



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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May 2019



May General Meeting

Wednesday May 1st at 7pm

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

Speaker: *Dr. Michael Kane*

Topic: *Orchid Conservation in the Everglades*

Mike Kane, a native of Rhode Island, is a professor in the Environmental Horticulture Department at UF in Gainesville where he has teaching and research responsibilities for 34 years. He teaches courses in plant micropropagation and graduate student professional development. His research emphasis is on development of plant tissue culture and greenhouse procedures for production of aquatic, wetland, coastal plants and especially the propagation and conservation native orchids. In 2009 he was elected as a Fellow of the Society for In Vitro Biology (SIVB). In 2014 he received the SIVB Life Time Achievement Award. He has a long-standing commitment to mentoring undergraduate and graduate students who have become both competent scientists and teachers. His wife, Roseann, recently retired from her position with the Alachua County School Board. Their daughter, Laura, her husband and 3-year-old granddaughter Madelyn, live in Denver, Colorado. He enjoys spending time with family, gardening, flying (42 years as a private pilot) and riding motorcycles.

Dr. Kane's presentation will focus on the propagation and conservation of Florida native orchids.

Orchid Envy will have plants for sale.

May 2019 Events

Wednesday May 1st
Monthly meeting 7pm

Speaker: *Dr. Michael Kane*
Topic: *Orchid Conservation in the Everglades*

Thursday May 9th
Growers Clinic 7pm
Venice Community Center
Room F

Topic: *Member Seedling Competition Kickoff*

Friday May 17th
Redland Bus Trip
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A Message from Your President

Wow! What a great spring garden tour! Our thanks to Jane and Frank Camarota and Donn Smart for inviting us to visit their growing areas. The grounds of Bay Village where Jane and Frank live are just spectacular and the rock orchid garden Jane and friends created was a peaceful, quiet refuge along the lake. Donn grows his orchids in two greenhouses on his property and all who came picked up tips from this ace grower.

Florida native orchids and especially the Ghost Orchid are endangered in our Everglades. Poaching and habitat destruction has decimated these orchids. On May 1st Dr. Michael Kane, UF at Gainesville, will brief us on the efforts of his team to preserve and reintroduce native orchids to the everglades. We are thrilled that he agreed to speak to us and we look forward to his presentation.

Our May 9th Growers Clinic will kick off our "Seedling Competition". Attendees will receive a gift plant of Ctna. Why Not and the Growers Clinic team will guide them through repotting their seedling. We will come back in one year to award the best growers with a prize.

The Redland Orchid Festival is coming up May 17 – 19 in Homestead, FL and the annual VAOS Redland bus trip will transport members on Friday May 17th to the festival. With vendors coming from around the world, it is a unique opportunity to find orchids that may not be available locally. During the trip down, Jimmy Thomas will provide orchid shopping tips and Janet Keown will provide snacks. Many of us look forward to this trip and if you have not experienced Redland, we encourage you to go.

May brings a slower pace as many of our friends head to their northern homes. Hotter temps and regular rainfall follows. May is a good month to repot those overgrown plants. Be sure to share some divisions with your orchid friends and the raffle table.

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.



SPRING GARDEN TOUR

More than 100 members of the VAOS and their family members joined us for our Spring Garden Tour. A big thank you to Jane and Frank Camarota and Donn Smart for opening up their orchid growing areas to our members on April 6th.



Jane and Frank Camarota moved to Bay Village in south Sarasota in recent years. Jane worked with Bay Village management to establish a beautiful orchid garden on the premises. Their collection of 75+ orchids grow in trees and on rocks next the lake and under graceful large trees. It truly is a beautiful spot! Thank you Jane and Bay Village for your hospitality.



Donn Smart grows his collection in two greenhouses at his home in Nokomis. Because Donn is an exceptional grower, we were all interested in his growing culture and techniques and learned a lot from our tour. Thank you Donn!

Thank you Janet Keown, VP Social, for organizing this special event. Very nice!



