

Newsletter

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November 2019

### **November General Meeting**

Wednesday, November 6th at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30p)

**Location: Venice Community Center** 

Speaker: Dr. David Berry, Ringling College

Topic: Orchidmania—How It All Began



David Berry is the Associate Director of Academic Affairs and Special Projects at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art. David teaches courses on museum studies at Florida State University and the history of museums and art of natural history at New College of Florida.

He has worked as a consultant at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens since 2014 and is the guest curator of The Orchid Show in Selby Gardens' Museum of Botany and the Arts.



Orchid Envy will have plants for sale.

# November 2019 Events

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Monthly meeting 6:30pm

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## Thursday November 14th

Growers Clinic 7pm

Venice Community Center

Room F

Topic: Growing Areas and Protecting Your Orchids from Cold Weather

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## **November Culture Tip and Growers Clinic**

### **November Culture Tip**

#### TIME FOR SOME ORCHIDS TO TAKE THEIR WINTER REST

Some of our orchids require a dryer winter rest with no fertilizer to ensure they bloom in the spring. Nobile type dendrobiums (also chrysanthum, anosom and other species) need reduced watering and no fertilizer from around Thanksgiving to spring when they bloom. The catasetum alliance plants require a complete dry winter rest as they go into dormancy until spring. Remove them from your growing area to ensure they are not watered. Resume watering in the spring when substantial roots have developed.

#### **November Growers Clinic**

## Members' Orchid Growing Areas <u>and</u> Protecting Your Orchids in Cold Weather

Thursday, November 14h,

#### **Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm**

Wonder how our members grow their orchids? Do you know the lowest temperature your orchids can tolerate? Do you know how to protect them from cold weather? Please join us for the November Growers Clinic when Jimmy Thomas and the Growers Clinic Team will answer these questions.



Bring your problem plants for expert help.

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

Note: Park on the left side of the building and enter Room F at the side entrance. Guests are welcome.



#### **OCTOBERFEST PARTY RECAP**

Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> was our first ever VAOS Octoberfest Party, at the Venice Community Center, and it was a huge, fun, and delicious event. 140 members joined us. Some comments from our partyers were 'wunderbar all over', 'a blast', 'a great night with a group of orchid lovers', 'fun party', 'delicious food', 'fabulous German pretzels', 'lively, happy crowd', 'cute decorations'! Danke and congratulations to Janet Schappell Keown and her whole team of volunteers for making this very first Octoberfest such a success! For \$5 per person we each received 1 raffle ticket (for a chance to win 1 of the 10 blooming orchids), 2 drink tickets, plus a full dinner and dessert catered by Geier's. The hall was transformed into a German party with cute decorations, polka music, and many folks in festive German attire. What a fun time!



Submitted by Kate Burda



#### **Orchid Intensive Care Unit**

Dr. Courtney Hackney
November 2011 Reprint

Experienced hobbyists have learned a lesson over the years that many newer hobbyists do not like to hear. If an orchid wants to die, don't spend a lot of time trying to save it. This is often a hard lesson for new growers who just spent what seemed like a large amount of money for a gorgeous orchid plant in flower or for some unusual species that a speaker was selling. The fact is that once an orchid plant starts "toward the light" it's hard to stop it. Also, growers with many plants want to remove that potential carrier of disease from the growing area as well as spend their limited time on other orchids that are growing well.

There are times, however, when you just are not willing to let an orchid die. It might be a very rare and hard-to-find orchid, or it might be the first orchid you purchased. Just about everyone has "nostalgic" orchids in their collection. While difficult, orchids headed toward that great mulch pile in the sky can often be brought back. Here are some of the tricks of the trade. Before reading this, remember that orchids do not have immune systems like animals. Treating orchids requires that you understand and take advantage of the mechanisms that orchids use to fight disease and pests.

