



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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March 2019



March General Meeting

Wednesday March 6th at 7pm

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

Speaker: Courtney Hackney

Topic: *How To Get Your Orchids To Rebloom*

Professor Hackney is the Director of Coastal Biology at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida. He began growing orchids in the Florida Keys in 1962 while working for a small orchid nursery and has continued his interest in both orchid hybridizing and orchid culture since then. He grows many different genera, but his favorite is the Cattleya Alliance. He has about 500 mature cattleyas and even more seedlings, but his favorites are classic clones, some of which appeared in orchid collections over 100 years ago. He makes 8-10 hybrids and species sib crosses per year in various genera.

He wrote a Growing Tips column for 20 years, which ended in December 2013 that appeared in newsletters around the country and has published in Orchid Digest. In 2004, he published "American Cattleyas", the culmination of a decade of study and interviews, which summarizes in old photographs and print how all of the modern cattleyas came to be. The book also describes what we know about cattleyas and cattleya hybrids, how to grow them, and what to expect from modern hybrids.

He and his wife Rose live in Jacksonville, Florida adjacent to a tidal swamp. Rose paints and he enjoys the Epi. conopseum growing in the trees in his backyard, while he conducts his research in the swamp. His orchids are now enjoying residence in a new 24'x25' Florida shade house adjacent to the swamp.

Courtney and Rose will have plants and their books for sale.

March 2019 Events

March 1-2

Englewood Area Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale
Englewood United Methodist Church

Wednesday March 6th

Monthly meeting 7pm

Speaker: Courtney Hackney

Topic: *How To Get Your Orchids to Rebloom*

Thursday March 14th

Growers Clinic 7pm

**Venice Community Center
Room F**

Topic: *Orchid Basics Part 1: Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer and Supplements*

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A Message from Your President

Thank you to all of our members who turned out to work our annual show - it was a tremendous success! We had a record crowd of 4,221 attendees and our net profit was sufficient to cover all of our expenses for the upcoming year. We heard so many positive comments from our vendors and AOS judges – those 120+ member volunteers scurrying around in sapphire blue t-shirts! Our delicious food! Vendors told us that they sold more plants in the first two hours on Saturday than they have sold the whole weekend at other shows. Good!

So many people to thank. Immediately following the end of the SILLs lecture, black plastic and greenery had to be laid out to mark and separate the display area as our vendors lined up at the rear door. Thank you Jerry Daenzer and his team who set up this area in record time. Thanks to our volunteers who came in Sunday afternoon for takedown and clean up. The hall was empty and broom swept clean by 5:28pm to the delight of the community center staff.

Our front door admissions chair Elaine Ortt and her 30 volunteers sold tickets to 4,221 show attendees with a smile. Thank you.

Our hospitality team led by Linda and Bruce Hahn managed the kitchen throughout the weekend and we appreciate the delicious food brought in by our members. Thanks also to Dodi Sullivan and Jane Hyde for their help throughout the weekend.

Sharon and John Kahnowski and their 55 volunteers did a great job as our show hosts ensuring a smooth operation and receiving many compliments from our vendors – thank you!

Jane Camarota, Janet Hoy, Karen Mann and their Orchid Boutique 21 volunteer team raised \$2300 for our society through their sale of orchid floral arrangements, jewelry and accessories and their plant basket raffle. Thank you!

Twenty-nine (29) members signed up this year to serve as AOS judge clerks under Chair Mary Anne Digrazia's guidance. We heard wonderful feedback from the judges – thank you!

Congratulations to Jay Loeffler and his team for creating a beautiful display reflecting our show theme, Orchids at the Opera. While we did not win 1st place, note that Jay has won 12 consecutive 1st place display trophies over his term – quite an accomplishment! VAOS members took home 56 ribbons, 6 trophies and 3 AOS awards – congratulations! Thanks to Jay and his dedicated team of 9 member volunteers for their great work!

A Message from Your President Continued...

Thank you Kristen Shaw and Donna Evans for your “Orchids at the Opera” inspired design for the individual table – well done!

Noreen Chervinski artfully arranged our member Arts & Crafts display on the edge of the stage. Our members took home 11 ribbons for their work, congratulations! Thank you Noreen!