May in Your Orchid Collection

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May is a month of transition in South Florida. Early in the month we can expect the driest weather of the year. Because of the clarity of the air and lack of cloud cover, temperatures rise rapidly in the late morning and can reach the upper eighties or nineties by mid afternoon before cooling substantially in late afternoon. Fortunately, over night radiant cooling rapidly dissipates the previous day's heat. May mornings are a delight, the wise orchidist rises early to enjoy them and to finish his chores before the heat sets in. Chief of these should be extensive dragging of hoses.

May's wide temperature swings and dry air suit our orchids to a tee. New growths on sympodial orchids are developing apace and by continuing the careful watering practices of April (i.e. drenching them thoroughly with repeated applications of water to saturate their roots and potting media, then allowing them to dry to nearly 'hard' dry) we can launch them into the summer in vigorous, disease-free growth. Remember, this saturation can only be achieved with two or more soakings to the point of runoff spaced a few minutes apart. Merely holding the water on the plant extra long will not suffice. The water needs to slowly soak into the roots and media. Test the weight of a "benchmark" plant to be satisfied that it is sufficiently heavy to be totally soaked. The arid air of early May will quickly dry the foliage but the roots can draw on the deep reservoir of water that you have provided with this careful, complete watering.

With the increased heat and light of May we do not want to put our orchids on too lean a diet. Fertilize with up to 2 tsp. of 15-5-15 per gal of water every week or so. Alternating with Epsom salts and potassium nitrate at 1 tbs. each per gal. is still a best practice during May. Always substitute fertilizer for a watering and apply like the water in two doses to the point of saturation. Never follow the widely stated but antiquated advice to "water before fertilizing". It's a receipt for over watering without any basis in logic or science, Now is also a good time to apply a soluble trace or micro element fertilizer. Follow the dilution rates on the package as mixtures and strengths differ. You can apply this in conjunction with the Epsom salts/potassium nitrate but never with the 15-5-15, 20-20-20 or any other fertilizer containing phosphorus. In South Florida's highly alkaline water the phosphorus interacts with the other metallic elements, reducing the effectiveness of the trace elements. Potassium nitrate, 13-0-46, is the perfect companion to minor elements because it not only lacks phosphorus which would hinder the absorption of the trace elements but the nitrate nitrogen seems to enhance their uptake.

May is still prime time for re-potting. With cattleyas, dendrobiums and other sympodials, the virtuous among us have long since finished this labor of love, but the majority of us are faced with the moral dilemma of doing the potting now or waiting until next year with the pseudo bulbs of our plants overhanging their pots and proclaiming to the world our sloth. The one instance in which this dilemma must be resolved absolutely in favor of the plant, is when the media has broken down in the pot. This condition will encourage root rot to become stem rot which will pursue the rhizome even into those over arching bulbs. If in doubt, give the media the "nose test". A pinch of media taken from below the surface of the pot should smell "sweet". A sour smell or the odor of a pond bottom indicates media that is broken down and must be replaced as soon as possible.

The case in which this is almost universally true is with plants potted in sphagnum moss. Sphagnum simply will not last beyond one year (even under cover) in South Florida. As the vast

May in Your Orchid Collection, continued....

majority of commercially produced *Phalaenopsis* are now grown in sphagnum, recently acquired plants MUST be re-potted annually. As most Phals. will be finishing their flowers, now is a good time to get them right for the new year's growth. When repotting, one can, of course, choose a more durable media; rock, red wood chips or various mixtures and avoid this annual ritual. Choosing a more durable media will entail modifying one's watering schedule to accommodate the faster draining, quicker drying qualities of these harder substances.

May is a great month for re-setting vandaceous orchids whose baskets have deteriorated or that have grown too tall to be easily managed. Keikies (off-shoots) can be most safely removed now. In both cases choose the most durable containers for the plants so they need not be disturbed for years. Teak or other hard wood baskets and clay pots last longest. Above all make amply sure that the plants are firmly fixed in their lodging. Vandaceous orchids, above all others, are intolerant of being loosely set. The very height of these plants act as a lever to keep them rocking unless we anchor them securely until their new roots affix themselves to the new containers. Stake and tie them securely until their abundant roots take over. Unsightly staking can then be removed.