Instead of moving disease fighting cells to the infection like we do, orchids instead separate healthy cells from unhealthy cells by building walls between healthy and unhealthy tissues. Infection of a plant has an entry point every time. This fact can be as important in treating an orchid as the diagnosis.

The first step is coming up with a diagnosis. If you can see where the problem started, there is an excellent chance that the plant can be saved. Often, the tip of a leaf or a new growth turns black indicating where the rot has started. If there is healthy tissue on the rhizome or at the base of the leaf the orchid can generally be saved.

Most fast acting diseases are caused by bacteria. If bacteria have penetrated to new growths or reached the center of a phal or vanda, it is often too late, but it can be worth a try if it is a very special plant. My first tactic is to remove all of the black or dead tissue, which requires removal of the plant from the pot. Totally wash all media from roots. I use a small jet from a hose to wash the orchid. Next, I spray the entire plant with household hydrogen peroxide. Then, place the plant on a newspaper in a spare room where there is plenty of air movement and little humidity. The main point is to kill the bacteria and stop the infection.

Check the plant each morning and night before bed for any soft or watery spots and remove any you find followed by spraying the new wound with hydrogen peroxide. Your plant should remain dry and will look desiccated. Avoid the temptation to mist. If after a week no new rot spots have appeared and the orchid is green, you have a chance to save it. Put the plant at the bottom of a new clay pot and set it in a shady part of the greenhouse. At this point, I will move it out when I water because I do not want the plant to get wet until I see signs of growth. When new roots or leaves appear, water it. Once roots begin to attach to the pot, gently place a small quantity of media in the pot and leave it alone until it is clear that the orchid has resumed growing. Next move it back to the proper light level. If caught early, an orchid with rot can be saved.

## In Memoriam



VAOS member Beverly S. Manypenny, 72, of Osprey, FL passed away on September 20, 2019. She was a regular participant at our annual show, often working the Orchid Boutique on both Saturday and Sunday. Bev was an active member of Chapter FE, P.E.O. Sisterhood and volunteered at the Osprey Library. Her husband, Jerry, pre-deceased her in July.

#### **AOS CORNER**

Visit the American Orchid Society (AOS) website to download (free) "The Fully Illustrated Beginners Guide to Orchid Care"

Check out the upcoming webinars on their website. Register to view them live or check out the library of webinars to view at your leisure.



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#### Sarasota Orchid Society (January 2020)

Friday Set up Jan 3rd - 9am - 5pm

Saturday Show Jan 4th - 9am - 5pm

Sunday Show Jan 5th - 10am - 5pm

Sunday Take Down Jan 5th - 5pm

Location: Sarasota Municipal Auditorium: 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Theme: Orchids in Paradise

Show Chair: Marta Hudson martadiazhudson@gmail.com, Financial Show

Chair: Ramsey Sadi rssadi119@hotmail.com

#### Venice Area Orchid Society (February 2020)

Friday Set Up Jan 31st – 1pm – 8pm

Saturday Show Feb 1st - 10am - 5pm

Sunday Show Feb 2nd - 10am - 4pm

Sunday Take Down Feb 2nd - 4pm

Location: Venice Community Center: 326 So. Nokomis Ave., Venice

Theme: Orchid Island

Show Chairs: Carol Wood & Judy Loeffler ShowChair@vaos.org

#### Englewood Area Orchid Society (March 2020)

Thursday March 12th Set Up – 10am – 5pm

Friday Show March 13st - 10am - 5pm

Saturday Show March 14th - 10am - 5pm

Saturday Take Down March 14th - 5pm

Location: Englewood United Methodist Church: 700 E. Dearborn St.