Ted Kellogg managed plant registration for our show and coordinated the AOS judging – thank you Ted!

Thank you Dick Lawson and Kate and Al Burda for placing the show signs around town and picking them up after the show. We enjoyed your video Kate!

Jim Thomas and Rick Belisle conducted basic orchid culture classes Saturday and Sunday to a packed audience. Very popular with our show attendees – thank you!

Judy Loeffler and her four member team managed the Membership/Information Desk throughout the weekend, answering questions, handing out culture sheets, signing up new members and selling books and old AOS magazines. This team signed up a record 137 new members at our show! Thank you.

Sue Grimmer led our show sponsorship campaign raising just under \$11,000 for our society this year. With marketing support from Cynthia Vance and Kate Burda, Sue designed and produced the show brochure, distributed to our 4200 attendees – what a great job! Thank you!

Special thanks to “Iron Man” Ed Soengten who traveled from North Carolina to work our show. He was there from Thursday afternoon to Sunday – the last to leave. Ed handled so many aspects of our show including our layout diagram, heavy lifting, front door show host throughout the weekend and chief problem solver. Thank you Ed and we hope that you will return again next year for our show.

And to my Show Co-Chair, Judy Loeffler, who worked with me throughout the year to sweat the details and complete the many tasks and subtasks required for our show – thank you Judy!

Thank you all who contributed to our show! You are amazing people and I’m proud to be part of VAOS!

Submitted by Carol Wood

VAOS DISPLAY TAKES SIX TROPHIES, 56 RIBBONS and THREE AOS AWARDS!



Congratulations to our VAOS member exhibitors who took a total of 56 ribbons, six trophies and three AOS awards! Eighty-one (81) plants and artwork were registered by 26 VAOS members. The 56 ribbon awards included 30 blue, 12 red and 14 yellow ribbons.

Judges awarded 13 AOS awards at our show including three to VAOS members: Sharon Kahnoski, Joanna Shaw and Donn Smart.

Here is a summary of ribbon and trophy winners:

Plants

Pauline Adam – 1 blue, 1 yellow

Kathy Beck – 1 red ribbon

Dusty Crum – 1 blue, 1 yellow

Laurie Houkes – 1 red

Sharon Kahnoski – 2 blue, 1 red, Best Vanda Trophy and AM/AOS award (85 points) for *V. lamellata*. Congrats Sharon for *V. lamellata*!

Steve Keller – 1 red

Ted Kellogg – 1 blue

Karen Mann – 1 yellow

Courtney Miles – 2 blue and Best Phalaenopsis Trophy

Sharon Miles – 1 blue

Nancy Morrison – 2 yellow

Judy Mulligan – 1 yellow

Ellen Nachinovich – 1 yellow

Tony Nachinovich – 1 blue

Natasha Romero – 2 blue

Linda Schaller – 1 red

Joanna Shaw – 3 blue, 1 red, 2 yellow, Best Small Cattleya Trophy and AM/AOS award (82 points) for *C. Loddiglossa*. Congrats Joanna!

Donn Smart – 10 blue, 2 red, Best Miniature Trophy, Best Dendrobium Trophy, Best Plant by VAOS Member Trophy and AM/AOS award (82 points) for *Cl. Rebecca Northen x Ctsm. Melana Davison*. Congrats Donn!

Carol Wood – 1 blue, 2 red

VAOS – 1 yellow

VAOS Show Awards continued....

Arts & Crafts

Jane Camarota – 1 blue
Mary Anne DiGrazia – 2 blue
Carol Marcus – 1 blue, 1 yellow
Tony Nacinovich – 1 red, 2 yellow
Marnie Oystick – 1 blue, 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon

VAOS created a 10' x 10' floor display with our "Orchids at the Opera" theme. For the display, we used a photographer's backdrop of the Paris Opera House high above and in the back of the display, giving a view of the entrance above the orchids. Members' orchids were arranged with the white orchids high and center with the pale yellow to yellows flowing down the right side. Greens were on the bottom of the same side. Below the whites on the left side were the pale pinks flowing into pinks and reds with deeper the shades on the bottom.

