



# VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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December 2019

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*



## December Events

No Monthly Meeting

No Growers Clinic

**December 15th at 11am**

**VAOS Holiday Party, Boca  
Royale Country Club,  
Englewood**

## January 2020 Events

**January 4-5**

**Sarasota Orchid Society  
Annual Show and Sale  
Sarasota Municipal  
Auditorium**

**Wednesday January 8**

**Monthly meeting  
Speaker: *Francisco Miranda*  
Topic: *Orchids of Brazil***

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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 salads  
Fresh fruit, Desserts, Assorted breads & pastries  
Coffee and tea, Cash bar  
Casual dress (no shorts)

Holiday gift orchid seedling to each  
member household

**Reservations are full. Regret  
we can not accommodate any  
more for brunch.**

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



## November 14th Growers Clinic Recap

Jim Thomas and Jay Loeffler gave an excellent presentation on Protecting Your Orchids in Cold Weather. Here are some general guidelines they presented:

- ♦ Phalaenopsis. need temperatures down to 50-60\* to initiate flower spikes
  - ♦ Cool growing Cymbidiums benefit from temperatures down to the 40\*'s to initiate flower spikes
  - ♦ Reduce watering during the winter months.
  - ♦ Vandas are sensitive to temps below 60\*
  - ♦ Phalaenopsis-type dendrobiums are sensitive to temps below 60\*
  - ♦ Other dendrobiums enjoy nighttime temps in the 50\*'s
  - ♦ Cattleyas don't mind cooler temps into the 50\*'s and mature plants can tolerate down to 35\* nighttime temps.
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## There is no December Growers Clinic

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## January Growers Clinic

On **January 9th**, Naoki Kawamura will present: *Culture Basics for Vandas*. Naoki is one of our best vanda growers and will share his growing tips.

Venice Community Center. 7pm. Park on the left side of the building and enter Room F at the side entrance. Bring problem plants for expert help. Guests are welcome.

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

## Membership Dues Are Now Due

VAOS renewal dues must be received no later than **December 31<sup>st</sup>** to maintain your membership.

Dues are \$20 per household. If you have joined or renewed since October 1<sup>st</sup> you are paid through 2020. Mail your check, payable to VAOS, to:

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

This is also the time to make sure we have your current contact information - address, phone and email address. If your contact information has changed, please notify Sue Grimmer, Membership Chair, at: [memb@VAOS.org](mailto:memb@VAOS.org)

*Submitted by Sue Grimmer*



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# **Orchid Show & Sale**

**Venice Area Orchid Society Presents**

***"Orchid Island"***

**February 1-2, 2020**

**Saturday 10am - 5pm**

(displays open at 11am)

**Sunday 10am - 4pm**

**Venice Community Center**

326 S. Nokomis Ave.  
Venice, Florida

**Admission \$5**

(under 10 free)

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**Thousands of Blooming Orchids, Orchid Classes, Orchid Art & Supplies**

# **Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!**

## **Sarasota Orchid Society Show**

**Saturday Jan 4th - Sunday Jan 5th**

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

**Sarasota Theme: Orchids in Paradise**

Our first orchid show of the season, the annual Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS) Show and Sale. Show hours are Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. Setup is Friday, January 3rd, 2020, 9am - 5pm.

Your blooming plants are needed to create our display. We will collect and transport your plants to the show and ensure their safe return to you on Monday following the show. Bring your plants to one of two locations by Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> no later than 6pm:

South Venice: Carol Wood, 4941 Bella Terra Dr., Venice (Venetia), 497-4995 (Leave on front porch)

Venice Island: Bruce Weaver, 328 West Bay Dr., Venice, 800-7804 (leave by front door)

Or bring them to the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am

**All plants must be registered in advance via email by Wednesday, January 1st, 8pm:**

**Email your plant name with a photo or bloom size and color description to [PlantReg@VAOS.org](mailto:PlantReg@VAOS.org).**

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and labeled with both the plant name and the owner's name. Flowers should be in prime condition to last through the weekend show. Please water your plants thoroughly and place in a box or container for transport to the show.

We need help transporting plants and with display set up on Friday and take down on Sunday. If you can help, please contact Jay Loeffler at 485-9569

## Preparing Your Orchid for the Show Exhibit

If your really nice plants are in full bloom during the show weekend, you may want to consider entering it into the VAOS display exhibit or exhibiting the plant individually for a potential award.

**Identify Your Plant:** To make sure your plant is properly labeled and to make sure you get your plant back after the show, some helpful steps are necessary.

**PLANTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN AVANCE BY EMAIL:** PlantReg@VAOS.org. Email your plant name with a photo or flower color description and flower size (larger or smaller than 5"). The Plant Register will send you a number to identify your plant. You should mark your pot with this number and your name, with masking tape and a Sharpie pen.

**Groom Your Plant:** You should remove dead or brown leaves and pseudobulbs from the plant. Make sure it is insect and disease free. Clean the leaves with a mildly acidic solution like white vinegar, lemon juice, Sprite, 7 Up, etc to remove calcium build up or other spotting. Remove trash, debris, stems and weeds from the pot. Stake the inflorescence to show the flower to its best advantage. If you can plan ahead of time it is best to stake the spike as it emerges, a older spike is harder and can break off easier. These are often needed to support the flower spike but should not distract the eye. Keep them looking as natural as possible. Stakes should not protrude beyond the top of the last bloom flower, but should allow the flowers to be kept away from the foliage. It may also protect the flower spike from damage during travel to the show.

**Getting Your Plant to the Show:** If you are can't bring your plants to the setup of the display, arrangements will be made to transport your plant to the show. In either case, secure your plant in a carry box with newspapers to hold the plant stationary. The plants must be ready no later than the day before set up.

**Checklist:** To follow for preparing your plants.

- ☐ Clean the pseudobulbs and leaves (water helps to soften the dry papery sheath coverings around mature pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off).
- ☐ Make sure the media in the container is clean and free of weeds.
- ☐ Wipe the top of the leaves (vinegar, lemon juice, sprite, 7 up, diluted milk, etc.) to remove residue. Do not use commercial spray to shine the leaves, it is not good for the plant or judging.
- ☐ Carefully inspect plant for pests and if any are found remove them with alcohol and a Q tip. If there is a bad infestation, do not bring the plant to the show.
- ☐ Inspect the flowers for thrips and other damage. If a flower is marred by the spots, it is better to leave the plant at home.
- ☐ Carefully stake the inflorescence if this will help present the flowers to their best advantage. If you can plan ahead of time it is best to train the inflorescence as it emerges and is soft, a mature inflorescence is hardened off and can break easily.
- ☐ Remove any wire hangers, hoops, etc and water each plant thoroughly before bringing to the show.



## 2020 VAOS ORCHID SHOW & SALE

**FEBRUARY 1-2, 2020**

The Venice Area Orchid Society (VAOS) will present our 54th annual show and sale at the Venice Community Center in beautiful downtown Venice, FL on February 1-2, 2020. Our show theme this year is "*Orchid Island*". Sixteen vendors will exhibit and sell 1000's of blooming orchid plants as well as orchid floral arrangements, artwork, jewelry, accessories and supplies. The show is widely regarded as the most popular orchid show on Florida's west coast and comes just before Valentine's Day.

This major community event is expected to draw over 4000 attendees. Nationally recognized growers from as far away as Hawaii will exhibit and sell orchids. They include:

Accent Orchids	Mac's Orchids
Art Stone Orchids	Miranda Orchids
Carmela Orchids	Odom's Orchids
Florida SunCoast Orchids	Palmer Orchids
Krull-Smith	Plantio La Orquidea

Artists and Supply Vendors include:

- OFE International Orchid Supplies
- Carol Marcus Water Color Artist
- Joanna Shaw Clay Pots
- Just One More Orchid
- The VAOS Orchid Boutique
- The VAOS Member's Arts & Crafts Display
- Orchid Envy

For our show, 20-25 American Orchid Society (AOS) accredited judges travel from around the country to judge this event. Cash awards and trophies are awarded to the best exhibits and plants in each class.

The Venice Area Orchid Society is one of the largest and most active orchid societies in the U.S. with more than 450 members. Our mission is to foster orchid growing, to provide a forum for orchid exhibition, to promote orchid conservation, and to share the knowledge and experience of growers and hobbyists. We are an affiliate of the American Orchid Society. Our annual show is our major fund raising event and is always held the first full weekend in February at the Venice Community Center in downtown Venice.

Please volunteer to support our show! See the following volunteer list for where we need help. Email [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto:ShowChair@VAOS.org) to sign up.

## AOS MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Please consider donating your old issues of AOS Magazine to the VAOS for our 2020 show. Last year we raised a significant amount of money from the sale of magazines. We sell them for \$1 each and they are popular with new members and show attendees. Sales proceeds benefit the VAOS.



