

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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May 2021

May General Meeting on Zoom

**Wednesday
May 5th 6:45pm**

**Speaker: Jeff
Bradley**



Topic: Famous Growers and Their Orchids

Jeff Bradley has been an avid grower of classic Cattleyas and to some degree, historic Phalaenopsis, since the age of eight, when his father built his first greenhouse. Jeff had the most unusual childhood, as his godparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Proebstle of Brazoria, Texas, took him under their wing at a very early age, and introduced him to many of the great orchid legends of the past. Mr. Proebstle was a founder of the Houston Orchid Society and an early trustee of the AOS with one of the premier Cattleya collections in the country.

Jeff traveled across the United States and abroad with the Proebstles absorbing as much of the historical facts on famous orchid plants and their growers. His passion for orchid history has never waned, rather it has intensified through the years and he has remained in close contact with the descendants of the great orchid legends.

Jeff's Cattleya collection is nothing short of historic. He maintains three greenhouses of over 3000 classic Cattleyas and some Phalaenopsis, all of which have been significant to the historical aspects of orchid growing in both the United States and Europe. He maintains one of the most extensive collection of historical photographs, catalogue and correspondence on the celebrated orchid growers of the past.

May 2021 Events

**All public
meetings have
been canceled
through July 2021.**

**Please join us on
Zoom for our
next meeting on
May 5th**

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blooming orchids on
our Face Book Group**

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone!



Our board continues to meet monthly and we are working on our reopening plan. At least the end is in sight. In the mean time, I hope you are continuing to enjoy your virtual VAOS. I'm really proud of the fact that we continue to offer high quality content to our members through monthly meetings, the Growers Clinic, and through the monthly Newsletter. Speaking of the newsletter, a big shout out this month goes to

Carol Wood. Carol is our immediate past president, our Show Co-Chair, and, if that isn't enough, she has been filling in producing the newsletter. We were hoping this would be temporary but now it's been a full year and we still haven't identified someone else to take this task on. Typically the VAOS has a wealth of volunteers but with meeting restrictions from Covid, we have not had the opportunity to interact personally with our membership and get someone else involved. If there is anyone out there willing to work with us and help produce our newsletter, we would welcome it! As a pretty introverted person myself, I was very hesitant to get involved with the board but it is such a friendly supportive group of people, suddenly 6 years went by and it's been all fun. We are an easy group of people to work with. So if you are a little bit computer savvy and would like to help us keep our great newsletter going, please let me know. In the mean time, I hope you continue to enjoy excellent content and thanks to Carol and all our wonderful volunteers for making it happen, month after month!

Joanna Shaw, President

VAOS 2022 SHOW

The VAOS has held an annual show and sale every February since 1965, with the exception of three years. In 1971 the show was canceled. In 2005 the Venice Community Center was undergoing renovations so our annual show was canceled. In 2021, well, we all know, Covid interrupted our lives and suspended our activities. Our first show in 1965 was held in a bank lobby on Venice Avenue. Since then we have continued our proud tradition of hosting an annual show and sale, considered by many to be one of the top two orchid shows in the state of Florida.

We are optimistic that we will be able to host our next show on **February 5-6, 2022**, with Friday **February 4th** set up date. Our show is always held the first weekend of February.

Our theme for our 2022 show is appropriately titled **“Happy Days Are Here Again”**.

Please save the dates as once again we will depend on our army of member volunteers to host a spectacular show!

Each year we select a show theme. Here is the list of our show themes dating back to 1965 for your reading pleasure.

Judy Loeffler and Carol Wood—VAOS Show Co-chairs

VAOS Show Themes of Years Past - 1965 to present

<u>Year</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Show Number</u>
2022	Happy Days Are Here Again	55
2021	No show due to Covid	
2020	Orchid Island	54
2019	Orchids at the Opera	53
2018	Orchids & Oldies	52
2017	Orchid Bliss	51
2016	Fifty Shades of Orchids	50
2015	Love of Orchids	49
2014	Orchid Paradise	48
2013	Rhapsody In Hue	47
2012	Enchantment	46
2011	Be Dazzled	45
2010	Simply Orchids	44
2009	The Mystique of Orchids	43
2008	Anything Goes	42
2007	Sea of Orchids	41
2006	40th Celebration	40

