



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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February 2019

February General Meeting

Wednesday February 6th at 7pm

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

Speaker: Roy Krueger

Topic: Orchids 101

Roy has been growing orchids for over 15 years. When he moved to Florida, he bought a house and inherited three plants left by the previous owner. He soon found that orchids multiply faster than rabbits and today his collection is over 500 plants. His favorites are Cattleya species and unusual Dendrobiums. He is a hobbyist grower and not a commercial reseller. Most of his collection is grown outdoors year-round. He grows in a pool cage, under an arbor, attached to trees and anywhere along the fence that the squirrels can't reach.



Roy has served 12 years as President of Manatee Orchid Society and eight years as Program VP with the Sarasota Orchid Society. He teaches a series of culture classes to various societies and authors a monthly article entitled "Orchids We Should All Grow" that appears in numerous newsletters. He has spoken to numerous societies and clubs throughout western Florida and we are fortunate to have him come again to give his talk. He is quite a dynamic speaker and one you don't want to miss. Roy's topic is "Orchids 101", a basic culture presentation that will appeal to our many new members.

Orchid Envy will have plants for sale!

February 2019 Events

February 2-3
Venice Area Orchid Society
Annual Show and Sale
Venice Community Center

Wednesday February 6th
Monthly meeting 7pm
Speaker: Roy Krueger
Topic: Orchids 101

Thursday February 14th
Growers Clinic 7pm
Venice Community Center
Room F
Topic: Hands on Repotting Clinic

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A Message from Your President

Watching those freezing temps up North, it feels downright balmy here in Venice! As soon as we had recovered from New Year's Eve and New Year's Day dinner, we were in full show mode with the Sarasota Orchid Society annual show January 5-6. Congratulations to Jay Loeffler and team for taking the First Place Exhibit trophy! This was Jay's 12th first place trophy and/or AOS Trophy in a row as he completes his four year term as VP Displays in March. Fortunately, for us, Jay will continue to work on the display team next year! A wooden arbor and bench, perfect color flow, depth and design that drew the eye into the display was exquisite and I hope that many of our members had a chance to see it. In addition to the First Place Exhibit Trophy, our members took 13 blue, nine red and one yellow ribbons and Best Large Cattleya Trophy (Linda Schaller). See the article in this newsletter.

As I write this we are just a few days away from our annual show and I am filled with anticipation, just a little bit of anxiety, and a great deal of excitement as the date approaches. Everyone has done their job – the show committee, committee chairs and our members - and we are a GO! I deeply appreciate everyone's good work and commitment to the success of our annual show.

We expanded our marketing team and our advertising this year and expect about 4000 attendees over the weekend. Look for our annual Growers Guide, distributed to all show attendees, a showcase publication in its third year. Forty sponsors advertise in the Guide and it contains our 2019 meeting schedule and speakers, 2019 Growers Clinic schedule and is packed with culture tips. Produced by Sue Grimmer and her team, it has grown in popularity each year and brings in \$10,000 to our society!

I look forward to seeing our members at our show next weekend and thank you in advance for all you do for our 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.



February Growers Clinic

Hands-on Orchid Repotting Clinic



Thursday, February 14th, Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm

Joanna Shaw and the Growers Clinic team will lead a Hands-on Orchid Repotting session at the Venice Community Center at 7:00 p.m. They will explain the supplies, tools and planting media, demonstrate basic procedures and share their tips of the trade. Participants will then repot their own orchid with the assistance of several experienced growers and helpers. We will work in teams of 4 or 5 around a table with each person bringing an orchid that needs repotting as well as a suitable pot to re-plant the orchid and a sterile pair of shears.

With only two hours available and a large turnout expected, it is critical that everyone adhere to the instructions below:

- **All plants must be removed from their pot and all old planting media and dead roots must be removed prior to the clinic**
- **Only one plant per person**
- **Bring your pot and shears**
- **Please make sure your plant is free from pests or diseases.**

Media and supplies for most orchids will be provided.

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

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

February Culture Tip - Winter Watering

It may be frigid up North but it sure is nice here in Venice! In spite of some cold nights, our daytime temperatures remain comfortable. While reduced watering in winter is recommended, it warrants monitoring your plants' needs and adjusting your watering routine as needed. Learn the "heft test" – lift your pot and get to know when it is heavy or light, in need of watering. Or master the finger/pencil/skewer stick test – inserted in the media to detect moisture level. New growth pseudobulbs should be fat and plump. Water thoroughly when you water and then water again in 15 minutes.