With this display, I went way outside the box as shown by our 3rd place award. This display was something for the visitors of our show to enjoy. By all the photographs taken of people standing with the display in the background, I think we achieved our idea.

Several VAOS members helped the team with our exhibit which involved constructing and transporting display materials, cleaning and prepping greenery, plant registration, plant labels, designing and setting up the display and take down on Sunday. Thank you to the following volunteers: Judy Loeffler, Bruce Weaver, Ken Dolan, Peg & Bill Fahrenback, John & Sharon Kahnoski, Renee Bynum, Linda Schaller, Donn Smart, Rich & Mary Amos, Steve Keller, Kristin Shaw, Donna Evans, Jim Thomas and Bob Loeffler.



Congratulations to our ribbon and trophy winners and a "VERY Special Thank You" to all who worked hard to create this unique exhibit for VAOS!

Submitted by Jay Loeffler

March Culture Tip

At our February 14th Growers Clinic, Joanna and team led a large and enthusiastic group of members in repotting their orchids. In case you missed it, here are the basics to repotting an orchid. Also see Steve Vogelhaupt's article on repotting in this newsletter.



12 Steps to Successful Repot of Cattleya



- 1) Soak plant then remove from pot
- 2) Remove old media gently - "tickle" it out
- 3) Trim all dead and spongy roots
- 4) Spray with fungicide - set out to dry overnight
- 5) Select new pot that allows no more room than 2 years growth
- 6) Place small amount media in bottom of pot such as lava rock or clay pellets that will facilitate drainage
- 7) Place plant in pot with oldest growth side of plant against side of pot 1 1/2" below pot rim.
- 8) Secure with 1 or 2 pot clips
- 9) Fill in and tap down media - do not cover rhizome
- 10) Insert plant tag
- 11) Water in and spray with fungicide
- 12) Keep in dry, low light area for 2 weeks then resume normal watering.

Next Growers Clinic – March 14th



The Grower's Clinic on March 14th will focus on the basics – Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer and Supplements - so that members will be able to understand what their orchids need and why. It will be a botanical journey through some of the easy aspects of plant growth and how orchids are so special and unique. This clinic should answer a lot of your questions about how orchids manage to survive in such unusual situations.

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

To Repot or Not to Repot?

Our most recent Hands-on Potting Clinic was a great success in spite of a conflict with Valentine's Day. Personally, I find it hard to imagine a romantic evening with your significant other taking precedence over an orchid event!! Members brought in their bare root plants and pots and received hands-on assistance from a number of our Growers Clinic team. This was the final chapter in repotting and members had committed themselves at that stage.

Two basic questions needed to be answered by participants before the event, and were elaborated upon by Joanna Shaw at the event.

WHY???

The first reason is decomposition of the potting medium to the point where it affects the health of the plant. Compare the medium that you plan to use for repotting with the medium in the pot. If the old medium smells foul, is covered by mold and algae, or crumbles into dust at your touch, you need to repot.

The second reason is that the plant has outgrown its pot or other container; often defined as not having enough room for another year's growth.

WHEN???

This is just as important, but a bit more difficult, as it most often depends on genera and species needs. The fact that the Super Bowl is over and the baseball season hasn't begun is NOT a good reason.

In general, orchids should be repotted when they are entering a period of new growth, as shown by new roots and visible new growth following blooming; not just before they're preparing for their winter rest. A few common genera are listed below:

Cattleyas – after blooming and when new root growth is visible

Unifoliate cattleyas, those having two leaves rising from their pseudobulbs, and **species**, are best potted in the spring when new roots **and new growth** are in advanced growth. Failure to heed this will lead to the plants to cease any growth for extended period of time and even lead to decline and death.

Phalaenopsis – best in spring after flowering, but easy in other times

Paphiopedilum – after the plant has finished blooming; usually every year or two. Paphs require constant moisture and excellent drainage so the media condition is critical.

To Repot or Not to Repot? Continued...

Oncidium – usually in spring, after flowering, **when the new growth is half mature**

Dendrobium – do not like to be repotted, so start off with excellent media. If repotting is necessary, keep to the next larger size pot, if needed, or repot with new media in same size pot.