As we bask, lulled into complacency by the nearly ideal weather of early May, Summer sometimes surprises us. Toward the middle or end of May, the weather in South Florida literally undergoes a sea change. The large continental weather patterns which have dominated our weather through the winter and early Spring give way to the tropics and the prevailing south easterly trade winds return us to the interaction of Gulf Stream and peninsular with its characteristic afternoon thunder showers. Although lacking the clockwork consistency of June, the rains have come and we must be prepared for them.

The relentless and increasing crescendo of rain will, by summer's end, tip the balance in favor of the ubiquitous fungi lurking to attack our orchids. The time to scotch their plans is now; an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Leaving the taxonomic niceties to the experts, fungi which attack orchids in Florida fall into two broad classes; the leaf spotting types (*Cercospora* and *Phyllosticta*) and the soft rots (*Pythium* and *Phytophthora*). Fortunately, for modern orchidists, excellent systemic fungicides exist for both types. While these chemicals are no substitute for good cultural practices, i.e. adequate spacing, brisk air movement; the strongest possible light combined with careful watering, fungicides provide the edge to approach near total control of most fungal diseases even in their ancestral home, South Florida. May is a good time to take stock of the collection and see which plants are overgrown and need more space or perhaps even re-potting. The increase in air circulation is well worth the effort. Trimming shade trees and moving plants to brighter locations are also good strategies for May. May is also a good time to consider a preventative spray program before disease has a chance to get the upper hand in our collections. An ounce of prevention begins now.

Leaf spotting fungi are symptomatic of poor air circulation and inadequate light but even under good growing conditions are rarely entirely absent from orchids in South Florida. This near inevitability results because the same diseases also afflict so many other tropical plants in our gardens. Under the battering of the heavy and sustained rains of our wet season, the most minor of problems can occasionally blossom quickly into a major epidemic. Thiophanate methyl (Cleary's 3336, Domain, Fungo) is the proven and recommended systemic fungicide to control leaf spotting.

May in Your Orchid Collection, continued....

It is even more effective when combined with Mancozeb (Manzate or Dithane M45.) Two pre-packaged combinations are available; (Duosan, and Tops MZ). Always follow label recommendations for rate of application.

To be truly effective, Thiophanate methyl should be applied initially early in the growing season (IE now!), then again in two weeks and then every 5-6 weeks thereafter across the rainy season. Faithfully followed, this regimen will control nearly all leaf spotting fungus, including the dreaded 'Thai crud': *Phyllostictina capitalense*. A spreader sticker enhances the effectiveness of the fungicide by holding it on the plant through the hardest rain.

The soft black rot of sympodial orchids and crown rot in vandas are caused by two different organisms i.e *Pythium* and *Phytophthora* although in effect they are indistinguishable. Control of these diseases necessitates different chemicals from those used on the leaf spotting diseases. Etridiazole (Truban) has long been used. For the amateur it is readily available in combination with Thiophanate Methyl (the recommended chemical for leaf spotting) in the formulation Banrot. Applied in the same manner suggested above for Thiophanate methyl to control leaf spotting fungi, this pre-packaged combination should be adequate for most circumstances and control crown rot as well. If problems persist two other systemics give excellent control: Aliette (Fosetyl-aluminum) and Subdue 2E (metalaxyl).

All chemicals should only be applied at the rates and according to the label instructions. If in doubt about whether to or how to apply a pesticide always call your County Agricultural Agent for advice.



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May 9th Growers Clinic

Seedling Competition Kick Off

Welcome to our annual seedling competition! Each member family will be gifted a seedling of Ctna. Why Not. Members will pot up their seedling and bring it back in one year when we will award the best growers. Plastic pots and media will be provided. You may bring your own pot if you like.

Venice Community Center, Room F. Enter left side of building 7pm. Bring your problem plants for expert help. Guests are welcome.



Gotta Love Me

Special Care for our Baby Plants

At our May Grower's Clinic we'll be sharing some Ctna. Why Not seedling plants for members to pot up and take home to grow. We'll come back in a year and award the best growers. Here are some tips for growing our baby plants.

Seedlings are best potted up into plastic pots as they will require more moisture during their early years. For cattleya seedlings, a fine or medium bark mix is recommended.

