



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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February 2020

February General Meeting

Wednesday February 5th at 7pm

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

Speaker: Vern Block

Topic: *What's Wrong With My Orchid*



I'm a retired navy pilot who got into orchids after leaving the service in 1987. Two years later Helen & I became owners of the Palm Bay Orchid Range. We participated in many orchid shows around the state. We sold the nursery in 2004, but continue to do business on a small scale. For the past 20 years I

have regularly conducted programs for orchid societies ranging from the Florida Keys to North Carolina. My main interest has always been the cattleya alliance.

Vern will have orchids for sale.

February 2020 Events

February 1st-2nd
Venice Area Orchid Society
Annual Show and Sale
"Orchic Island"
Venice Community Center

Wednesday February 5th
Monthly meeting 7pm
Speaker: Vern Block
Topic: *What's Wrong With My Orchid*

Thursday February 13th
Growers Clinic 7pm
Venice Community Center
Room F
Topic: *Orchid Basics Part 1*
(Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer
and Supplements)

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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 February 5th 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.

If you have any questions contact Suzanne Grimmer, Membership Chair, at Memb@vaos.org.

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.



VAOS DISPLAY TAKES FIRST PLACE AT SARASOTA ORCHID SHOW!



Congratulations to Bruce Weaver and TEAM VAOS for taking First Place Society Display at the annual Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS) Show and Sale January 4-5. Four displays exhibited at the SOS show. SOS exhibit took 2nd place, Englewood exhibit took 3rd and the commercial vendor exhibit took the AOS trophy.

54 plants were entered by 17 VAOS members and their plants were awarded 35 ribbons and 3 trophies.

Ribbon and trophy winners were:

Naoki Kawamura – 1 blue ribbon and Trophy: Grand Champion, also Received an Award of Merit from the American Orchid Society

Joanna Shaw – 2 blue and 2 red ribbons and Trophy: Best Cattleya

Jerry Daenzer – 2 red ribbons

Peg Farenback – 2 blue ribbons

Vicki Fisher – 1 blue and 2 red ribbons

Ian Kennedy – 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon

Jay Loeffler – 2 red and 1 yellow ribbon

Judy Loeffler – 1 blue, 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon

Courtney Miles – 2 red ribbons

Sharon Miles – 2 blue and 1 red ribbon

Ed Murphy – 1 blue and 1 yellow ribbon

Charlie Rogg – 1 blue and 1 red ribbon

Natasha Romero – 2 yellow ribbons

Donn Smart – 1 blue ribbon

Cynthia Vance – 2 yellow ribbons

VAOS – 1 blue and Trophy: 1st Place Society Exhibit

VAOS created a 10' x 10' floor display with the theme "Orchids in Paradise". Bruce Weaver created a tree out of pieces he collected and screwed together and placed in the left rear corner. Colors flowed from white orchids in the tree, down the left side with colors from light to darker yellows. Off to the right side was pale pinks leading to

deeper pinks flowing into a stunning red Renanopsis Lion's Splendor 'Inferno', entered by Naoki Kawamura. Down the center of the display were orchids of white/yellow, white/green colors flowing across the floor, with a bench off to the right side. With such wonderful variety of orchids, it created an invitation to "Orchids in Paradise".

Several VAOS members supported this team in putting in our exhibit – their work involved building the display props, cleaning and prepping the ferns and greenery used in the display, plant registration, plant labels, transporting display materials and plants to the show, building and designing the display and take down on Sunday. Thank you to the following volunteers:



Bruce Weaver
Kristin Shaw
Judy Loeffler
Jay Loeffler
Ken Dolen
Natasha Romero
Linda Schaller
Sharon & John Kahnoski
Donn Smart
Rich Amos
Kip Krane
Steve Keller
Carol Wood

Entering your plants in orchid shows is a great way to support our society and those who work so hard to create a winning display. Thanks to all who participated!

Jay Loeffler

JANUARY GROWERS CLINIC

Last month's Growers Clinic was "*Growing Vandas in South Florida*", presented by Naoki Kawamura. Naoki explained the four types of Vandas by different leaf shapes. He then explained the cultural requirements needed for successful growing, giving temperature and humidity requirements. He then gave us his formulas for his fertilizer mixes.

Naoki explained the different ways he had to adapt from growing in Portland, OR. to how he now grows in Venice FL. It was a very nice visual presentation on how we need to adapt to our own growing conditions.

