



# VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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January 2020

## January General Meeting

**Wednesday January 8th at 7pm**

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

**Speaker: *Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids***

**Topic: *The Genus Cattleya in Brazil***

Miranda Orchids started in 1999 and is a nursery specializing in growing mainly selected *Cattleya* alliance species. In a sense, it is a continuation of Boa Vista Orchids, a nursery we ran in Brazil from 1986 until we moved to the U.S.A. Many of the plants available are produced in our lab and nursery in Central Florida from our extensive collection of stud plants. The rest we bring from Brazil to increase variety and novelty. Being native Brazilians, and having had a nursery for many years, we know that there is a lot of development in *Cattleya* species being done there. This is mostly because a lot of those species are native from Brazil (including all the bifoliate cattleyas) and because these plants are favorites of growers there. Of course having lived and grown orchids for a long time there we know most of the growers and what is being produced and we go there several times a year to make sure we are kept up-to-date. Miranda Orchids also grows other Brazilian species so if you are looking for something in particular do not hesitate to contact us. Our goal is to be your number one source for selected Brazilian Orchids.



## January 2020 Events

**Wednesday January 8**

**Monthly meeting 7pm**

**Speaker: *Francisco Miranda*  
Topic: *The Genus Cattleya in Brazil***

**January 4-5**

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

**Thursday January 9**

**Growers Clinic 7pm  
Venice Community Center  
Room F  
Speaker: *Naoki Kawamura*  
Topic: *Culture Basics for Vandas.***

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## ***Francisco Miranda Bio Continued...***

A taxonomist, naturalist and orchid grower, Francisco travels extensively in the U.S. and internationally speaking at orchid-related events and meetings. He has been doing this since 1988, while still living in Brazil. The subjects of these presentations reflect Francisco's extensive travels to study orchids in their natural environments.

Miranda Orchids is located between Orlando and Tampa, on the I-4 corridor. He will have a nice selection of orchids for sale.

### **Membership Dues Are Now Due**

It's that time of year again. Time to renew! Dues that are for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 can be paid at the January 8th meeting or mailed to:

VAOS  
P.O. BOX 443  
VENICE, FLORIDA 34284-0443

Dues are \$20 per household per year. If you joined or renewed between October 2019 and now you are paid through 2020. Please make check payable to VAOS.

If you have had any change in phone number, email address or mailing address, please let us know as this is the information we use for the Membership Directory.

We have many exciting programs and events planned for next year. We have outstanding speakers lined up. The Growers Clinic has some new programs along with our popular potting and mounting programs. An October party is being planned and don't forget the ever popular Redland bus trip in May.

Make sure you pay your dues by January 8, 2020 to be included in the Membership Directory for 2020 and to enjoy all the events of 2020.

If you have any questions contact Suzanne Grimmer, Membership Chair, at [Memb@vaos.org](mailto:Memb@vaos.org).

## Holiday Brunch Party

Our VAOS holiday brunch was wonderful! The weather, the beautiful room, good food, beautiful orchids and good friends all came together for a memorable occasion. Natasha and her daughter Jelena conducted a fun auction of different and pretty orchids. VAOS gifted young orchids to our members with hopes of seeing them in bloom in the next year or so on our judging table! Everyone left smiling, full of good cheer that the Christmas season will be full of love and good times and continue into the New Year! *Respectfully submitted by Janet Keown*





## January Growers Clinic



On Thursday 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.



## 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.



## VAOS 2020 MEETING SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

1/08/20	Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids "The Genus Cattleya in Brazil"
2/05/20	Vern Block "Orchids 101"
3/04/20	Courtney Hackney "Wonderful World of Cattleyas"
4/01/20	Mac Rivenbark "Popular Species for Florida Growers"
5/06/20	Katie Caldwell "Vandas"
6/03/20	Allen Black "Kitchen Orchid Sex"
	No July Meeting - Joint meeting at EAOS
8/05/20	Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids Topic: TBA
9/02/20	Tomas Bajza "Miniature Orchids"
10/7/20	Mike Polen, Artstone Orchids "Preparing Your Plants for Judging"
11/4/20	Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids "Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower"
	No December Meeting

