

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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October 2019

October General Meeting



**Wednesday, October 2nd at 7 pm
(doors open at 6:30p)**

**Location: Venice Community
Center**

Speaker: *Phillip Hamilton*

**Topic: *Phalenopsis Species/
Hybrids***

Phillip was born and raised in Jamaica where he inherited his dad's passion for orchids and grew up working in his parents' orchid nursery, Hamlyn Orchids. Although his dad's true orchid passion is with the Jamaican native Broughtonia's and their hybrids, Phillip's passion leaned heavily toward Phalaenopsis, which he has been growing and hybridizing since the age of eight.

He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and is an American Orchid Society (AOS) Accredited Judge.

Professionally, Phillip has worked for two major orchid production nurseries in Central Florida as a grower and grower/manager. In 2013, he formed his own business (part-time), Bredren Orchids, to facilitate the small-scale sale of some of the more unique Phalaenopsis and Broughtonia species and hybrids he grows and breeds. He now manages Bredren Orchids full-time since 2017, with the generous help of his wife, Liz. They are currently working on developing this business into more than just the mail-order only entity it now is.

Phillip will be bringing a variety of plants for sale, including novelty Phalaenopsis species/hybrids and Broughtonia/Cattleya related species and hybrids.

October 2019 Events

**Wednesday
October 2nd**

**Monthly meeting 6:30pm
Speaker: *Phillip Hamilton*
Topic: *Phalenopsis Species/
Hybrids***

**Thursday
October 10th**

**VAOS Octoberfest
5-7 pm
Venice Community Center**

*****Please note: No growers
clinic in October*****

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October Culture Tip and Growers Clinic

Yellow Sticky Cards for Bush Snails



Plagued by those tiny pesky snails that are nearly impossible to eradicate? Here's a little trick I learned a few years ago:

Cut a piece of the yellow sticky cards sold in agricultural supply houses for trapping small flying insects and insert it into the pots. Wait a couple of days. If you have bush snails they will be attracted to the card and get stuck. You will not get them all but you will get an amazing number of them.

Sara Johnson. AOS Magazine, September 2019

Next Growers Clinic – November 14th

The November Growers Clinic will discuss different types of growing areas and how to prepare for cold weather.

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.



Monthly Checklist for September and October

□ Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

□ Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

□ Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Monthly Checklist for September and October, continued

□ **Dendrobium**

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

□ **Rhynchostele bicktoniensis**

Both *Rhynchostele bicktoniensis* and its *hybrids* bloom in this season. *Rhynchostele bicktoniensis*, formerly known as *Lemboglossum*, *Odontoglossum*) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: sulphureum (green with white lip), album (brown with white lip) and roseum (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in Odcdm. Bittersweet and Odm. bicross) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for odontoglossum beginners and advanced alike.

□ **Paphiopedilum**

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

□ **Phalaenopsis**

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Article written by Ned Nash and James Rose, published by American Orchid Society



VAOS Oktoberfest Party

**Thursday, October 10th
5-9pm**

Venice Community Center

Catered by Geier's

**Menu: German appetizer, bratwurst, sauerkraut
german potato salad, and dessert,
beer, wine and soft drinks**

**Polka music! Wear your dancing shoes! Wear your lederhosen!
Blooming orchid plant raffle**

\$5 pp includes dinner, two drink tickets and one raffle ticket.

**Party Theme: Dankeschon! Thanks to all our members and volunteers for
making VAOS great**

**Sign up at our October 2nd meeting. If you cannot make the meeting you
may contact Janet Keown to reserve your seat and pay at the door.**

Janet Keown 941-493-7334 email: Social@vaos.org

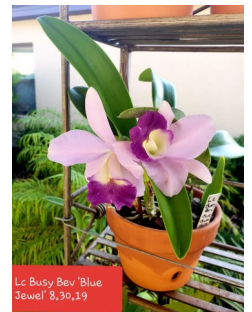
September 2019 Plant Photos

Since the September meeting was cancelled members were asked on the Venice Area Orchid Society Facebook Page to post photos of the plants that they would have brought to the meeting. Please see the beautiful blooms we missed!



Phal. Belina posted by Stephanie Luburger

A beautiful Vanda and Lc. Busy Bev 'Blue Jewel' from Ian Kennedy



Lc. Renata from Janet Keown

Rlc. Ralph Placentia 'Toreador' x Royal Pavillion
'Summer Spectacular from Joanna Shaw



C. granulosa 'Paul' x C. Caudebec 'Linwood' from Vicki Fisher.
This plant was a raffle table bare root division!

Don't forget our monthly Raffle Table when dividing your plants. Many new members start their collections from our raffle table. Share your plants and support our society.