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VAOS DISPLAY TAKES FIRST PLACE AT SARASOTA ORCHID SHOW!



Congratulations to VAOS for taking First Place Society Display at the annual Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS) Show and Sale January 5-6. Four displays were exhibited at the SOS show – SOS exhibit took 2nd place and the commercial vendor exhibit took the AOS trophy. In addition to winning the First Place Society Display trophy, Linda Schaller took the Best Large Cattleya Alliance Plant trophy.

Forty-five (45) plants were exhibited by 12 VAOS members and their plants were awarded 23 ribbons. Ribbon and trophy winners were:

Pauline Adam – One blue ribbon
Kathy Beck – One blue and two red ribbons
Renee Bynum – One blue and one red ribbon
Steve Keller – One blue and one red ribbon
Charlie Rogg – Three blue ribbons!
Natasha Romero – Two red and one yellow ribbon
Linda Schaller – One blue ribbon and Best Large Cattleya Alliance Trophy for her Rlc. Prada Green Deluxe “Diana”. Congratulations Linda!
Joanna Shaw – Two blue and one red ribbon
Jim Thomas – One blue ribbon
Carol Wood – Two blue and two red ribbons
VAOS Display – First Place Trophy



VAOS created a 10' x 10' floor display with the theme “Love Of Orchids”. Bill Fahrenback created this prop a few years back as a swing for our VAOS show. With a little work it was turned into a taller A- Frame Arbor with a bench off to one side. Colors flowed from white orchids in the center of the arbor, down the right side

SARASOTA ORCHID SHOW continued....

with colors from light to darker yellows. Off to the left side was pale pinks leading to deep pink flowing into violets and reds. Down through the center of the display were orchids of white/yellow, white/green and green colors flowing down to the floor. With such wonderful variety of orchids, it created an invitation to look into the “Love of Orchids”.

Several VAOS members supported this team in putting in our exhibit – their work involved building the display props, cleaning and prepping the ferns and greenery used in the display, plant registration, plant labels, transporting display materials and plants to the show, building and designing the display and take down on Sunday. Thank you to the following volunteers:

Judy Loeffler
Renee Bynum
Bruce Weaver
Natasha Romero
Linda Schaller
Peg & Bill Fahrenback
Sharon & John Kahnoski
Donn Smart
Rich & Mary Amos
Steve Keller
Jim Thomas
Carol Wood



Entering your plants in orchid shows is a great way to support our society and those who work so hard to create a winning display. Thanks to all who participated!

Jay Loeffler

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)