***All meetings are held at the Venice Community Center Room D, 6:30pm***

## VAOS 2020 GROWERS CLINIC SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

1/09/20	Culture Basics for Vandas
2/13/20	Orchid Basics Part 1 (Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer & Supplements)
3/12/20	Orchid Basics Part 2 (Pots, Media, Repotting, Tools). Repotting Clinic
4/09/20	Culture Basics for Phalaenopsis and Seedling Competition Awards
5/14/20	Pests & Diseases (Presentation)
6/11/20	Orchid Plant Dividing and Repotting Clinic – Presentation and Demo and hands on repotting.
7/09/20	Potting Without Pots /Mounting Orchids
8/13/20	Culture Basics for Cattleyas
9/10/20	Culture Basics for Other Orchids (Oncidiums, Paphs and Phrags)
10/08/20	No Growers Clinic. Member Appreciation Party at 5pm Instead
11/12/20	Culture Basics for Dendrobiums
	No December Growers Clinic

***All Growers Clinics are held the second Thursday of the month, 7pm - 9pm, Room F, Venice Community Center. Enter left side of building. Bring problem plants for expert help. Guests welcome.***

***Speakers and topics are subject to change. Please monitor our website for updates [www.VAOS.org](http://www.VAOS.org)***

## VAOS 2020 SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We are almost there! Just 26 more volunteer slots to fill for Show Host and 5 more for Front Door Admissions.

**Show Hosts** - Monitor entrances and exits. Ensure visitors don't step into displays. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Saturday or Sunday. Some sit down jobs.

**Front Door Admissions** - Sell admission tickets. Cashier skills required. A sit down job. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Saturday or Sunday.

If you can help us fill these volunteer slots please email Carol Wood at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto:ShowChair@VAOS.org).

The following page provides an updated list of all volunteers who have signed up to date. Please cut and save this list. If you will not be able to be there, please contact your Committee Chair so that we might find a replacement for you.

Thanks to all for volunteering and we look forward to a fun and successful annual show!

*Carol Wood & Judy Loeffler*

## 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.

Please bring your magazine donations to our January 8th meeting or directly to the show on Friday, January 31st, Saturday or Sunday mornings. Bring to the Membership Table. Thanks for your donation!

# VAOS Annual Show 2020 Committee Volunteers List

\* Committee Chair

am = 9:45am - 12:15pm

mid-day = 12:00 - 2:45pm

pm = 2:30pm - 5:00pm (or  
4:00pm on Sunday)

<b><u>Show Co-chairs</u></b> <b>Judy Loeffler</b> (485-9569) <b>Carol Wood</b> (497-4995)	<b><u>Membership/ Information Table</u></b> <b>Sue Grimmer* (941-493-7861)</b> Rick Belisle Mary Amos Rick Belisle Al Burda Kate Burda Janet Keown Courtney Miles Jay Loeffler	<b><u>Show Host - Saturday</u></b> <b><u>Saturday a.m.:</u></b> Fred Berger Nora Berger Bob Blaszczak Charlie Rogg Richard Ho Humberto deFex Aurora deFex Ian Kennedy Ann Hinkle Pat Woodward	<b><u>Show Host - Sunday</u></b> <b>Sunday a.m.:</b> Lou Kiesling Valerie Rahn Sandy Schmidt Ed Schmidt Richard Ho Lisa Gardner Sally Bonnell X _____ X _____ X _____ <b>Sunday mid-day:</b> Dale Richter Carolyn Barry Clare Capossela Red Capossela Sally Bonnell X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ <b>Sunday p.m.:</b> Fred Berger Nora Berger Ines Kmiecik Sally Bonnell X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____
<b><u>Show Facility Manager</u></b> <b>Ed Soentgen</b> (941-468-5118)	<b><u>Hospitality/Kitchen</u></b> <b><u>Friday 11am - 5pm</u></b> <b><u>Saturday 9:30am - 5pm</u></b> <b><u>Sunday 9:30am - 4pm</u></b> <b>Linda Hahn* (408-7646)</b> Bruce Hahn Dodi Sullivan Jane Hyde	<b><u>Saturday mid-day:</u></b> Kathy Pierson Tracie Cady Julie McGarr Bill Mulligan X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ <b><u>Saturday p.m.:</u></b> Dale Richter Tony Nacinovich Toni Aden Kathryn Jeske X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____	
<b><u>Orchid Bou- tique</u></b> <b>Karen Mann *</b> (203-232-6056) Janet Hoy Jane Camarota Frank Camarota Toni Marie Don Stoecker Pat Stoecker Noreen Chervinski Cindy Randt Rita Toole Sybil Levien Brenda Hoy Irene Thimm Dale Hoy Ingrid Lehmann Peg Heffley Dini Stewart Diane Vernon Kate Harrigan Mike Mayer Diane Lerigo X _____	<b><u>Registration</u></b> <b><u>Friday 1-5pm</u></b> <b>Ted Kellogg*</b> (475-7029) Sally Glanz		
	<b><u>Show Hosts</u></b> <b>Sharon &amp; John Kahnoski *</b> (616-581-9131)		

