.m.:</u></b> X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____  <b><u>Membership/ Information</u></b> <b><u>Table</u></b> <b>Judy Loeffler *</b> Mary Amos Kathy Becker Rick Belisle Sue Grimmer  <b><u>Show Facility Manager</u></b> Ed Soentgen	<b><u>Show Host - Saturday</u></b> <b><u>Saturday a.m.:</u></b> Fred Berger Chris Davey Julia Davey Peggy Butler Bob Blaszczak X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____  <b><u>Saturday mid-day:</u></b> Kathy Pierson Tori Weaver X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____  <b><u>Saturday p.m.:</u></b> Tori Weaver Tracie Cady X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____	<b><u>Show Host - Sunday</u></b> <b><u>Sunday a.m.:</u></b> Mary Baker X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____  <b><u>Sunday mid-day:</u></b> X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____  <b><u>Sunday p.m.:</u></b> Mary Baker X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____
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<p><b>Set Up/Take Down</b>  <b>Friday Set up 11:30 a.m. -3pm</b>  <b>Jerry Daenzer*</b> (284-5001)  Ed Soentgen  Matt Deli  Ilona Deli  Dick Lawson  Kristin Shaw  Sharon Miles  Sally Bonnel  Vicki Fisher  Kristin Meyer  Colina Cummings</p> <p><b>Sunday Take Down 3:45pm -6pm</b>  <b>Carol Wood *</b> (497-4995)  Ed Soentgen  Matt Deli  Ilona Deli  John Kahnowski  Sharon Kahnowski  Kristin Shaw  Sharon Beacham  X _____  X _____  X _____  X _____</p> <p><b>Road Signage</b>  Dick Lawson</p>	<p><b>Hospitality/Kitchen</b>  <b>Friday 11am - 5pm</b>  <b>Saturday 9:30am - 5pm</b>  <b>Sunday 9:30am - 4pm</b></p> <p><b>Linda Hahn* (408-7646)</b>  Bruce Hahn  Dodi Sullivan</p> <p><b>VAOS Display</b>  <b>Set Up Friday 1-7 pm:</b>  <b>Take Down Sunday 4pm:</b>  <b>Jay Loeffler * (485-9569)</b>  Rich Amos  Renee Bynum  (Registration)  Linda Schaller (Labels)  Donn Smart  Jim Thomas  Bill Fahrenback  Bruce Weaver  Steve Keller</p> <p><b>Individual Display Table</b>  <b>Set Up Friday 1-3 pm</b>  Kristen Shaw  Donna Evans</p> <p><b>Registration</b>  <b>Friday 1-6pm</b>  <b>Ted Kellogg*</b> (475-7029)  Sally Glanz</p>	<p><b>Clerks (7:30am to 10:30am Saturday)</b>  <b>Mary Anne DiGrazia *</b> (697-9237)</p> <p>Judy Chisholm (AOS Judge Host)  Sally Bonnell  Kristin Shaw  Dick Lawson  Dale Hoy  Alena Capek  Sally Glanz  Jerry Daenzer  William DuBois  Stephanie Lubarger  Tanya Young  Steve Wiener  Charlie Rogg  Diane Lerigo  Ron Lerigo  Sharon Kahnoski  Steve Keller  Vicki Fisher  Sharon Miles  Tracie Cady  Wolf Bruckner  Jo Davis  Debi Wolfe  X _____  X _____  X _____  X _____  X _____  X _____  X _____</p>	<p><b>Front Door Admissions</b>  <b>Elaine Ortt* L</b> (485-5313)</p> <p><b>Saturday a.m.:</b>  Peggy Heffley  Diane Vernon  Pauline Adam  Nancy Bevan  Carol Zoernock sp???</p> <p><b>Saturday mid-day:</b>  Mary Anne DiGrazia  Tawanna Hardenbrook  Mary Daenzer  Gil Barnett  Donna Bitting?? No listing  Louise Roe? Move?</p> <p><b>Saturday p.m.:</b>  Mary Anne DiGrazia  Tawanna Hardenbrook  Diane Hoying  Steve Hoying  X _____</p> <p><b>Sunday a.m.:</b>  Peg Heffley  Diane Vernon  Nancy Bevan  Kathy Toth  X _____</p> <p><b>Sunday mid-day:</b>  Mary Anne DiGrazia  Steve Vogelhaupt  Louise Roe  Diane Lerigo  Ron Lerigo</p> <p><b>Sunday p.m.:</b>  Mary Anne Digrazia  Steve Vogelhaupt  Ellen Nacinovich  X _____  X _____</p>
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# **VAOS ANNUAL SHOW**

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHOW VOLUNTEERS**

*Thank you for volunteering for our annual show!*

- ♦ **All volunteers must enter through the rear door.** A volunteer by the kitchen will verify your assignment from our list and provide directions. Pick up your nametag there and then pick up your t-shirt at the membership table before you report to your work location.
- ♦ Volunteers are requested to park at the back of parking lots on both sides of building. No parking is permitted behind the building – loading and unloading only.
- ♦ All show volunteers receive a show t-shirt and free admission to the show. Food donations should also be brought in through the rear door by 11am each day. Those members receive free admission to the show. All others must enter through the front door Saturday and Sunday and pay admission.