Keep your newly potted seedling front and center where you can observe it each day. Do not place your seedlings among your mature plants. They will require more shade than your mature cattleyas. More moisture – maybe twice as much watering – as your mature plants. Be sure the plant is stable in its pot so that the roots can get established. Seedlings are more prone to disease so monitor carefully and treat at the first sign of disease or insects. The love and attention you provide your baby plants in their early years will pay off with healthy blooming plants down the road.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE POPULAR REDLAND ORCHID FEST BUS TRIP

FRIDAY MAY 17TH

LIMITED SEATING

The annual **Redland International Orchid Festival** will be held in Homestead FL May 17 – 19, 2019. Sign up now to secure a seat on the bus for only **\$30 pp**. This includes bus trip and driver gratuity, the \$10 admission fee and a \$5 discount ticket for purchase of an orchid \$25 or more. Snacks and water will be provided on the bus.

Departure is 7am from the Venice Community Center South Parking Lot on Friday May 17th. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early. This is the only pick up and drop off point for the bus.

Estimated arrival time is 11am – 11:30am. For return, the bus will leave the festival at 4pm sharp. There is room under the bus to keep your orchid purchases. We suggest you bring boxes or bags to carry and store your plants. Please label them with your name. One rest room stop is planned for each leg of the trip. We also suggest you bring a hat, sunscreen, umbrella, a jacket or sweater (bus A/C) and as small cooler as we will not stop for dinner on the return trip.

More than 60 orchid vendors from around the world will sell orchids. There will also be lectures and international food available for purchase.

Seating on the bus is limited to 55 people. Payment is due by **May 10th**. Receipt of your payment secures your reservation. You may sell your seat but please notify Janet if you do so.

Make your \$30 check payable to VAOS and mail to:

VAOS, P.O. Box 443, Venice, FL 34284-0443

Seating is limited so do not delay. Contact Janet Keown at social@vaos.org for more information. For festival information visit www.redlandorchidfest.org.

Submitted by Janet Keown, VP, Social Affairs





We are sad to report the loss of three of our members. Shirley Hoffman passed away this month. Shirley and her husband were long time members of VAOS. Her husband, long deceased, served as President of VAOS. Shirley served as Membership Chair for 17 years. Some of you may remember Shirley with her long white-haired braid at our meetings, always with a smile. We honor her memory and contributions to our society.

Monroe Kokin passed away recently following an automobile accident. Monroe was very active with the Sarasota Orchid Society, served as President, and was also a member of VAOS. He was well- known for his contributions to our local orchid community and for his well-grown orchids and fabulous orchid photos. He will be missed.

Ernie Miles passed away in March following a brief illness. He was the husband of Sharon Miles and father of Courtney Miles. Sharon and Courtney have been active members of VAOS for the past three years. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sharon and Courtney for their loss.

April 2019 Meeting Plant Table Awards

Narrative by Cynthia Vance and Photos by Kristin Shaw



First Place and Blue Ribbon was captured by Jimmy Thomas for his spectacular Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Jesse Arnold with 7 upright flowers which mesmerized our members. This orchid was named after Mrs. Jesse Arnold, a founding member of the Kansas City Orchid Society which is now 70 years old. For success in growing 'paphs', place in the diminished light section of the orchid house or oak tree with humidity 45% to 70% -- perfect for Venice. During dryer months, a saucer with crushed rock placed under the plant will slowly evaporate, slightly raising the humidity, as long as roots don't sit in the water causing rot. However, in prolonged extreme heat, one may be wise to

bring them into the house. The mottled leaved varieties can often bloom twice a year. Big congrats to Jimmy!

Second Place and Red Ribbon went to Steve Wiener for his striking Phaius Microburst 'Georges' Gold with 2 handsome spikes, 1.5 feet tall with 9 blooms with creamy chartreuse green with a dark burgundy lip. This terrestrial was created by George Hausermann family's greenhouse just west of Chicago. The flowers have a mild sweet aroma and are almost the size of small cattleyas. The plant produces many spikes when mature and each can have upwards of 20 flowers per stem. For those who love long-lasting blooms, note that they bloom from March to May and the flowers last for months. Thanks for inspiring more of our members to grow phaius orchids, Steve. Beautiful job!!



Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was won by Steve Vogelhaupt for his wonderful Cattleya (C.) minipurple var. coerulea with 4 well-presented bluish (coerulea) flowers. The flower is a cross of C. pumila and C. walkeriana and resulted in just what the hybridizer hoped -- the beautiful blue veins on a broad lip that hasn't the plain shape and coloration of C. pumila and hasn't the odd shape of C. walkeriana. In the early years of blue breeding there were not many known species, so blue breeding was limited to a few possibilities. Today, there are many species and hybrids to breed with, and the quality of blue flowers has been improving rapidly. Steve purchased this plant as a bare root division at the Redlands International Orchid Festival in 2017 and two years later it's a fine specimen! Great cultivation, Steve!

April 2019 Meeting Plant Table Awards, Continued...



Best Species Ribbon was awarded to Debi Wolfe for her lovely Dendrobium (Den.) aggregatum with 5 large spikes and displayed on a piece of driftwood from the Gulf making her presentation exceptional. She soaked the wood to drain out the salt before mounting, then also soaked it in water with bleach to kill any unknown organisms. Debi's cultivating success is due to her giving a banquet of nutrition 'every 10 days or so' to her plants. She switches back and forth between MSU formula or K-lite ordered online. She also adds other supplements as 'side dishes' from time to time: Kelpmax seaweed, Pro-tek and Quantim Orchid, a probiotic. No wonder her plants are such hearty bloomers! Congratulations, Debi!

Both the **New Member Growers Ribbon** and **Speaker's Choice Ribbon** was given to Donna Yurgil for her NOID Phalaenopsis (Phal.) probably a descendant hybrid from the Taiwan Shulong nurseries known for such floral designs. Donna's plant presentation was exquisite – with all the blooms shingling (like overlapping roof shingles) as they cascaded down the spike. Like fine growers of phals, Donna kept the plant facing the same direction as the spike developed so that the resulting flowers faced the same direction. Note to new members: for 2 years your plant only competes with other New Member plants -- so a pink ribbon is waiting for you! Kudos to our new member from Port Charlotte, Donna, for receiving two well-deserved awards!



Members' Choice Ribbon went to Stephanie Luburger for her enchanting Rhyncholaelia (Rl.) digbyana -- a favorite among hobbyists for its green color and deeply fringed lip, and a favorite of hybridizers who crave to transmit those fringes to their new creations. Stephanie's plant fragrance was so strong that the front rows at VAOS were enveloped by its lovely aroma as the plant was held high! This is a clue that the plant is probably pollinated at night from a moth in its native countries of Honduras, Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize. The orchid was discovered by José Antonio Molina Rosito, a Honduran botanist and Professor emeritus at the Zamorano Pan-American School of Agriculture. It was declared the national flower of Honduras (Flor Nacional de Honduras) November 26, 1969. Great job, Stephanie!!

Venice Area Orchid Society Minutes from April 3, 2019

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and remarked about what a nice turnout there was. Carol welcomed all new members and guests with a round of applause by everyone and went over the VAOS meeting format. Carol expressed her excitement about our speaker of the evening, Allen Black from Richmond, VA who is an expert grower. More information can be found on his website: www.ABlackOrchid.com.

Announcements

- ♦ The next Grower's Clinic is Thursday, April 11th at 7 p.m. The topic is Orchid Basics Part 2: Pots, Media, Repotting and Tools and will be presented by Jim Thomas.
- ♦ On May 9th our Grower's Clinic is our Seedling Competition Kick Off with Hands On Potting of VAOS gift plants. 1 year later prizes will be awarded for the best seedling grown by those who participate in the event.
- ♦ May 1st Dr. Michael Kane, UFL Gainesville, will speak on Orchid Conservation and Ghost Orchids.
- ♦ Is everyone getting emails? If you are not please see Sue Grimmer.
- ♦ Judy Loeffler is selling VAOS shirts and hats at the front table.
- ♦ Carol introduced Janet Keown who thanked all those who brought refreshments for the hospitality table.
- ♦ Janet reminded the group that on April 6th the Spring Garden Tour will be held for all VAOS members from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Please no early birds. Tour Don's Greenhouses and Jane and Frank Camarota's growing areas.
- ♦ Janet announced that the Redlands Bus Trip is Friday, May 17. See Judy Loeffler to sign up. Cost is \$30.00 to reserve a seat. For the trip we will meet at the Community Center. Bring a lunch or you can buy your lunch there. Bring cash, however some vendors take credit. Dress for comfort. A hat is recommended. We will leave Redlands for home at 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ Janet introduced Rick Belisle, the Mentor Coordinator, to much enthusiasm and applause.