<p>Show Co-chairs Judy Loeffler (485-9569) Carol Wood (497-4995)</p> <p>Arts & Crafts Noreen Chervinski* (505-1304)</p> <p>Orchid Boutique Janet Hoy * (445-9076) & Karen Mann * (203-232-6056) 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</p>	<p>Show Host - Friday Sharon & John Kahnoski * (616-581-9131)</p> <p>Friday a.m. Kathryn Jeske Laurie Houkes Steve Vogelhaupt</p> <p>Friday mid-day: Nancy Morrison Nancy Burke Ed Murphy Janet Keown</p> <p>Friday p.m.: Bruce Weaver Sally Bonnell X _____ X _____</p> <p>Membership/ Information Table Judy Loeffler * Mary Amos Kathy Becker Rick Belisle Sue Grimmer</p> <p>Show Facility Manager Ed Soentgen</p>	<p>Show Host - Saturday Saturday a.m.: Fred Berger Chris Davey Julia Davey Peggy Butler Bob Blaszczak Courtney Miles Jackie Wagner Gina Feinstein Aurore DeFex X _____</p> <p>Saturday mid-day: Kathy Pierson Tori Weaver Gina Thompson Sally Bonnell Frank Bedmarski Ellen Nacinovich Tony Nacinovich X _____ X _____ X _____</p> <p>Saturday p.m.: Tori Weaver Bruce Weaver Tracie Cady Janet Keown Al Burda Ron Ostrick Marnie Ostrick X _____ X _____ X _____</p>	<p>Show Host - Sunday Sunday a.m.: Mary Baker Sally Bonnell Clare Capassela Red Capassela Tim Ivins Barbara Ivins X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____</p> <p>Sunday mid-day: Donna Bitting Susie Reece Janet Keown Susan Simek Frank Bedmarski Bill Mulligan Judy Mulligan X _____ X _____</p> <p>Sunday p.m.: Mary Baker Kathy Beck Jerry Beck Charlie Rogg Frank Bedmarski Carol Wolfers Sally Bonnell X _____ X _____ X _____</p>
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<p><u>Set Up/Take Down</u> <u>Friday Set up 11:30 a.m. -3pm</u></p> <p>Jerry Daenzer* (284-5001) Ed Soentgen Matt Deli Ilona Deli Dick Lawson Kristin Shaw Sharon Miles Sally Bonnel Vicki Fisher Kristin Meyer Colina Cummings</p> <p><u>Sunday Take Down</u> <u>3:45pm -6pm</u></p> <p>Carol Wood * (497-4995) Ed Soentgen Matt Deli Ilona Deli John Kahnowski Sharon Kahnowski Kristin Shaw Sharon Beacham Peter Meyer Pam Bleasdale Frank Bedmarski X_____</p> <p><u>Road Signage</u> Dick Lawson</p>	<p><u>Hospitality/Kitchen</u> <u>Friday 11am - 5pm</u> <u>Saturday 9:30am - 5pm</u> <u>Sunday 9:30am - 4pm</u></p> <p>Linda Hahn* (408-7646) Bruce Hahn Dodi Sullivan Jane Hyde</p> <p><u>VAOS Display</u> <u>Set Up Friday 1-7 pm:</u> <u>Take Down Sunday 4pm:</u> Jay Loeffler * (485-9569) Rich Amos Renee Bynum (Registration) Linda Schaller (Labels) Donn Smart Jim Thomas Bill Fahrenback Bruce Weaver Steve Keller Ken Dolan</p> <p><u>Individual Display Table</u> <u>Set Up Friday 1-3 pm</u> Kristen Shaw Donna Evans</p> <p><u>Registration</u> <u>Friday 1-6pm</u></p> <p>Ted Kellogg* (475-7029) Sally Glanz</p>	<p><u>Clerks (7:30am to 10:30am Saturday)</u></p> <p>Mary Anne DiGrazia * (697-9237) Judy Chisholm (AOS Judge Host) Sally Bonnell Kristin Shaw Dick Lawson Dale Hoy Alena Capek Randy Browksi Jerry Daenzer Stephanie Luburger Tanya Young Steve Wiener Charlie Rogg Diane Lerigo Ron Lerigo Sharon Kahnoski Steve Keller Vicki Fisher Sharon Miles Tracie Cady Wolf Bruckner Jo Davis Renee Bynum Doreen Seelye Donna Bitting Donna Evans Ed Murphy Beth Kleinschmidt Linda Panke</p>	<p><u>Front Door Admissions</u> Elaine Ortt* L (485-5313)</p> <p><u>Saturday a.m.:</u> Peggy Heffley Diane Vernon Pauline Adam Nancy Bevan Carol Zoernack</p> <p><u>Saturday mid-day:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia Tawanna Hardenbrook Mary Daenzer Gil Barnett Donna Bitting</p> <p><u>Saturday p.m.:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia Tawanna Hardenbrook Diane Hoying Steve Hoying Louise Roe</p> <p><u>Sunday a.m.:</u> Peg Heffley Diane Vernon Nancy Bevan Kathy Toth Ed Murphy</p> <p><u>Sunday mid-day:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia Steve Vogelhaupt Louise Roe Diane Lerigo Ron Lerigo</p> <p><u>Sunday p.m.:</u> Mary Anne Digrazia Steve Vogelhaupt Ellen Nacinovich Lou Ortt 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 1st, 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!

VAOS Orchid Show February 2-3, 2019

PLANT REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Our annual show is here and Jay Loeffler and his team need your blooming plants to create a winning display. Our show will be held at the Venice Community Center on February 2-3 with set up on Friday, February 1st.

Please bring your blooming plants to the community center on Friday, February 1st between 9am and 11am. Enter through the rear door. Plants will be staged in Room G, down the hall to your left.

Alternatively, you may drop off your plants at one of two locations by Thursday January 31st, noon:

- ♦ 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)

All plants must be registered in advance via email on Tuesday – Wednesday, January 29 – 30. Late entries will be accepted up to Thursday at noon.

Email your plant name with a photo or bloom size and color description to Renee Bynum, **PlantReg@VAOS.org**. Plants should be cleaned, staked, and free of pests and disease and labeled with both the plant name and the owner's name. Please water your plant thoroughly and write your last name on the pot.