Theme: Orchids By Lemon Bay

Show Chair: Mary Anne DiGrazia tommaryanne@centurylink.net

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## **October 2019 Meeting Plant Table Awards**

Narrative and photos by Cynthia Vance



First Place was presented to Vicki Fisher for her stately Dendrobium (Den.) Nuevo green. Vicki has created a stunning floriferous plant — a real stand out for those who want huge bouquet of bright lime-green flowers! This is great for the collector who wants an 'easy to care for' robust plant with wide fleshy oval leaves that tolerates heat and direct sun quite well. The blooming inflorescences of this plant are very popular in the bouquets of brides and maidens at weddings, and florists advertise these orchids frequently on their websites. Vicki's plant had a lovely flow and she cleaned the leaves to show off them, as well as the blooms. All this made for a beautiful presentation, Congratulations Vicki!!

Second Place and Red Ribbon was won by Mike Mayers for his delicate and statuesque Dendrobium hybrid – having more than 40 flowers with a touch of violet at the top of each lip. Though it was tagged Dendrobium (Den.) carronii 'Darcie', a species, it appears the wrong tag jumped onto this plant. Well, this happens to many of us. With both photo and descriptive research, it is clear that Den. carronii has long dark glossy and twisty maroon petals, with much shorter whitish sepals and a bright yellow-green lip. Now, we look forward to seeing the 'real' Den. carronii from Mike's collection! Never the less, Mike's plant is a fine specimen for he's cultivated a stately, multiflorous plant, well-deserving of this award. Fine growing, Mike!





Third Place Yellow Ribbon was awarded to Stephanie Luberger for her Rhycholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Volcano Lovely 'Volcano Queen' with its luscious deep red flowers. It is a hybrid of Rlc. Mem. Crispin Rosales x Rlc. Mem. Hide Atkasuka and was created by Mr. Moriyasu Akatsuka, the well-known founder and hybridizer of Akatsuka Orchid Gardens. The gardens are located on the Big Island of Hawaii on Volcano Road near Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park. This gorgeous cattleya blooms up to 3 weeks and is still sold by the Gardens. Their plants

are clones, which means the bloom will look exactly like Stephanie's and the photo on their website. Congratulations Stephanie!!

Best Species Purple Ribbon was presented to Joanna Shaw for her charming Phalaenopsis (Phal.) cornu-cervi, which the proud residents of Borneo call 'The Borneo Phalaenopsis'. It produces speckled, waxy and shiny flowers -- 1 or 2 blooms per spike – sequentially from May to October, bringing long-term satisfaction. Originally, due to its small V-shape on the lip's calli, it was called Phal. borneensis, understood as distinct species from Phal. cornu-cervi, also native to Borneo. However, it's now officially named Phal. cornu-cervi! With good care it thrives in Venice for our climate is similar to that of its native island. Congratulations, Joanna and thanks for showing us this delightful orchid species!



## October Plant Table Awards, Continued...



New Member Grower Pink Ribbon was awarded to Donna Yurgil for her Rhycholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Arom Gold 'Volcano Queen', a cross of C. Prachuab's Delight x Rlc. Anglinantana which was registered in 1990. Donna's plant had two 4-5-inch huge blooms. They were flaunting bright yellow petals and sepals and showing off an open purple-red lip. Best of all they exude a delicious fragrance! These are the high standards, that Donna's plant surely met. This hybrid was created at Akatsuka Orchid Gardens, Hawaii and exact clones (not different looking progeny) are available for all. Great growing of a splendid plant, Donna!!

Members Choice Green Ribbon was given to Gunther R. Lobisch for his stunning 'NOID' Cattleya. It was a gorgeous iridescent pinkorange flower which shimmered under the bright light and its ruffled lip added to its 'knock-out' appearance. Through my extensive research, it's possible that the plant is Rlc. Turner's Ace 'Tropical Treasure' and is available at E.F.G. Orchids which moved from the Chicagoland area to Deland, Florida. With 20,000 square feet of space, E.F.G. has built a reputation for having clean, reasonably priced, well-grown and established plants along with great customer service. Gunther has rebloomed this plant for 10+ years. Exquisite work, Gunther!