When he showed his AOS awarded plants (eight in one year 2019) everyone felt as they now had more information to grow Vandas successfully and enjoy them as well. Naoki finished the presentation with a raffle where he gave away three large and wonderfully grown Vandas from his collection. It was a great clinic to start the New Year that everyone enjoyed.

You can view Naoki's slide presentation on our website at:

https://www.vaos.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Growing-Vandas-in-South-Florida_optimize.pdf



FEBRUARY GROWERS CLINIC

On February 13th, Jim Thomas will present "Orchid Basics Part 1 – Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer and Supplements". We will also ask attendees to complete a survey on what they would like to see in future Growers Clinics.

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.

Submitted by Jay Loeffler

The AOS Conservation Endowment provides "lasting" support for vital orchid conservation efforts.

The AOS Conservation Endowment is a special fund that allows us to support conservation projects from the capital gains generated by the fund.

Translation - When you contribute to our Conservation Endowment, you are supporting numerous conservation projects for DECADES without the source of those funds ever running out.

It's more than a donation; it's part of your LEGACY!

This is your opportunity to make a donation that will keep working to preserve orchids in the wild for generations. That's how you make a real impact and a difference you can feel incredible about!

As the world's foremost authority on orchids and orchid growing, we have the opportunity to support vital conservation projects in the U.S. and abroad. In 2019 alone, we supported five (5) conservation projects involving local community-based organizations around the world, from the creation and support of an orchid reserve in Colombia to supporting students in Peru who are trying to make an orchid reserve coexist with agriculture in their village.

Orchid conservation is a cornerstone of our mission, and together we can make a lasting difference for generations to come.

Donate to this fund at www.AOS.org



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- ◆ Free and discounted access to hundreds of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta in the U.S. and Canada
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- ◆ Join thousands of members in supporting orchid education and conservation worldwide today by joining the AOS.

www.AOS.org

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 the show on Friday, January 31st, Saturday or Sunday mornings. Bring to the Membership Table. Thanks for your donation!

VAOS 2020 SHOW VOLUNTEERS CHECK THIS LIST

The attached page provides the final list of all volunteers who have signed up for our show. Please verify your volunteer time slot and committee. If you will not be able to be there, please call your Committee Chair directly 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

FINAL 1/25/2020

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)

<u>Show Co-chairs</u>	<u>Membership/ In-formation Table</u>	<u>Show Host - Sat-urday</u>	<u>Show Host - Sunday</u>
Judy Loeffler (485-9569) Carol Wood (497-4995)	Sue Grimmer* (941-493-7861) Saturday a.m.: Courtney Miles Jay Loeffler Bill Rich Saturday p.m.: Kate & Al Burda Sunday a.m.: Peggy Butler Janet Keown Sunday p.m.: Cynthia Vance Kathy Toth Floater: Sue, Rick, Judy, Janet, Peg, Carol <u>Hospitality/Kitchen</u> <u>Friday, Saturday and Sunday</u> Linda Hahn* (408-7646) Bruce Hahn Dodi Sullivan Jane Hyde <u>Registration</u> <u>Friday 1-5pm</u> Ted Kellogg* (661-2701) Sally Glanz <u>Show Hosts</u> Sharon & John Kahnoski * (616-581-9131)	Saturday a.m.: Fred Berger Nora Berger Bob Blaszczak Charlie Rogg Richard Ho Humberto deFex Aurora deFex Ian Kennedy Ann Hinkle Pat Woodward <u>Saturday mid-day:</u> Tracie Cady Julie McGarr Bill Mulligan Patti Gammon Steve Gammon Tim Ivins Barb Ivins Patty Cuddihy Frank Bednarski X_____ <u>Saturday p.m.:</u> Dale Richter Tony Nacinovich Toni Aden Kathryn Jeske Karen Bird-Lister Dorothy Johns Lou Ortt David Kennedy Diane Kennedy Joan Nestor	Sunday a.m.: Lou Kiesling Valerie Rahn Sandy Schmidt Ed Schmidt Richard Ho Lisa Gardner Sally Bonnell Mary Baker Gary Roby Ginny Thompson Sunday mid-day: Dale Richter Carolyn Barry Clare Capossela Red Capossela Sally Bonnell Carol Zoernack Jennifer Howell Doris Wall Kathy Cone X_____ Sunday p.m.: Fred Berger Nora Berger Ines Kmiecik Sally Bonnell Mary Baker Laurie Houkes Lou Ortt Frank Bednarski X_____ X_____