VAOS is 1 of only 4 Florida Orchid Societies with a mentoring program, explained Rick. Our program was started in 2012 and after tonight we will have 102 Mentees who have graduated! To be eligible to be a Mentee you must be a VAOS member, attend 2 Grower's Clinics and fill out an application available at the front desk or online. To be a Mentor you need to fill out an application and be willing to meet with Mentees at their home to address any concerns they may have. In addition to inviting the Mentees to your home to show them how you grow your orchids.

We currently have 9 Mentors: Peg Fahrenback, Tony Nacinovich, Don Smart, Carol Wood, Pauline Adam, Steve Vogelhaupt, Nora Berger, Steve Wiener, Sybil Levien-Bushell and a new graduate who wants to be a Mentor, Ed Murphy.

Graduates of the Mentor Program tonight will receive pins and include: CJ Bartlett, Nancy Bevin, Peg Heffley, Laurie Houkes, Stephanie and Ken Luburger, Peter and Kristin Meyer, Amanda Mountjoy, Ed Murphy, Gilbert Barnett and Diane Vernon. Graduates received much applause from VAOS members and guests.

Natasha Romero Contreras Introduced Allen Black, the speaker of the evening. Allen has 25 years of hybridizing experience. He works primarily with the Brassavola-Cattleya alliance novelty hybrids, in addition to being a photographer. Tonight he will speak on Novelty Brassavola-Cattleya Alliance Breeding "Spiders & Stars". He received a warm welcome by everyone. He also had a nice selection of plants for sale.

Jooanna Shaw presented the abundant plant table. John Kahnoski was assisted by Natasha Romero Contreras at the overflowing raffle table.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

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Treasurer's Report March 2019

Operating Fund Starting Mar. 1, 2019	\$ 27,595.82
+ Income	\$ 1,075.00
- Payments	\$ 1,404.88
Closing Balanced Mar. 29, 2019	\$ 27,265.94

Petty Cash	\$ 75.00
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Total Operating Fund March, 2019	\$ 27,340.94
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Reserve Fund

Starting Balance March , 2019	\$ 25,003.21
- transfer	\$ 100.00
+Interest Income Mar. 29, 2019	\$ 19.82
Closing Balance Mar. 29, 2019	\$ 24,923.03

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

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Myakka City, FL (941-322-8777)



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center. 6:30pm. Speaker: Dr. Michael Kane, UFL Gainesville Topic: Orchid Conservation in the Everglades

May 9 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic. Venice Community Center 7pm. Seedling Competition Kick Off. See details in this newsletter

May 17 (Friday) – Redlands Bus Trip. 2019 Redland International Orchid Festival, May 17 – 19. See details in this newsletter.

June 5 (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center. 6:30pm. Speaker: *John Budree* Topic: *Growing Better Orchids in South Florida*.

June 13 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic. Venice Community Center 7pm. Orchid Plant Dividing, presentation and demonstration.

July 19 – 20 – International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) Symposium. Highland Manor, 604 E. Main St., Apopka. Info: www.phal.org

Save the Date

October 10 (Thursday) – VAOS Octoberfest! Venice Community Center, 5pm. Catered by Geier's Sausage Kitchen. Traditional German food, beer & wine, music, dancing, door prizes and more. \$5. pp

December 15 (Sunday) – VAOS Annual Holiday Party. Boca Royale Country Club, Englewood. 11am. Fabulous holiday brunch, music, door prizes. More 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

May 1st

Bring a friend

Bring a treat to share

Donate plants for the Raffle Table

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