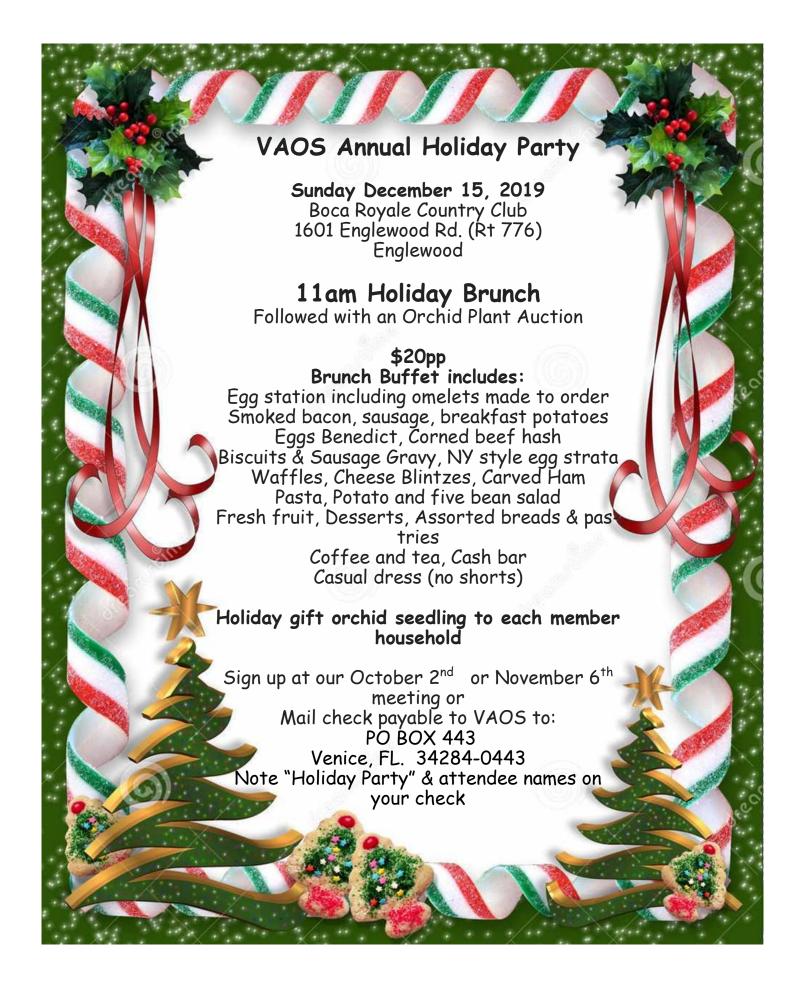


Speaker's Choice White Ribbon was presented to Donn Smart for his graceful paphiopedilum, a hybrid of 2 species, Paph. parishii x Paph. lowii which grow epiphytically on the trees in SE Asia. Donn's plant had 11 graceful blooms -- a lovely mixture of red, yellow and brown. Don grows this plant in his new self-constructed, 'cold' shade house whereby his paphs receive maximum sun (notice the high yellow-green leaves) yet are spared the highest summer heat and heavy humidity. He strives to keep the plants in the low to mid 80's in the summer with 75 degrees at night,

though sometimes, it is hotter for short periods of time. Last year, this very plant had 4 blooms, and now it's almost 3 times that size! Thanks, Donn for inspiring us to grow beautiful paphs!

#### Thank you to everyone who brought their orchids to share!

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.



## **VAOS 2019 Show Sponsors**

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## **Upcoming Local Grower Sales**

## Plantio La Orquidea Fall Sale

Rafael and Tina invite you to their annual Fall Open House that will take place on Friday November 15 and Saturday November 16 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Come and enjoy many specially priced plants and all the variety of our species and exclusive hybrids. Included in this invitation is a coupon for \$5 off a purchase of \$25 or more, valid for the dates of the event. We look forward to seeing you there!