<p><b><u>Set Up/Take Down</u></b>  <b><u>Friday Set up 11:30 a.m. -3pm</u></b>  <b>Jerry Daenzer*</b>  (284-5001)  Ed Soentgen  Sharon Miles  Vicki Fisher  Sharon Kahnoski  John Kahnoski  Tracie Cady  Jim Battles  Julie McGarr  Tim McGarn  Mike Gibson  Jeff Pierson  Gunther Lobisch  Kris Meyer  Doreen Seellye  Richard Ho  Pat Kearney</p> <p><b><u>Sunday Take Down 3:45pm - 6pm</u></b>  <b>Carol Wood *</b>  (497-4995)  Ed Soentgen  Kristin Shaw  Lou Kiesling  Valerie Rahn  Richard McKinney  Jeff Pierson  Pete Meyer  Sue Grimmer  Richard Ho  Ziggy Kmiecik  Ines Kmiecik  Peg Fahrenback  Bill Fahrenback  Matyas Deli  Ilona Deli  Billy Morrison</p>	<p><b><u>VAOS Display</u></b>  <b><u>Set Up Friday 1-7 pm;</u></b>  <b><u>Take Down Sunday 4pm:</u></b>  <b>Jay Loeffler (485-9569)</b>  <b>&amp; Bruce Weaver (800-7804) *</b>  Steve Keller  Ken Dolan  Kristen Shaw  Natasha Romero  Donn Smart  Doreen Seelye  Bill &amp; Peg Fahrenback  Rich &amp; Mary Amos  Renee Bynum  (Plant Registration)  Linda Schaller (Labels)</p> <p><b><u>Individual Display Table</u></b>  <b><u>Set Up Friday 1-3 pm</u></b>  Kristen Shaw</p> <p><b><u>Arts &amp; Crafts</u></b>  <b>Noreen Chervinski*</b>  (505-1304)</p> <p><b><u>Road Signage</u></b>  Kate &amp; Al Burka</p>	<p><b><u>Clerks (7:30am to 10:30am Saturday)</u></b>  <b>Mary Anne DiGrazia</b>  * (697-9237)  Judy Chisholm (AOS  Judge Host)  Kristin Shaw  Dale Hoy  Alena Capek  Jerry Daenzer  Stephanie Luburger  Steve Wiener  Charlie Rogg  Diane Lerigo  Ron Lerigo  Sharon Kahnoski  Tracie Cady  Sharon Miles  Julie McGarr  Nancy Morrison  Donna Springel  Diane Hoying  Gunther Lebisch  Donna Yurgil  Carol Wolfers  Carol Moser  Doreen Seellye  Gil Barnett  Gina Feinstein  Jackie Wagner  Ed Murphy  Kathy Pierson  Ginny Thompson  Patrick Kearney</p>	<p><b><u>Front Door Admissions</u></b>  <b>Elaine Ortt* L (485-5313)</b>  <b><u>Saturday a.m.:</u></b>  Pauline Adam  Diane Carl  Shirley Armstrong  Dawn Dekle  X _____</p> <p><b><u>Saturday mid-day:</u></b>  Mary Anne DiGrazia  Pat Woodward  Judy Mulligan  Ed Murphy  X _____</p> <p><b><u>Saturday p.m.:</u></b>  Mary Anne DiGrazia  Ellen Nacinovich  Peg Fahrenback  X _____  X _____</p> <p><b><u>Sunday a.m.:</u></b>  Diane Carl  Steve Hoying  Diane Hoying  Shirley Armstrong  Linda Hennarichs</p> <p><b><u>Sunday mid-day:</u></b>  Mary Anne DiGrazia  Steve Vogelhaupt  Toni Aden  Ines Kmiecik  Ellen Nacinovich</p> <p><b><u>Sunday p.m.:</u></b>  Mary Anne Digrazia  Steve Vogelhaupt  Diane Lerigo  Ron Lerigo  X _____</p>
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## **VAOS ANNUAL SHOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SHOW VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you for volunteering for our annual show!

**All volunteers must enter through the rear door.** A volunteer by the kitchen will verify your assignment from our list and provide directions. Pick up your nametag there and then pick up your t-shirt at the membership table before you report to your work location.

Volunteers are requested to park at the back of parking lots on both sides of building. No parking is permitted behind the building – loading and unloading only.

All show volunteers receive a show t-shirt and free admission to the show. **Food donations should also be brought in through the rear door by 11am each day.** Those members receive free admission to the show. All others must enter through the front door Saturday and Sunday and pay admission.