Plan to pick up your plants at show take down on Sunday, February 3rd, 4pm

Any questions please contact Jay Loeffler at 485-9569

Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

EAOS PRESENTS "Orchids by Lemon Bay" March 1-2, 2019

Members make it possible for us to participate in orchid shows. We would not be able to build our wonderful displays if our members did not grow beautiful orchids and allow them to be shown. Your blooming plants are needed to create our display.

The Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS) will hold their annual show and sale at:

Englewood United Methodist Church
700 East Dearborn St, Englewood, FL

The church is just 8 miles past the Rt. 41 and Rt. 776 intersection. Directions: Travel south on Rt. 776/Englewood Rd for 7 miles. Turn left on E. Dearborn St. then 1 mile to the church on the left.

Show Schedule:

Set up: Thursday February 28th 10am to 5pm

Show: Friday March 1st & Saturday March 2nd – 10am – 5pm

Take Down: Saturday March 2nd – 5pm

Bring your plants to the EAOS Show site on Thursday morning at 10am. If you are unable to bring your plants to Englewood, you may bring them to Carol Wood's home for transport:

4941 Bella Terra Dr., (Venetia) Venice, no later than 5pm, Wednesday, February 27th. Call Carol in advance 941-497-4995 or Pres@vaos.org

PLANTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN AVANCE BY EMAIL TO PlantReg@VAOS.org on Monday - Tuesday, February 25-26. Late registration will be accepted up until Wednesday, February 27th at noon. Email your plant name with a photo or flower color description and flower size (larger or smaller than 5"). **Place a piece of tape on your pot with your last name.**

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and in prime condition to last through the show. Please water your plants thoroughly before the show.

Pick up your plants Saturday evening at the show at 5pm, following display take down.

Please contact Jay Loeffler, VP Displays, for further information. 485-9569

Preparing Your Orchid for the Show Exhibits

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.

January 2019 Meeting Plant Table Awards

Narrative by Cynthia Vance and Photos by Kristin Shaw



First Place and Blue Ribbon was captured by Donn Smart for his gorgeous Dendrobium (Den.) Isabel Sander (dearei x sanderae) with its showy white clusters of flowers. Den. dearei is a fragrant native species of Indonesia and is also found in the northern part of the Philippines where it grows as an epiphyte on the pine trees of the forest. Donn uses a medium that is 70% organic -- sponge rock and charcoal. He waters and feeds it daily with his Vandas, hence it has been blooming continually for 2 years! Beautiful specimen, Donn!

Second Place and Red Ribbon was awarded to Ed Murphy for his beautiful Rlc. Memoria Kimi Nowak (C. Horace x Rlc. Golden Regal). It had 4 stupendous blooms. Ed, a new VAOS member, started growing orchids in 2014. He bought this plant on EBAY from a reputable hybridizer. He attributes its hardiness to the following: He grows it in a pool cage with an extra mesh cloth above; he uses reverse osmosis water (rather than well water which often becomes salty in the softening process) and he fertilizes weakly (1.4 T/gal) every 2-3 days in the summer and fewer times in the winter. His media is 30% Orchinata mixed with inorganic elements with Styrofoam at the bottom of clay pots for easy draining. Great job, Ed!



Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was granted to Natasha Romero Contreras for her gorgeous Paphiopedilum. Since she was unsure of its name, I asked Facebook colleagues at Florida Orchid Growing for help. Prem Subrahmanyam (www.FLNativeOrchid.com), who has addressed VAOS several times, suggested it was P. spicerianum alba ('alba' means pure white, green or yellow-green). Another FOG member said that if it is not P. spicerianum, it surely is a hybrid of it. I think the triangular dorsal sepal is a dead give-away bringing majesty to the bloom. Natasha grows it under a pergola with side trellis and top black screen in the open air. She switched to reverse osmosis water instead of

odorous well water which killed former plants. She says she also regularly talks to her plants. Nice growing, Natasha!

Best Species and Purple Ribbon was presented to Donn Smart for his striking red Dendrobium (Den.) bractosum. This species is native to New Guinea and grows at an altitude of 65 to 1300 feet either on the forest trees or along the rivers and coast on mangrove trees in lowland rainforests. This Bracted Dendrobium has flowers which are extremely long-lasting up to 5-6 months and as the lower ones die, more grow up the pseudobulbs. Donn says that this plant, also, has been in bloom for 2 years as he waters it daily with his Vandas. Charming specimen and presentation, Donn!