<p><u>Set Up/Take Down</u> <u>Friday Set up</u> <u>11:30 a.m. -3pm</u> Jerry Daenzer* (284-5001) Ed Soentgen Sharon Miles Vicki Fisher Sharon Kahnoski John Kahnoski Tracie Cady Jim Battles Mike Gibson Jeff Pierson Gunther Lobisch Kris Meyer Doreen Seellye Richard Ho Pat Kearney Matyas Deli Ilona Deli</p> <p><u>Sunday Take Down 3:45pm - 6pm</u> Carol Wood * (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><u>VAOS Display</u> <u>Set Up Friday 1-7 pm;</u> <u>Take Down Sunday 4pm:</u> Jay Loeffler (485-9569) & Bruce Weaver (800-7804) * Steve Keller Ken Dolan Kristen Shaw Natasha Romero Donn Smart Doreen Seelye Bill & Peg Fahrenback Rich & Mary Amos Renee Bynum (Plant Registration) Linda Schaller (Labels)</p> <p><u>Individual Display Table</u> <u>Set Up Friday 1-3 pm</u> Kristen Shaw</p> <p><u>Arts & Crafts</u> Noreen Chervinski* (505-1304)</p> <p><u>Training</u> Jim Thomas Rick Belisle</p> <p><u>Road Signage</u> Kate & Al Burka Ian Kennedy</p>	<p><u>Clerks (7:30am to 10:30am Saturday)</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia * (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 Diane Hoying Gunther Lobisch Donna Yurgil Carol Wolfers Doreen Seellye Gil Barnett Gina Feinstein Jackie Wagner Ed Murphy Kathy Pierson Ginny Thompson Patrick Kearney X _____ X _____</p>	<p><u>Front Door Admissions</u> Elaine Ortt* L (485-5313) <u>Saturday a.m.:</u> Pauline Adam Diane Carl Shirley Armstrong Dawn Dekle Michael O'Brien</p> <p><u>Saturday mid-day:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia Pat Woodward Judy Mulligan Ed Murphy X _____</p> <p><u>Saturday p.m.:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia Ellen Nacinovich Peg Fahrenback Debi Wolfe Renee Bynum</p> <p><u>Sunday a.m.:</u> Diane Carl Steve Hoying Diane Hoying Shirley Armstrong Linda Hennarichs</p> <p><u>Sunday mid-day:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia Steve Vogelhaupt Toni Aden Ines Kmiecik Ellen Nacinovich</p> <p><u>Sunday p.m.:</u> Mary Anne Digrazia Steve Vogelhaupt Diane Lerigo Ron Lerigo Kathleen Winde</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**. 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^t, 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 941-497-4995

It's Showtime!

Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

VAOS Orchid Show February 1-2, 2020

Our annual show is here and Bruce, Jay and their team need your blooming plants to create a winning "Orchid Island" display.

All plants must be registered in advance via email by Wednesday, January 29th, 6pm.

Plant Registration starts on Sunday January 26th.

Email your plant name with a photo or bloom size and color description to Renee Bynum, PlantReg@VAOS.org.

Renee will send you a return email to confirm your plants are registered.

Label your plant pot with your name and the plant entry number Renee emails to you.

Plants should be cleaned, staked, and free of pests and disease. Water your plant thoroughly.

Bring your plants to the community center on Friday, January 31st, between 9am and 10am. Enter through the rear door and turn left down the hall to Room G.

Plan to pick up your plants at show take down on Sunday, February 2nd, 4pm

If you are not able to bring your plants to the community center Friday morning, you may drop them off at one of two locations by Thursday January 30th, 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)

Any questions please contact Bruce Weaver 800-7804

Thank you for entering your plants at our show!!!

January 2020 Meeting Plant Table Awards

Narrative and photos by Cynthia Vance



First Place and Blue Ribbon was presented to Donna Yurgil for her gorgeous Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc) Hawaiian Effect 'Fred Schull', now officially called, Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.). It's a cross of C. Horace 'Maxima' x **Rlc.** Mahina Yahiro 'Ullii' and was registered in 2001 by Kodama Orchids,

Hawaii. Donna has had this plant for two years and has done a beautiful job of cultivating it well – producing 7 spectacular lavender/reddish show-stopping flowers! Congratulations, Donna for cultivating such a large, hearty specimen!