# Volunteer for our 2020 Show

**Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> 11am -8pm Set Up**

**Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 10am - 5pm**

**Sunday February 2nd 10am - 4pm**

<b>Show Committee</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Job</b>	<b># Volunteer Slots</b>
<b>Set Up</b> Coord: Jerry Daenzer 284-5001	Friday 1/31/19 11am - 2pm	Set up the hall for exhibits. Lay plastic, assist vendors in bringing in plants and greenery. Some strong backs needed.	0 All set
<b>Take Down</b> Coord: Ed Soentgen & Carol Wood 497-4995	Sunday 2/2/20 3:45pm - 6pm	Show take down and clean up. Assist removal of plants and displays. Dispose of trash, sweep floor. Fresh/rested volunteers needed.	0 All set
<b>Clerks</b> Coord: Mary Anne Digrazia 697-9237	Saturday 2/1/20 7:30am - 10:30am	Work with AOS judges finding and pointing out plants in the exhibits and placing ribbons. A great learning experience as the judges share their knowledge of what makes a quality plant and flower!	0 All set
<b>Front Door Admissions</b> Coord: Elaine Ortt 485-5313	Saturday 2/1/20 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/2/20 9:45am - 4pm	Sell admission tickets. Cashier skills required. A sit down job. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Saturday or Sunday.	7 more
<b>Show Hosts</b> Coord: Sharon & John Kahnoski 616-581-9131	Friday 1/31/19 11:30 - 7pm Saturday 2/1/20 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/2/20 9:45am - 4pm	Monitor entrances and exits. Ensure visitors don't step into displays. Serve as Show Host for AOS judges, other societies and vendors. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Some sit down jobs.	34 more
<b>Hospitality/Food</b> Coord: Linda & Bruce Hahn 408-7646	Friday , Saturday and Sunday	Bring your favorite dish Friday, Saturday or Sunday: hot or cold main dishes, casseroles, pastries, platters, desserts, etc. Bring to kitchen by 11am each day. Sign up your dish and what day. Help with clean up Saturday or Sunday	All
<b>Orchid Boutique</b>	Saturday & Sunday	Sales and raffle table help	3



# CALLING ALL COOKS!

Our annual orchid show is coming up – February 1-2, 2020. Our VAOS show is well known for our army of volunteers in their matching show edition t-shirts, and for our food! We feed all of our vendors and show volunteers Friday (set up day), Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday we host a special luncheon for our AOS judges who travel to Venice to judge our show.

Please consider bringing one of your favorite dishes Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Come through the back door and bring to the kitchen by 11am each day. We need hot or cold main dishes, sides, salads and desserts. Prepare and cook your dish at home and we'll heat it up if necessary. Sign up at our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# November 2019 Meeting Plant Table Awards

*Narrative and photos by Cynthia Vance*



**First Place and Blue Ribbon** was captured by **Nancy Morrison** for her stunning Cattleya (C.) Stephen Olivia Fourmaker HCC/AOS. (C. Pegi Mayne x C. Enid, 1848). Nancy is still thrilled by this gift of a friend who was in a downsizing phase. The plant was originated by Oliver Lines, Tennessee's finest grower and a founding trustee of the AOS. It is considered a 'classic cattleya' and was registered by Stephen Olivia. You may contact Chadwick & Song Orchids to order this treasure! Also, the Chadwicks have written the definitive book on large-flowered Cattleya species, The

Classic Cattleyas. A 2nd edition is planned for January 2020. Congratulations, Nancy for re-blooming your gift which encourages us to add more 'classics' to our collections!

**Second Place and Red Ribbon** was granted to **Maria Ruano** for her gorgeous Miltassia (Mtssa.) Charles M. Fitch with its star-shaped lavender blooms. This plant is belonging to the oncidium family is a hybrid of two Latin American species, Brassia verrucosa and Miltonia spectabilis. When mature, it produces stunning rows of 12-14 flowers that are Brassia star-shaped with a large lip from the Miltonia; it exhibits speedy growth, blooms twice a year with flowers lasting up to one month and exudes a wonderful 'coconut pie' fragrance. Who could ask for more? Thanks for cultivating such a lovely plant, Maria!



**Third Place and Yellow Ribbon** was won by **Ian Kennedy** for his multiflorous 14-flowered multiflorous Cattleya (Ctyh.) Lime Sherbert a hybrid of Cattleya forbesii x Prosthechea mariae, originated and registered in W.W.G. Moir (1968), Hawaii. It is considered a 'primary hybrid' because it's a cross between two species. Ian says he repotted this plant at our February Growers Clinic and since that time, it developed many more roots and hence more flowers! Bravo to our Growers Clinic for coaching fine growers and to Ian for cultivating this magnificent specimen!