September 2019 Plant Photos, Continued...



Catesetum Judy Wagner, also from Vicki Fisher

Phal. Equestris Coerulea and Phal. Equestris
from Kristin Shaw



NOID Dendrobium from new member Denise Rychlik

NOID Cattleya from Vicki Fisher



Thank you to everyone who participated!

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<https://www.facebook.com/veniceareaorchidsociety/>

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.



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Upcoming Local Grower Sales

2019 Fall Tent Sale

Florida SunCoast Orchids

8227 Verna Bethany Road
Myakka City, FL 34251

Guest Vendors:
Miranda Orchids
Joanna's Orchid Pottery

Only Saturday October 12, 2019

Open: 9-4

Honey Bee Nursery Sale

Going on now!

2383 Englewood Rd
Englewood, FL 34223 941-474-6866



- ♦ Vandas in 2 in mesh pots: \$15 each or 3 for \$28
- ♦ Miscellaneous seedlings in 2 in pots \$8 each or 3 for \$20
- ♦ Dendrobiums in 3 in pots \$15 each or 3 for \$30
- ♦ Dendrobiums in 4 in pots \$20 each or 2 for \$30

Treasurer's Report August 2019

Operating Fund	Starting August 1, 2019	\$19,232.48
+ Income		\$ 100.00
- Payments		\$ 1,319.90
Closing Balance	August 30, 2019	\$18,012.58
Petty Cash		\$ 75.00
Total Operating Fund August 2019		\$18,087.58

Reserve Fund

Starting Balance	August 1, 2019	\$24,778.63
- transfer		
+Interest Income	August 30, 2019	\$ 4.07
Closing Balance	August 30, 2019	\$24,782.70

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer



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VAOS Annual Holiday Party

Sunday December 15, 2019

Boca Royale Country Club
1601 Englewood Rd. (Rt 776)
Englewood

11am Holiday Brunch

Followed with an Orchid Plant Auction

\$20pp

Brunch Buffet includes:

Egg station including omelets made to order
Smoked bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes
Eggs Benedict, Corned beef hash
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, NY style egg strata
Waffles, Cheese Blintzes, Carved Ham
Pasta, Potato and five bean salad
Fresh fruit, Desserts, Assorted breads & pastries
Coffee and tea, Cash bar
Casual dress (no shorts)

Holiday gift orchid seedling to each member household

Sign up at our October 2nd or November 6th meeting or

Mail check payable to VAOS to:
PO BOX 443

Venice, FL. 34284-0443

Note "Holiday Party" & attendee names on your check

Support Our Local Growers and Vendors!

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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)

Just One More Orchid/Few Of My Favorite Things

212 W. Virginia Ave.
Punta Gorda, FL (www.justonemoreorchid.com)



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2 (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center. 6:30pm. Speaker: Philip Hamilton
Topic: Phalenopsis Species/Hybrids

October 5-6 – 73rd Miami International Orchid Show, Coral Gables, FL info: www.sforchid.com

October 10 (Thursday) No Growers Clinic this month.

October 10 (Thursday) – **VAOS** Octoberfest! Venice Community Center, 5pm -9pm. Catered by Geier's. Traditional German food, beer & wine, music, dancing, door prizes and more. \$5. pp. See article in this newsletter for details.

October 12 – Florida SunCoast Orchids Fall Tent Sale. See flyer in this newsletter.

October 12-13 – Gainesville Orchid Society Show, Gainesville, FL. Info: neilmacleod@bellsouth.net.

October 16–20 – AOS Fall Members Meeting and East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale. R.F. Orchids, Homestead, FL Info: www.orchidseeos.com

November 2 – 20th International Slipper Orchid Symposium, Apopka, FL. Info: www.slippersymposium.com

November 6 (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center. 6:30pm Speaker: Dr. David Barry Topic: Orchidmania – How it All Began

November 14 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic. Venice Community Center Room F. 7pm. Presentation - Growing Areas and Protecting Your Orchids from the Cold

December 15 (Sunday) – VAOS Annual Holiday Party. Boca Royale Country Club, Englewood. 11am. Fabulous holiday brunch, music, auction, holiday gift. See article in this newsletter.

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 October 2nd

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

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