Second Place, Members' Choice and Speaker's Choice Ribbons were all won by Jerry Daenzer for his spectacular Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc.) Booth Lee 'Venice' having at least 60 lush fuschia blooms. This plant also received a Blue Ribbon at last week's Sarasota Show. It's a hybrid of Bc. Maikai (B. nodosa x C. bowringiana) x Lc. Jalapa (C. guttata x L. milleri). The hybrid was registered by T.W. Moore, California in 2001. Due to its beauty and rapacious growth, it's grown by many of our VAOS members. Just 2 years ago, Jerry divided his huge plant into 4 divisions – and this is the result from just one of them. Kudos to you, Jerry, for all your ribbons -- but especially for your talent!



Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was bestowed to Jerry Daenzer for his Dendrobium (Den.) Green Elf. It's considered a 'primary hybrid' because it's a cross between 2 species, Den. alexandrae x Den. convolutum. Jerry's plant had 10+ spikes with 40+ exotic flowers – star shaped with yellow-green petals and sepals and with a striking v-shaped purple lip. This hybrid was registered by H&R Nursery, HI in 2001. It also has been crossed with

Den. convolutum again to produce Den. Green Apples, very similar looking to Green Elf, and available at Palmer's Orchids locally. Great growing, Jerry, to have produced such a robust specimen!

January Plant Table Awards, Continued...



Best Species Ribbon was awarded to Donn Smart for his Masdevallia (Masd.) Mary Staal with its delicate yellow blooms on a sturdy compact plant. It's a hybrid of the species Masd. coccinea x the hybrid Masd. Angel Frost, a cross of 2 other species. Colombians refer to Masd. coccinea as 'La Bandito' or 'little flag' which is so cute and helps form the flower! Most Masdevallia species grow at high altitudes up to 5,000 in the mountains of Colombia and Peru. Since they prefer a cool, moist location, they still require good light to flower consistently. Donn grows them in his 'Cool Shade House' and runs his AC in the summer. He says

they love lots of water! Thanks, Donn, for encouraging us to grow 'cool' orchids!

New Member Grower's Ribbon was won by Maria Ruano for her gorgeous Wilsonara (Wils.) Rioja 'Red Hot'. It's a recent hybrid (Onc. Queen Ingmar x Ons. Catatante) having been registered in 2014 by Mauna Kea Orchids. Now it's been reclassified into a new genus and is officially Oncostele (Ons.) Rioja 'Red Hot'. It's important to keep a plant's tag attached to the plant, for it tells the history of its making, a family tree, so to speak. With this history, we can better research and sort out its cultural needs. Maria grows her



orchids in her open lanai facing the East to catch the morning sun rays. After a plant blooms, she moves it closer to the house; then she moves the next upcoming bloomer closer to the sun. Maria also won 2 ribbons at our November 2019 meeting which should encourage other "New Members", less than 2 years at VAOS, to bravely bring in their orchids! Great job, again, Maria!

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.

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEETING TECH SUPPORT

Are you knowledgeable with computers and projection systems? Microphones? Then we need your help. VAOS needs two members to volunteer to help set up and take down our tech equipment at our 10 monthly meetings. Set up starts at 6:15 pm prior to the meeting and take down immediately following meeting. It involves setting up our laptop and projection system and mics, and assisting speaker as needed.

We also need website maintenance help. Keeping our website secure. Keeping a regular backup schedule. Keeping our website current and updated.

Basic WordPress Knowledge is helpful, but not necessary for the right person with interest. See link below for basic information:

<https://www.teamwpsekure.com/top-website-maintenance-tips-beginners/>

Please contact Carol Wood at Pres@vaos.org if you can help. Thanks!

Treasurer's Report December 31, 2019

Operating Fund Starting Nov. 30, 2019	\$22,644.33
+ Income	\$15,280.24
- Payments	\$10,537.07
Closing Balance December 31, 2019	\$27,387.50

Petty Cash	\$ 75.00
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Total Operating Fund December 2019	\$27,462.50
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Reserve Fund

Starting Balance November 30, 2019	\$24,895.17
- transfer or fees	\$ 12.00
+Interest Income Dec. 31, 2019	\$ 3.71
Closing Balance Dec. 31, 2019	\$24,886.88

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

Venice Area Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes — Date: January 8, 2020