Our society is an affiliate of the American Orchid Society (AOS) which makes a tremendous amount of knowledge available to members and non-members on their website, www.aos.org. Our website, www.vaos.org, has excellent resources that you can access by clicking on RESOURCES, then VAOS PUBLICATIONS, and TOP TIPS FROM EXPERIENCED GROWERS.

If in doubt, bring your potted plant to a Growers Clinic for advice and suggestions from our Growers Clinic Team.

Submitted by Steve Vogelhaupt, VAOS Growers Clinic Team



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The VAOS Mentor Program

Are you fairly new to growing orchids? Have you recently joined the Venice Area Orchid Society? Do you have some questions or are you looking for some guidance that you feel pertains only to your particular growing situation? Are you an experienced grower looking for a rewarding opportunity to share your knowledge and skills and help new members? With over 120 new members joining our club during our two-day show, it's probably a good idea to review the details of our Mentor Program and how you might benefit from it!

Our Mentor Program, one of only 4 such programs in Florida, began in 2012 with an idea brought forth by Peg Fahrenback. The concept is quite simple. Match knowledgeable, experienced growers (the mentors) with new members (the mentees) who might need a little personalized "jump start", over and above what might be gained by attending our meetings and Growers Clinics.

The mentor often supports their mentee by visiting their mentee's home, in a more social setting, for an hour or so to gauge growing conditions, placement, specific plant requirements for light, watering and feeding, potting, pests, etc., and to discuss one of our favorite topics, orchids! Mentees, on the other hand, should be active VAOS members, are required to have attended at least two Growers Clinics, and of course have a genuine interest in improving the results of their orchid-growing endeavors. Graduates of the program gain the additional knowledge and skills they need to improve their results and receive an attractive VAOS Pin to commemorate and celebrate their achievement. To date, we've had 15 Mentors and have "graduated" almost 100 "mentees". Many have gone on to produce award-winning plants and to become mentors themselves!

If you would like to volunteer to join our team of mentors, which is a fun and rewarding way to share your orchid-growing skills, meet new orchid aficionados, and requires only a minimal amount of time or, if you are struggling with your orchid collection and feel a mentor would help you with your "learning curve", complete the appropriate section of the Mentor/Mentee application, located on our website at vaos.org, or send an email to mentor@vaos.org.

Submitted by Rick Belisle, VAOS Mentor Program Coordinator

Please join us at our April 3rd meeting when we will celebrate the success of this program and honor our mentors and mentee graduates.

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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.



VAOS 2019 Spring Garden Tour

Member Orchid Growing Area Tour

Saturday April 6th 10am – 2pm

Our Spring Garden Tour this year features two excellent growers located just north of Venice, about 15 minutes apart. Start at either location beginning at 10am. Thank you Donn Smart and Jane and Frank Camarota for opening your growing areas to our members!

Donn Smart

105 Magnolia Ave.

Nokomis, FL 34275

715-572-9548

Dsmart2@comcast.net

Donn Smart is one of our most successful orchid growers as evidenced by his VAOS show display awards: 10 blue ribbons, 2 red ribbons, three trophies and an AM/AOS award. He grows a variety of orchids in his two green houses and we appreciate him opening his growing area to our members to tour. If you want some specific advice on a particular type of orchid, ask Donn.

DIRECTIONS: From Venice, Rt. 41 North. Cross over Donna Bay bridge then 1st right on Magnolia Ave. to #105.

Jane and Frank Camarota

8400 Vamo Rd.

Sarasota, FL

941-966-8433

Jane and Frank Camarota have been VAOS members for over 20 years and Jane leads the Orchid Boutique team at our annual show. They moved to Bay Village in Sarasota in recent years and Jane coordinated the establishment of the Rock Orchid Garden at Bay Village. Nestled under the tall trees surrounded by lush landscaping, it provides a welcomed retreat to residents. There is a variety of 65-75 orchids in the garden. Walkways around a gazebo and lake add to the natural garden ambiance. Volunteers will be on hand to guide the tour and light refreshments will be served.

DIRECTIONS: From Venice, Rt. 41 North. Turn left on Vamo Rd. and Bay Village is the 2nd entrance on the right. Come to the gate and push button to announce arrival. Park in the guest lot on the left immediately after coming through the gate.