**Best Species Purple Ribbon** was awarded **Donn Smart** for his beautiful round Masdevallia (Mas.) Rechingeliana with its unusual wine-colored blooms. We don't often see Masdevallias so here's an intro: *Masdevallia* is a genus of some 350 species usually from cool, misty mountains of the New World Tropics. *They're* best known for flowers consisting of sepals fused into a tube-like structure and they enjoy cool damp coastal climates. They can be grown here, only if we create a 'cool' green house, as Donn has done. Hence, Donn's plant is a hearty specimen attesting to his growing expertise. Thanks, Donn for bringing in this delightful gem!





## November Plant Table Awards, Continued...



**New Member Grower Ribbon** was presented to **Marla Ruano** for her striking Oncostele (Ons.) Wildcat (her 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon at the meeting!) Formerly called Colmanara (Colm.) Wildcat, it is an intergeneric hybrid between a Miltonia, Odontoglossum and Oncidium orchid. This particular orchid hybrid originated by Rod McLellan Company, California in 1992. Oncostele Wildcat can be grown in Venice, but it must be kept in the coolest part of one's growing area, with the best air circulation and Phalaenopsis light conditions. Since this orchid is so available the AOS has recommendations for acclimating it to our climate. <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-question-answer/oncostele-wildcat.aspx> Thank you, Marla, for bringing in such a stunning and well-grown Oncostele!

**Members Choice Ribbon** was presented to **Gunther Lobisch** for his Brassidium (Brsdm.) Gilded Urchin—a grand specimen plant! It was four feet tall with three 3-foot inflorescences boasting of 15+ flowers each. A Brassidium is an Oncidium alliance inter-generic hybrid of a Brassia and an Oncidium. Gunther's plant is a hybrid of Brassia arcuigera and Oncidium wentworthianum (another primary hybrid!) Owners of Gilded Urchin are challenged to support the stems, for each grows very long and can tip over the plant. Gunther did just that; he staked the its tall stems and the flowers faced the same direction for all to see. Excellent presentation, Gunther



**Speaker's Choice Ribbon** was awarded to **Stephanie Luburger** for her delightful Paphiopedilum, (Paph) spicerianum, a unique Paph. species native to India's eastern Himalayas, Bhutan, Myanmar and China. What it is most unique, compared to most Paphs, is its curled white dorsal sepal. Since it grows in moist and shaded places it has special cultivation requirements. As long as the potting media doesn't completely dry out in between watering days, and it's kept in the shady part of one's growing area, and kept cooler during our hot summers, it's fairly easy

to grow. Having 3 blooms on her plant, Stephanie has proved to be such a fine grower. Congratulations Stephanie!

**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.***

## Venice Area Orchid Society

### Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6, 2019

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Carol welcomed all new members and guests and welcomed back all the snowbirds. She went over the meeting format for the evening.

### Announcements

- Tonight we have Dr. David Berry as our speaker. Orchid Envy is here with beautiful Orchids for purchase.
- Our next Grower's Clinic is on November 14 at 7:00pm and will be held in Room F. Jimmy Thomas will be speaking about how to acclimate your growing areas and protect your orchids from the cold. He will also cover how and where other members grow their plants.
- I'd like to make our member's aware of two upcoming local sales. Plantio La Orquida's Fall Sale November 15 and 16. Palmer Orchids has their Fall Open House November 22-24. See the newsletter for coupons and information.
- Carol introduced Janet Keown. Janet thanked everyone for the many generous donations to the hospitality table. She also recognized and thanked veterans for their service.
- There is no monthly meeting or Grower's Clinic in December. Instead we will celebrate the season with our Holiday Party. This year it will be a holiday buffet brunch at Boca Royale Country Club on December 15 at 11:00am. Member cost is \$20.00 per person. The event will include a pianist for some holiday notes and an orchid auction along with great food and lively conversation. Each Member Household will receive a Holiday gift orchid seedling. Dress is smart casual, no shorts. Sign up sheet for the event is at the back desk. Members may also sign up and pay via mail. See newsletter for details.
- Carol Wood went over the dates for upcoming Orchid Shows. Sarasota Orchid Show on January 4 and 5. Venice Orchid Show on February 1 and 2. Englewood Orchid Show March 13 and 14.
- Judy Loeffler was invited to the front to join Carol Wood to discuss the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual VAOS Orchid Show. Our show is considered one of the Top-2 Shows in Florida and will be on February 1 and 2. We draw over 4000 people over the 2 days. We make the bulk of our operating money at the show. This money is used to pay rent, guest speaker fees, to pay for our philanthropy and to subsidize member events. Our Society is well known for our member participation and hope that members will help fill the many volunteer slots needed for this show. The volunteer slots are 2 ½ hours. The sign up sheets are in the back of the room. We need 70-80 more volunteers. We need a crew to take down the displays and load the trucks after the event. We need 12 more clerks who will work with the AOS judges. We need 16 front door admissions volunteers to take money and answer questions. We need 58 show hosts to monitor the displays and to keep people out of the displays. This is a sit down position. Please volunteer to bring food. We feed over 140 people and are known for our delicious and abundant fare. We will publish the volunteer lists in the January newsletter. We also need volunteers for the Show Display Team that will put up displays in January in Sarasota, February in Venice and March in Englewood.
- The show theme this year is Orchid Island. We have printed fliers and postcards. Please take several and pass them out to friends and family. We will also be advertising on television and in the newspaper.