## **OPLANTÍO LA ORQUÍDEA**



## Palmer Orchids Fall Open House



## **EASO Annual Members Plant Sale**

VAOS members are invited to participate in the Englewood Area Orchid Society Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, November 2nd
9a-12p
Christ Lutheran Church
701 N. Indiana Ave (Rte. 776)
Englewood

Orchids, other plants, orchid related arts and crafts can be sold.

Tables provided but bring your own plastic table cloth

20% of your sale proceeds goes to EAOS

Contact Mary Anne Digrazia, President EAOS if you would like to participate: tommaryanne@centurylink.net 941-697-9237



### **Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 2, 2019

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Carol welcomed all new members and guests and wished everyone a good evening. Carol went over the meeting format for the evening.

#### **Announcements**

- The speaker tonight is Phil Hamilton, Phalaenopsis Species/Hybrids.
- Janet Keown was introduced and thanked everyone for the generous treat table at tonight's meeting and reviewed the upcoming events.
- Octoberfest is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Sign up by tonight. There will be no Grower's Clinic this month. Octoberfest will take place in this room and will include food, drinks, music, orchids and great conversation with fellow orchid enthusiasts. It will be from 5:00 9:00 pm. There will also be a chance to win beautiful orchids from the raffle.
- ◆ The Holiday Party will be at Boca Royale Country Club in Englewood at 11:00am Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Brunch Buffet and will cost \$20.00 per person. A grand piano player will accompany the delicious food and gift seedlings will be given out to each family. There will also be an orchid auction. Dress is Christmas casual. Sign up is open now.
- Florida SunCoast Orchids is having their 2019 Fall Tent Sale on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-4:00pm. Guest vendors include our own Joanna Shaw's Orchid Pottery.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> is our next VAOS Meeting. Dr. David Barry will speak on the topic: Orchidmania How It All Began.
- Please join us on November 14<sup>th</sup> for our Grower's Clinic. The Topic is: Growing Areas and Protecting Your Orchids from the Cold.

Natasha Contreras Romero introduced our speaker of the evening, Phillip Hamilton. He is a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation orchid grower. He will speak to us about the "Face of Orchids", the phalaenopsis. A round of applause welcomed Phillip to the front of the room.

The plant table was presented by Joanna Shaw and Kristen Shaw. The table was full of beautiful plants grown by our members.

John and Sharon Konowski ran the raffle table to the delight of the lucky winners.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

#### 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 <a href="mailto:Pres@VAOS.org">Pres@VAOS.org</a>. 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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Treasurer's Report September 2019		
Operating Fund Starting Aug 31, 2019 + Income - Payments Closing Balance September 30, 2019	\$18,087.58 \$ 100.00 \$ 1,897.35 \$16,215.23	
Petty Cash	\$ 75.00	
Total Operating Fund September 2019	\$16,290.23	
Reserve Fund		
Starting Balance August 31, 2019 - transfer	\$24,782.70	
+Interest Income Sept. 30, 2019	\$ 4.21	
Closing Balance Sept. 30, 2019	\$24,786.91	
Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer		

## **Support Our Local Growers and Vendors!**

#### **Honey Bee Nursery**

2383 Englewood Road (Rt. 776) Englewood, FL (941-474-6866)

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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, FI (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)



<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u> November 2 – 20<sup>th</sup> International Slipper Orchid Symposium, Apopka, FL. Info: www.slippersymposium.com

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

November 9-10 - Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show. River Walk Center, Ft. Pierce. Info: rita2zfpos@gmail.com

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

November 15-16 – Plantio La Orquida Fall Sale. 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota. 9am – 4pm. See coupon in this newsletter

November 16-17 – Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Show. Safe Schools Institute, Boca Raton, FL. Info: crbabcock1@netzero.net

December 4 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) – No Monthly Meeting this month

December 7 – Mid-Lakes Orchid Society Auction. Rogers Park, Leesburg FL. Info: sofbal8888@aol.com

December 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) – No Growers Clinic this month

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 November 6th**

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

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