February 2019 Meeting Plant Table Awards

Narrative and Photos by Cynthia Vance



First Place, Speaker's Choice and Members' Choice Ribbons were captured by Donn Smart for his exotic and beautiful Monnierara (Monn.) Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS. It is a complex catasetinae hybrid between Catanoches Midnight Jem and Marmodes sinuate – the blackest orchid that exists! A specimen plant of this was awarded an FCC/AOS by the American Orchid Society on October 12, 2013 for its superb black flowers.

That plant had 2 spikes with 42 flowers and we challenge Donn to top this next year! The flowers are long lasting and have a minty fragrance. They grow with plenty of heat, water and fertilizer during spring and summer. When it drops its leaves, reduce water and fertilizer once the flowers have finished. Resume a normal cultivation schedule when new growth emerges. Thanks, Donn, for bringing in this special orchid.

Second Place and Red Ribbon went to Dale Richter for her gorgeous Brassocattleya (Bc) Hawaiian agenda 'Florida Winter' with its beautiful pink flowers with yellow on the lip bordered with pink picotee (ruffles)! It is a cross of Rlc. Princess Teresa x C. Horace. Hobbyists love the showy 6" wide flowers for most of these plants are clones of the best specimens. Dale grows it in Stalite so that after watering it dries out quickly, thus avoiding the scourge of lurking bacterial disease. Stalite Slate is an all-natural medium mined in the U.S. from volcanic slate which is then rotary kiln-fired to over 2000 degrees. It's then made into sterile pieces that are extremely porous and pH neutral. It has the ability to aerate and also hold moisture and nutrients for orchid roots to seek – two fine qualities for orchid media. Lovely, lovely specimen, Dale.



Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was won by Donn Smart for his Clowesia (Cl.) Rebecca Northen "Grapefruit Pink" x Catasetum (Ctsm.) Melana Davison 'Bombshell'. It has beautiful coral pink flowers with a yellow center -- a cross from Fred Clark's Sunset Valley Orchids, CA. When a pollinator lands on the bloom, the flower ejects the pollen onto the bug; then the flower immediately dies. (It seems that 2 blooms were touched/killed at the VAOS Show!) The judges gave Donn the coveted American Orchid Society 'Award of Merit' (AM) with the score of 81 points. I love their written description: "Fifteen flowers {are} well-displayed on a pendant inflorescence; flowers white over-laid mauve pink, darker on reverse; sepals spatulate, white centrally; petals upright, ovate, acuminate white-picotee, lips deep mentum, ovate, fringed; toothed keels white with yellow throat; column white, anther cap-white; substance firm; texture satiny." Beautiful work, again, Donn.

Best Species Ribbon was awarded to Donn Smart for his Phragmipedium (Phrag.) manzurii, having precious 'lady slipper' flowers. As a sequential bloomer the next bloom is on the way! The sepals are light green and the labellum is white-flushed pale violet with red-violet markings. The species was discovered in Colombia by David Angel Manzur, a retired Colombian professor and orchid collector, and it was named after him. So far 25 phragmipedium species have been found in nature; they are our new world lady-slippers that grow from Mexico through the central and northern parts of South America. Phrag. manzurii is a terrestrial plant and was found growing in leaf litter on steep slopes in a wet montane habitat of Santander, Colombia. For successful cultivation know that Phrags are intermediate growers that need good air movement, lots of humidity and light similar to a cattleya – but they need protection from the heat of 80+ degrees in the summer. Very fine growing, Donn.



VAOS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Every year our society holds its annual meeting in conjunction with our monthly March meeting. We elect new officers and thank those board members who are completing their terms.

At our February monthly meeting Judy Loeffler, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the nominees for the three open board positions:

- ♦ Bruce Weaver, VP Displays, to succeed Jay Loeffler who is completing his four year term.
- ♦ Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary, to succeed Joanna Shaw who is completing her four year term
- ♦ Sue Grimmer, Membership Chair, to succeed Judy Loeffler, Acting Membership Chair

There were no nominations from the floor. Other members of the board will continue to complete their terms. Following the election of new officers at our March 6th meeting we will honor Jay and Joanna for their contributions and commitment to VAOS.