Both Members' Choice and Speaker's Choice was awarded to Donn Smart for his unusual Green-yellow Catasetum, Ctism. viridiflavum, a species from the West Indies, Mexico, and Central America down into Argentina. Notice his plant has the more attractive 'male flowers', or perhaps the flowers are a combo of male and female, according to Jeff Higel, orchid grower at Honeybee Nursery, Englewood. Knowing that catesetums are heavy feeders, Donn feeds it daily or more in the summer growing season along with his Vandas, and when the leaves start yellowing, he gives it less water. Thanks for bringing in such a unique orchid, Donn!

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Treasurer's Report December 2018

Operating Fund Starting Dec.1, 2018	\$13,943.70
+ Income	\$12,264.50
- Payments	\$ 5,432.31
Closing Balanced Dec., 2018	\$20,775.89
 Petty Cash	 \$ 75.00
 Total Operating Fund Dec., 2018	 \$20,850.89
 Reserve Fund	
Starting Balance Dec. 1, 2018	\$25,286.06
- transfer	\$100.00
+Interest Income Dec. 31, 2018	\$ 0.64
Closing Balance Dec. 31, 2018	\$25,215.09

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

Venice Area Orchid Society Minutes from January 2, 2019

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. The annual holiday party was a success and Carol thanked Bruce and Tori Weaver for being auctioneers and Kristin Shaw, Donna Evans and Sue Simek for doing the running and collecting the money. Janet Keown did a great job organizing the whole thing and a good time was had by all.

Announcements:

- The next Grower's Clinic will be Thursday, January 10th. Donn Smart will present cultural basics for several popular orchid genera.
- There is a birthday cake tonight at the refreshment table for Jane Camarota who has run the Orchid Boutique for our show for 20 years and who has been a member for the longest period of time still attending.
- Janet Keown announced the upcoming social events:
- Friday May 17th will be the annual bus trip to the Redland International Orchid Show
- There will be a spring home/garden tour, details to be determined. This will be an opportunity to view how other members grow their orchids and pick up a few tips and tricks.
- There will be an OctoberFest instead of an October Grower's Clinic this fall.
- Next year's holiday party will be an afternoon brunch at the Boca Royale Country Club instead of a dinner party.
- Please consider bringing something to contribute to the refreshment table at the next meeting.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual dues, please see Judy Loeffler at the front.

Carol announced that it is Show Time! We will be participating in the Sarasota show this weekend. It is only 4 weeks until our own annual show, and the Englewood show is the first weekend in March. Jay Loeffler and the display team is ready to set up in Sarasota on Friday and we need blooming plants to put in the display. Information was sent in an email blast.

For our own show, we usually have close to 4000 people coming through making this one of the top shows in the state. We still have a few volunteer spots that need to be filled, please check the sign-up sheets in the front. Our greatest need is for Show Hosts/Security on Saturday. We also need food donations throughout the weekend. Karen Mann spoke briefly about the Orchid Boutique, explained what it is and that we need some durable and interesting greenery and foliage to make orchid arrangements that we will sell.

There are postcards and fliers for the show at the front. Members are encouraged to take them and distribute them through the community. Kate Burda took a brief video of all the members saying "Come to the Venice Orchid Show". She will distribute this on social media, everyone please share onto their own social media.

The speaker for the evening was Francisco Miranda. He is a botanist, taxonomist, and has been growing orchids for more than 33 years. His talk was about many of the Brazilian *Cattleya* species, their habitats and culture. He had a nice selection of plants for sale.

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

Submitted by Joanna Shaw, recording secretary

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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)



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2 –3: VAOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Set up Friday February 1st, 11am – 7pm. See article in this newsletter.

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

February 9-10: Greater Orlando Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale. Orlando Garden Club. Info: realtorjanet@bellsouth.net

February 14th (2nd 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

March 1-2: Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS) Annual Show & Sale. Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood. Set up Thursday February 28th 10am – 5pm. See article in this newsletter.

March 2-3: Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show. Tampa Scottish Rite Center. Info: tampabayorchidsociety@verizon.net

March 6 (1st Wednesday): Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center 6:30pm. Speaker: Courtney Hackney Topic: Cattleyas

March 8-10: Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show, North Collier Regional Park, Naples. Info: jlongwell1@comcast.net

March 14 (2nd Thursday): Growers Clinic – Presentation – Orchids Basics Part 1: Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer and Supplements. Venice Community Center Roof F, 7pm.

March 16-17: Jacksonville Orchid Society Show, Garden Club of Jacksonville. Info: Russell_art@bellsouth.net

Ongoing

Mentor Program: help for beginning growers, contact Rick Belisle 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 February 6th

**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

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