Natasha Contreras Romero introduced the speaker to a lively round of applause. She stated that she had heard David Berry speak at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and was very impressed. He will speak about how "Orchidmania" started.

Kristen Shaw and Don Smart presented the abundant plant table.

John and Sharon Konowski presented the raffle table for all to enjoy.

*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 [Pres@VAOS.org](mailto: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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#### Treasurer's Report October 2019

<b>Operating Fund</b> Starting Oct. 1, 2019	\$16,215.23
+ Income	\$ 5,856.96
- Payments	\$ 1,634.07
Closing Balance    October 31, 2019	\$20,438.12
<b>Petty Cash</b>	\$    75.00
<b>Total Operating Fund October 2019</b>	<b>\$20,513.12</b>

#### Reserve Fund

Starting Balance    October 1, 2019	\$24,786.91
- transfer	\$   100.00
+Interest Income    Oct. 31, 2019	\$     4.30
Closing Balance    Oct. 31, 2019	<b>\$24,891.21</b>

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer



## **“Honey Bee Nursery”**

**Rt. 776, Englewood**

**SALE ON SELECT DENDROBIUMS & VANDAS**

**Stop in for our Winter Sale!**

**Three front tables full of Dendrobiums – 50% OFF**

**Select from 4 – 5 – or 6 inch pots**



### **VANDA SALE**

**2 inch mesh pots, were normally \$15.00.**

**Sale Price: \$8.00 while supplies last!**



# Support Our Local Growers and Vendors!

## **Honey Bee Nursery**

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

## **Palmer Orchids**

22700 Taylor Dr.,  
Myakka City, FL 34251(941-322-1644)

## **Plantio La Orquidea**

3480 Tallevast Rd,  
Sarasota (941-504-7737)

## **Orchid Envy**

339 Venice Ave. West,  
Venice, FL (941-266-6351)

## **Florida SunCoast Orchids**

8211 Verna Bethany Rd.,  
Myakka City, FL (941-322-8777)

## **Just One More Orchid/Few Of My Favorite Things**

212 W. Virginia Ave.  
Punta Gorda, FL ([www.justonemoreorchid.com](http://www.justonemoreorchid.com))



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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](mailto: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 flyer in this newsletter.

January 4-5 – Sarasota Orchid Society Show & Sale. Sarasota Municipal Auditorium. Plant registration by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Set up Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 5pm. See article this newsletter

January 8 (Wednesday) – **Monthly** Meeting. Venice Community Center. 6:30pm Speaker: Francisco Miranda Topic: Brazilian Cattleyas

January 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) – **Growers Clinic**. Venice Community Center Room F. 7pm. Speaker: Naoki Kawamura Topic: Vandas

January 17-19 – Miami Orchid Society's "Tamiami International Orchid Festival". Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center. Info: Martin Motes 305-282-7520; [martinmotes@gmail.com](mailto:martinmotes@gmail.com)

February 1-2 – Venice Area Orchid Society Show & Sale. Set up January 31<sup>st</sup>. Venice Community Center. See article this newsletter.

## Ongoing

**Mentor Program**: help for beginning growers, contact Rick Belisle [Mentor@vaos.org](mailto: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

## January 8th

Bring a friend

Bring a treat to share

Donate plants for the Raffle Table

## Contact Us

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