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

Announcements

- ♦ Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids will be our speaker tonight. Thank you for coming. He brought a nice selection of plants for sale tonight.
- ♦ The Grower's Clinic this month will be held Thursday, January 9th in Room F at 7:00 pm. Our speaker, Naoki Kawamura, just won the Grand Champion Orchid Award for the best orchid in the Sarasota Orchid Show. The topic is Culture Basics for Vandas. Naoki will be bringing vandas to raffle for those that attend. Guests welcome.
- ♦ Last month we celebrated the Holiday Brunch. A big Thank You to Janet Keown for organizing the wonderful event.
- ♦ The Sarasota Orchid Show was last weekend. Our Society provided 54 plants by 17 members, winning 35 Ribbons and 3 Trophies. The Trophies included the Best Society Exhibit, the Grand Champion Orchid for the best orchid in the show from Naoki Kawamura, and the Best Cattleya in the Show.
- ♦ Carol introduced Ian Kennedy to the front to speak about his first experience entering his orchids in a Society Show. Ian started growing orchids two years ago. This weekend he entered his orchids in the Sarasota Orchid Society Show and won 2 Ribbons. He encouraged any member to not be afraid to enter their orchids as even a beginner grower like him can do well.
- ♦ Carol introduced Judy Loeffler to the front to speak about the upcoming Venice Area Orchid Society Show. Judy said the Show is quickly approaching and encouraged members to sign-up to help on the sign-up sheets in the back of the room. Judy gave members general instructions for Show Volunteers. Please review the Newsletter for instructions as well as an email blast to all members. A television commercial will soon be airing on ABC advertising the Show. Other advertising includes fliers and posters around town as well as large signs that will go up January 27th. Members are encouraged to take fliers to distribute to places of business they visit or to friends and family. T-shirts will be in shortly.
- ♦ Carol Wood encouraged members to enter their Orchid related artwork and crafts in the Arts and Crafts Exhibit. See January newsletter for details. Members are encouraged to donate old AOS magazines to be sold at the Show. You can bring them Friday or in the morning on either show day. The Orchid Boutique needs cut orchids and green stems, including woody greens and croton stems, for use in making the bouquets for sale at the show. Put your green stems and orchid stems in a cup of water and bring in Friday by 4 pm or Saturday morning. Please enter through the back doors. We need blooming plants for the show. Register the plants online. See newsletter for details. Bring plants in Friday for set up by 11:00 am. The theme this year is Orchid Island. An email blast will go out before the show listing all volunteers, position, volunteer times and instructions.
- ♦ Carol introduced Kate Burda to the front. Kate explained that she is making a video about the upcoming show for Facebook. She shot a short video of our excited Orchid Society Members. Members are encouraged to share the Facebook video with family and friends.
- ♦ Natasha Romero Contreras introduced Francisco Miranda, our speaker for the evening to a nice round of applause. We have enjoyed his lectures before. Miranda Orchids always brings interesting Orchids to our Society Show. The topic is The Genus Cattleya in Brazil.

The Plant Table was presented by Joanna Shaw and assisted by Donn Smart. What a wonderful showing by our members!

John and Sharon Kanowski presented the Raffle Table for a thrilling experience for our members.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Secretary

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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
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Venice, FL (941-266-6351)

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1-2 – Venice Area Orchid Society Show & Sale. Set up Friday January 31st. Venice Community Center.

February 5 (1st Wednesday) – **Monthly Meeting**. Venice Community Center. 6:30pm Speaker: Vernon Block Topic: What's Wrong With My Orchid?

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

February 14 – 16 – Greater Orlando Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale. Info: John Meyer: 407-695-2122

February 15 – 16 – Orchid Society of Highlands County, Sebring, Fl. Info: Marlen Martinez 863-446-0189

February 15 – 16 – Port Saint Lucie Orchid Show. Info: Claudia Young 757-879-2142

February 22 – 23 – Naples Orchid Society Show. Info: Richard Pippen 239-775-5220

March 4 (1st Wednesday) – **Monthly Meeting**. Venice Community Center. 6:30pm. Speaker: Courtney Hackney Topic: Wonderful World of Cattleyas

March 7 – 8 – Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show. Tampa, FL. Info: Eileen Hector 813-368-7353

March 12 (2nd Thursday) – **Growers Clinic**. Venice Community Center Room F. 7pm. Presentation: Orchid Basics Part 2 (Pots, Media, Repotting, Tools) and Hands On Repotting Clinic.

March 13 – 14 – Englewood Area Orchid Society Show & Sale. Set up Thursday March 12, 10am – 5pm.

Ongoing

Mentor Program: help for beginning growers, contact Rick Belisle Mentor@vaos.org

Next Meeting February 5th

Bring a friend

Bring a treat to share

Donate plants for the Raffle Table

Contact Us

Venice Area Orchid Society

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President

Carol Wood pres@vaos.org

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