**The Venice Community Center has strict rules regarding loading and unloading. All show participants may use only the three rear steel doors for loading and unloading – no exceptions! Nothing may be brought in through the lobby or the side glass doors.**

All communications with the VCC staff and our show vendors should be through Carol, Judy or Ed Soentgen (to avoid any miscommunications)

Your committee chair will have instructions for your assignment when you arrive. Please review them.

Show attendees are our guests and we are famous for our army of friendly volunteers. Greet our guests with a smile!

## OTHER SHOW INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED** - We need more food donations from members to feed our volunteers and vendors throughout the weekend. We have plenty of desserts – most needed are main dishes, side dishes and salads. Food can be brought to the community center kitchen through the rear door on Friday, Saturday or Sunday by 11am. Please contact **Linda Hahn** to sign up. 408-7646 or mobile: 914-552-1261.

**ARTS & CRAFTS** - Members may enter their arts and crafts for AOS judging (needlework, paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, photography or printing, no audio please). All items must be orchid-related. The registration deadline is Thursday 1/30/20 via email to **Noreen Chervinski, [pgifolks@yahoo.com](mailto:pgifolks@yahoo.com)**. Entries should be framed or mounted and include the display holder. Please ensure your name is on your entries and display holders. Please bring your entries directly to the Venice Community Center on Friday, January 31st<sup>t</sup>, between 1pm - 2pm.

**AOS MAGAZINES** - Please bring old AOS magazines you would like to donate to sell at our show to the Membership Table.

**ORCHID BOUTIQUE GREENERY** - The Orchid Boutique team requests greenery from members for their floral arrangements.

- Hardy, long-lasting greens such as: mini palm fronds, croton, ti, and ginger leaves, all kinds of ferns, ivy, papyrus stems. If you think something is interesting or **colorful** please bring it in. A handful of Short to Medium stalks work best, as most containers are 12" or less.

- Please drop off your items on **Friday, January 31st** from 9:00 - 4:00 or **Saturday** from 9:00 to noon. Enter the back doors by the kitchen. Orchid Boutique is across from the kitchen. The foliage should be in a container--bucket, gallon milk jug, plastic cup, etc. -- that has some water in it. Any container with a name on it will be returned to you.

Please contact Carol Wood and Judy Loeffler if you have any questions at [ShowChair@vaos.org](mailto:ShowChair@vaos.org) 941-497-4995

## **VAOS 2020 SHOW HOST PROCEDURES PLEASE READ**

Show Hosts are stationed at most entrances to the Venice Community Center to 1) prevent unauthorized entrance or exit, 2) prevent theft and 3) prevent attendees from stepping into displays or touching flowers in the displays.

Show hosts will be stationed at:

S1 - Front left side entrance

S2 - Rear left side entrance

S3 - Rear main entrance where most unloading takes place

S4 - Rear ballroom entrance

S5 and S6 - Stage area side doors

S7 - Lobby (Ed Soentgen)

The Show Host Committee Chair(s) Sharon & John Kahnoski will also cover these stations as needed. Any extra volunteers from other committees will be detailed to monitor an entrance station or "rove" the display area.

Most building doors will remain unlocked for fire safety reasons.

Stanchions will be placed in front of ballroom doors not monitored to discourage exit.

Chairs will be provided for show host volunteers at doors.

Show host volunteers posted at doors should also monitor the displays.

Show vendors have been requested to place sold plants and items in bags to help us with security.

Only VAOS members who have volunteered their time to work the show or who have brought in food to the kitchen for the show will receive free admission.

**Volunteers must use the rear entrance to the building.** Show staff at the Rear Entrance will have a list of all volunteers by their committee assignment.

Pick up your name badge and Show Host badge at the rear door.

Pick up your t-shirt at the Membership Table before reporting to your assigned work location. Only VAOS members who have volunteered their time to work **the show will receive t-shirts.**

Return your Show Host badge to your replacement or to the Show Host Committee Chair at the rear door at the completion of your shift.

Members trying to enter through the Rear Entrance who are not on the volunteer list or who are not delivering food to the kitchen should be directed to the front lobby entrance and will have to pay admission.

Member volunteers who worked Friday set up should enter through the rear entrance and their names will be on the volunteer list for Show Set Up.

The Show Host Committee Chair will have a diagram and list of volunteer assignments for each time segment during the show (Friday p.m., Saturday a.m., mid-day and p.m. and Sunday a.m., mid-day and p.m.) Show host volunteers should report to the Committee Chair for assignment.

Show host volunteers should avoid altercations but should politely and firmly direct people to the correct entrance, the correct exit, or back to the vendor to obtain a bag for a sold item.