**The Venice Community Center has strict rules regarding loading and unloading. All show participants may use only the three rear steel doors for loading and unloading – no exceptions! Nothing may be brought in through the lobby or the side glass doors.**

- ♦ All communications with the VCC staff and our show vendors should be through Carol, Judy or Ed Soentgen (to avoid any miscommunications).
- ♦ Your committee chair will have instructions for your assignment when you arrive. Please review them.
- ♦ Show attendees are our guests and we are famous for our army of friendly volunteers. Greet our guests with a smile!

## OTHER SHOW INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED** - We need more food donations from members to feed our volunteers and vendors throughout the weekend. We have plenty of desserts – most needed are main dishes, side dishes and salads. Food can be brought to the community center kitchen through the rear door on Friday, Saturday or Sunday by 11am. Please contact **Linda Hahn** to sign up. 941-408-7646 or mobile: 914-552-1261.

**ARTS & CRAFTS** - Members may enter their arts and crafts for AOS judging (needlework, paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, photography or printing, no audio please). All items must be orchid-related. The registration deadline is Thursday 1/31/19 via email to **Noreen Chervinski**, **pgifolks@yahoo.com**. Entries should be framed or mounted and include the display holder. Please ensure your name is on your entries and display holders. Please bring your entries directly to the Venice Community Center on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, between 1pm - 2pm.

**AOS MAGAZINES** - Please bring old AOS magazines you would like to donate to sell at our show to the Membership Table.

**ORCHID BOUTIQUE GREENERY** - The Orchid Boutique team requests greenery from members for their floral arrangements.

♦ Hardy, long-lasting greens such as: mini palm fronds, croton, ti, and ginger leaves, all kinds of ferns, ivy, papyrus stems. If you think something is interesting or **colorful** please bring it in. A handful of Short to Medium stalks work best, as most containers are 12" or less.

♦ Please drop off your items on **Friday, February 1** from 9:00 - 4:00 or **Saturday** from 9:00 to noon. Enter the back doors by the kitchen. Orchid Boutique is across from the kitchen. The foliage should be in a container--bucket, gallon milk jug, plastic cup, etc. -- that has some water in it. Any container with a name on it will be returned to you.

Please contact Carol Wood and Judy Loeffler if you have any questions at [ShowChair@vaos.org](mailto>ShowChair@vaos.org) 941-497-4995

# **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.

## PRE-ORDER ORCHID SUPPLIES FROM OFE

OFE International will once again be selling orchid supplies at our annual show, February 2-3, 2019. They offer a wide range of orchid growing supplies and media.

You may pre-order supplies two weeks before our show and they will be delivered, no shipping charge, for you to pick up. Many of us order bulk supplies from OFE for delivery to our show:

- Orchid media
- Orchiata Bark
- Premium Sphagnum Moss
- LECA (Hydrotan expanded clay pellets)
- Pots, Baskets and Hardware
- Special media mixes



First, select your items from their website:

[www.ofeintl.com](http://www.ofeintl.com)

Place your order by phone 305-253-7080 or email: [ofeorchidsupplies@gmail.com](mailto:ofeorchidsupplies@gmail.com)







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- ◆ Join thousands of members in supporting orchid education and conservation worldwide today by joining the AOS. [WWW.AOS.ORG](http://WWW.AOS.ORG)



### Treasurer's Report November 2018

<b>Operating Fund</b> Starting Nov. 1, 2018	\$ 8,812.78
+ Income	\$ 6,340.00
- Payments	\$ 1,209.08
Closing Balanced Nov 30, 2018	\$ 13,943.70

**Petty Cash** \$ 75.00

**Total Operating Fund Nov. 30, 2018** \$ 14,018.70

#### Reserve Fund

Starting Balance Nov. 1, 2018	\$ 25,285.44
+ Deposit	
+ Interest Income Nov. 30, 2018	\$ 0.62
Closing Balance Nov. 30, 2018	\$ 25,286.06

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

# 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**

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 – 13 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.

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

February 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) Monthly Meeting.  
Venice Community Center 6:30pm. Speaker:  
Roy Krueger. Topic: Orchids 101

February 14 – (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) Growers Clinic –  
Hands On Repotting Clinic. Venice Community  
Center Room F, 7pm.

February 23 – 24 Naples Orchid Society Show,  
Naples Botanical Garden. Info:  
[rpippen@comcast.net](mailto:rpippen@comcast.net)

## **ONGOING**

**Mentor Program:** Help for beginning  
growers, contact Rick Belisle.

**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 (Acting)**

**Judy Loeffler** [memb@vaos.org](mailto:memb@vaos.org)

**Visit us on the web at**

**[www.vaos.org](http://www.vaos.org)**

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**VAOS 2019 Orchid Show & Sale**

**Feb. 2 & 3, 2019**

**Set up Friday Feb. 1st**