There are many opportunities to become more involved with our society, volunteer positions and future board positions. If you are interested, please contact any board member for more information.

Treasurer's Report January 2019

Operating Fund Starting Jan.1, 2019	\$20,775.89
+ Income	\$ 2,595.00
- Payments	\$ 6,909.91
Closing Balanced Jan. 31, 2019	\$ 16,460.98
 Petty Cash	 \$ 75.00
 Total Operating Fund Jan., 2019	 \$ 16,535.98
 Reserve Fund	
Starting Balance Jan. 1 , 2019	\$25,186.70
- transfer	\$100.00
+Interest Income Jan.31, 2019	\$ 0.64
Closing Balance Jan. 31, 2019	\$ 25,087.34

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

Venice Area Orchid Society Minutes from March 6, 2019

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7 pm with a round of applause for all the new members. Our show was a big success. We had record breaking attendance and recruited 137 new members. 4221 people attended our show and our vendors reported that sales on Saturday were the best day of any day they ever attended. The Grower's Guide produced by Sue Grimmer and her team raised nearly \$11,000 in sponsorship. 125 of our members volunteered to help with the show. Show Committee Chairs, then volunteers all stood for a round of applause. Our members who entered plants to display won 57 ribbons, 3 trophies and 3 AOS awards.

Announcements

- ♦ The next Grower's Clinic will be Thursday, February 14th. Joanna Shaw and team will present the annual repotting clinic covering repotting basics and assist all attendees with repotting a plant of their own.
- ♦ Plantio La Orquidea in Sarasota will have their Spring Sale Feb 22-23, there is a coupon in the newsletter.
- ♦ Joanna Shaw did an announcement encouraging members to bring their plants to display on the plant table, and explained how labeling, judging and voting for Member Favorite works.
- ♦ Marianne DiGrazia, president of Englewood Area Orchid Society, did an announcement about their upcoming show on March 1-2. She encouraged us to pick up postcards to share with friends to advertise the event. Set up will be February 28th. The event will be at the Christ Lutheran church on Rt. 776 in Englewood.
- ♦ Please consider bringing something to contribute to the refreshment table at the next meeting.

Judy Loeffler announced upcoming openings on the board of directors. Jay Loeffler, Vice President of Displays, Joanna Shaw, Recording Secretary, and Judy Loeffler, Membership Chair will be completing their terms. Kathryn Jeske is the nomination for Recording Secretary, Bruce Weaver is the nomination for Vice President of displays, and Sue Grimmer is the nomination for Membership Chair. Judy asked if there were other nominations and none were offered. We will hold elections at the next meeting in March. Jay and Joanna will continue as Directors at Large.

Natasha Romero Contreras introduced the speaker for the evening, Roy Kreuger. Roy is a local hobby orchid grower and he presented Orchids 101 dedicated to all the new members in the room. Roy also presented the plant table.

John and Sharon Kahnoski did the raffle table, Orchid Envy had a nice selection of plants for sale.

Submitted by Joanna Shaw, recording secretary.

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339 Venice Ave. West,
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Myakka City, FL (941-322-8777)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Show: Friday and Saturday 10am – 5pm. Take down Saturday 5pm.

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: Getting Your Orchids to Rebloom

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

March 14 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic – Presentation – Orchid 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

March 23-24 – Orchid Society of Highlands County Show and Sale, Sebring, FL. Info: gatorgalanddoughboy@embarqmail.com

March 30-31 – Nature Coast Orchid Society Spring Show, Spring Hill, FL. Info: maritariesz404@gmail.com

April 3 (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center 6:30pm. Speaker: Allen Black Topic: Spiders and Stars

April 6 (Saturday) – VAOS Spring Tour of Members' Growing Areas, 10am – 2pm. See article in this newsletter.

April 11 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic – Orchid Basics Part 2: Presentation and Demonstration - Pots, Media, Repotting, Tools.

May 17 (Friday) – Redlands Bus Trip. 2019 Redland International Orchid Festival, May 17 – 19. Details to follow.

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

March 6th

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