Be friendly and answer questions people may have and please do not wander away from your post.

Show attendees may not step into orchid displays to take photos. Tri-pods are not permitted. Children need to be under parents' control. Help prevent attendees from touching flowers (oil on skin will damage blossoms)

All security volunteers should wear their show t-shirt, distributed at the Membership Table upon their arrival.

Sharon and John Kahnoski 616-581-9131



# 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.

## AN INVITATION TO OUR ARTISTIC MEMBERS

Members are encouraged to enter their arts and crafts for AOS judging (needlework, paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, photography or printing, no audio please). All items must be orchid-related. The registration deadline is Thursday 1/30/20 via email to **Noreen Chervinski, [pgifolks@yahoo.com](mailto:pgifolks@yahoo.com)**. Entries should be framed or mounted and include the display holder. Please ensure your name is on your entries and display holders. Please bring your entries directly to the Venice Community Center on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, between 1pm - 2pm. The arts and crafts exhibit area is the edge of the stage.

# Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

## Sarasota Orchid Society Show

**Saturday Jan 4th - Sunday Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Set up: Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 5pm**

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

### Groom Your Plant:

- Remove dead or brown leaves and pseudobulbs from the plant. Clean the pseudobulbs and leaves (water helps to soften the dry papery covering around pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off). Trim dead areas from leaves. Cut following the basic shape of the natural leaf ending if possible.
- Wipe the top of the leaves (vinegar, lemon juice, sprite, 7 up, etc.) to remove residue. Do not use commercial spray to shine the leaves.
- Make sure the media in the container is clean. Remove trash, debris, dead leaves or stems and weeds from the pot.

### Pests or Diseases:

While prepping orchids for a display, check for pests and disease. Check the leaves and pseudobulbs for a white cottony substance, an indication of mealybugs. Hard, whitish bumps may mean scale 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. Check for other pests such as snails, slugs and ants. 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.

### Stakes:

- Carefully stake the spike that will present the flowers to their best advantage. If you can plan ahead of time, it is best to stake the spike as it emerges; an 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.
- Remove any wire hangers, hoops, etc. Water each plant thoroughly before bringing to the show. If the plant is in a plastic pot, drop it into a clay pot for stability. Place each plant carefully in a large box or container for transport. To keep the plants from moving around you can put rolled newspapers around the pots.

### Labels:

Take a piece of masking tape, write your name on it and tape it to the side of pot. This is how the Team knows the proper plant owner so it will be returned to you.

**Your blooming plants are needed to create our winning displays.** We can collect and transport your plants to the show and ensure their safe return to you following the show. Bring your plants to: Carol Wood, 4941 Bella Terra Dr., Venice (Venetia), 497-4995 (Leave on front porch). Or bring them to Show setup the day prior of the show by 9:00am

**All plants must be registered in advance via email 8:00pm, two days prior to setup day**  
**Email your plant name with a photo or bloom size and color description to**  
**PlantReg@VAOS.org**

*Jay Loeffler*



## American Orchid Society

*Education. Conservation. Research.*

### Join the American Orchid Society for just \$65 and receive:

- ◆ Instant access to hundreds of back issues of the award-winning Orchids magazine dating back to 1934
- ◆ A full year of additional magazine issues plus a much anticipated and valuable annual supplement
- ◆ Over 60 ready to watch webinar recordings on numerous orchid subjects
- ◆ Free and discounted access to hundreds of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta in the U.S. and Canada
- ◆ Discounts on orchids and supplies if they are inspired to start growing orchids
- ◆ Join thousands of members in supporting orchid education and conservation worldwide today by joining the AOS.

[www.AOS.org](http://www.AOS.org)

#### Treasurer's Report November 2019

<b>Operating Fund</b> Starting Nov. 1, 2019	\$20,438.12
+ Income	\$ 6,066.50
- Payments	\$ 3,860.29
Closing Balance November 29, 2019	\$22,644.33

**Petty Cash** \$ 75.00

**Total Operating Fund November 2019** \$22,719.33

#### Reserve Fund

Starting Balance November 1, 2019	\$24,891.21
- transfer	
+Interest Income Nov. 29, 2019	\$ 3.96
Closing Balance Nov. 29, 2019	\$24,895.17

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer



# 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

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

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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.

February 5 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) – **Monthly Meeting**. Venice Community Center. 6:30pm Speaker: Vernon Block Topic: *Orchids 101*

February 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) – **Growers Clinic**. Venice Community Center Room F. 7pm. Presentation: *Orchid Basics Part 1 (Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer and Supplements)*.

## 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

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