VAOS Show Themes of Years Past - 1965 to present continued		
2005	no show VCC under construction	-
2004	Aztec Adventure	39
2003	Polynesia	38
2002	Orchids at Home	37
2001	Orchid Cruise	36
2000	Orchid Artistry	35
1999	Rhapsody	34
1998	Oriental Splendor	33
1997	Down Memory Lane	32
1996	Orchids on the Island	31
1995	Jungle Treasures	30
1994	For the Love of Orchids	29
1993	Patio Orchids	28
1992	Orchids Venetian	27
1991	An Orchid Circus	26
1990	Silver Celebration of Orchids	25
1989	An Orchid Romance	24
1988	Century Orchids 1888-1988	23
1987	Orchids in the Park	22
1986	Kaleidoscope of Orchids	21
1985	Orchids in Space	20
1984	Orchid Wonderland	19
1983	Florida Spring	18
1982	Orchid Valentines	17
1981	Sweet Sixteen	16
1980	Carnival of Orchids	15
1979	The Magic of Orchids	14
1978	Fairyland of Orchids	13
1977	Orchids on Parade	12
1976	Happy Birthday USA	11
1975	An Orchid Mardi gras	10
1974	Orchid Circus	9
1973	Orchids in Springtime	8
1972	Orchid Fiesta	7
1971	No Show	-
1970	Prelude to Spring	6
1969	Pannorama of Orchids	5
1968	Orchids—Crown Jewels of Venice	4
1967	Orchids in Song and Story	3
1966	A Galazie of Orchids	2
1965	A Venetian Potpourri	1

VAOS Virtual Plant Table

We had a great collection of beautiful plants in our Virtual Plant Table Contest! After each monthly meeting a post will be placed in the VAOS Facebook group where members can post a photo of their currently blooming plants. Winners will receive a gift certificate to one of our show vendors. Come join the fun!

Winner:



Ian Kennedy
NOID Phalenopsis

2nd Place:
Natasha Romero-Contreres
Den. anosmum Alba



3rd Place:
Dennis Pavlock
Rlc. Deese 'French Lace'



Venice Area Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Date: April 7, 2021

Joanna Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Announcements

Be sure to check out our Virtual Plant Table on Facebook. VAOS members can post up to 3 pictures of their blooming plants for a chance to win a gift card from one of our vendors. Be sure to vote for your favorites. Winners are chosen the Wednesday after our Zoom Member Meetings.

Join us tomorrow for our Grower's Clinic to highlight our member's growing areas.

Jay Loeffler introduced Jim Roberts, our guest speaker for the evening. The evening's topic was "A Few Encyclias To Enjoy". It was a treat to learn more about Jim's work and to view all the beautiful orchids he has grown. Encyclias do very well in our Florida climate. Be sure to visit Jim at Florida SunCoast Orchids in Myakka City, FL.

Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

MAY GROWERS CLINIC ON ZOOM

May Zoom Growers Clinic

Thursday May 13th, 7pm

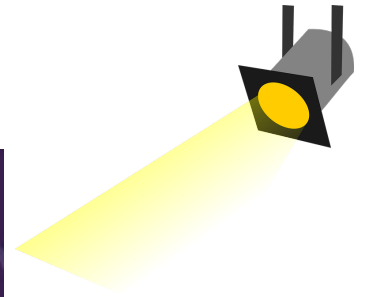
Presentation: Cattleya Name Changes, Joanna Shaw

The next Grower's Clinic will cover the confusion in Cattleya Name Changes. Over the last few years, genus names in the cattleya alliance have been significantly changed and rearranged creating lots of confusion in naming.

Many growers have adopted the changes and others have not-creating even more confusion on those cattleya tags. Joanna will give us a summary of the name changes and help us to sort out the confusion. She will also talk about why it's helpful to know the species in the background of your hybrid cattleya when it comes to repotting and general care.

Jay Loeffler, Growers Clinic Coordinator

Show Vendor Spotlight



Established in 1960 in lovely Hawaii, Carmela Orchids provides beautiful orchids to both wholesale and retail customers worldwide.

We have several varieties of orchids, such as, cattleya, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, oncidium and vanda. They are offered from flasks to mature blooming plants. We are known for our high standards of quality and for our satisfied customers.

<https://carmelaorchids.net>

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**New edition released and
now available!**

**Dr. Martin Motes -
Florida Orchid Growing
Month by Month**

VAOS has just received our shipment of the new edition.
They are available to members for \$20 and may be ordered
and picked up from:

Judy Loeffler—On Venice Island. 941-485-9569 Email:
judyvaos@gmail.com

833 Guild Dr. Venice, FL 34285

Carol Wood—South Venice. 941-497-4995 Email:
cwood12@msn.com

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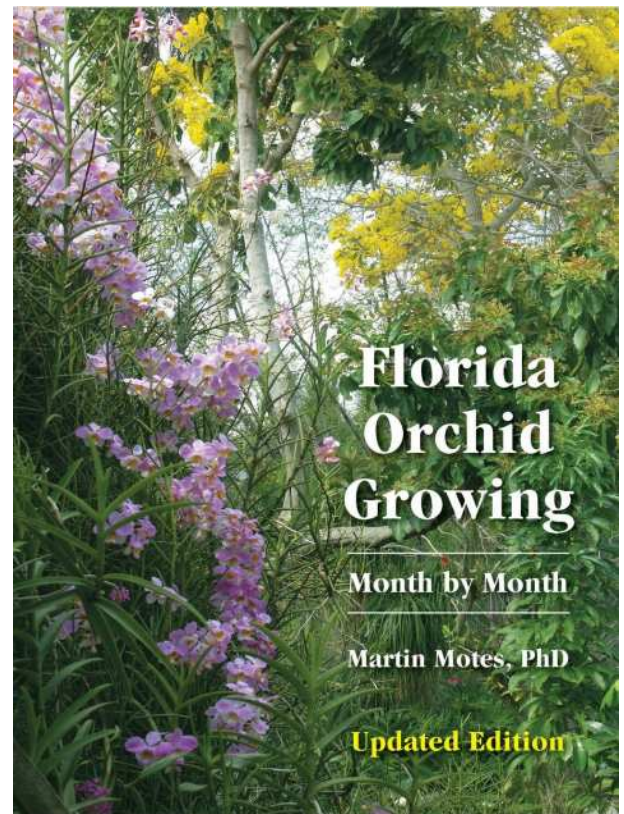
Call or email Judy or Carol to order and pick up your copy at
one of their homes.

The BEST and Best Selling Book on growing orchids in Florida!

Martin Motes, a native Floridian, has been growing orchids south of Miami for over fifty years, man and boy. His guidance and advice come from a deep knowledge and practical experience of the local, subtropical world. Monthly guides lead the aspiring orchidist through the intricacies of the changing climate and growing conditions of the Florida year: its benefits and its dangers. Practical solutions to problems and to control and prevention of pests and diseases are offered. Growing materials and tools are suggested and their local sources are provided.

Written in a humorous and easily accessible style, *Florida Orchid Growing* will make everyone an expert. This Florida-specific guide will prove invaluable to subtropical and tropical growers everywhere.

In addition to updates on the latest in disease and pest control, the new edition contains an extensive chapter on control of *Thrips* giving growers the tools needed to control this ubiquitous pest. Over sixty years' experience has shown that controlling *Thrips* consistently yields control of scale, mealy bugs and all other insect pests, including the wily cucaracha. A new chapter on "Advice for Snowbirds" helps our winter visitors leave their beloved orchids behind with more confidence that they will be fine upon their return. Finally, in the 12 years that have passed since the first edition of *Florida Orchid Growing* was published, molecular research has led to numerous name changes in genera. The new and proper nomenclature for many plants is incorporated in the new book.



May Culture Tips

When is the best time to repot my orchid?

Orchids are best repotted when they are in active growth. Orchids are usually in active growth shortly after blooming when they send out new shoots and/or leaves and new roots begin to form. Be careful not to break the tips of the growing roots or the new growth of the plant.

Phalaenopsis are very forgiving and can be repotted just about any time they are not in bloom. On the other extreme, Dendrobiums prefer to be repotted only as new growth appears.

There will always be instances when an orchid must be repotted immediately (for example if the pot breaks, or the media is severely decomposed) in which case be as gentle as you can.

Hanging Orchids Like Mother Nature

Most of the orchids we grow are epiphytes, meaning they grow on trees in their natural habitat. Orchids in the Cattleya family are well suited for mounting. Common mounts include tree fern plaques or poles, cypress, cork, driftwood (well soaked to remove salt), cedar and grape wood. Mounted orchids will require more frequent watering. Orchids can be attached to the mount with plastic zip ties, nylon stockings or fishing line. Place a small pad of sphagnum moss or coconut fiber husk between the plant and the mount to encourage new roots. Many growers start the plant off horizontal and then hang it when roots have attached to the mount.



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- ♦ Provides an interactive environment for members
 - ♦ Ask questions, solve plant problems
 - ♦ Share your ideas and techniques
 - ♦ Show us how you grow
- ♦ Sell, swap or give away plants and divisions

Post your orchid plant photo to our Virtual Plant Table – once a month the member photo that receives the most “likes” receives a \$50 gift certificate to one of our local vendors

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.



NEW TO Zoom?

Like many organizations, the VAOS is moving to Zoom meetings until we can all safely meet together again. We hosted our first monthly meeting on Zoom on August 5th with Fred Clarke presenting from California. We had 85 participants. We are working to produce monthly Growers Clinics on Zoom as well.

If you are new to Zoom, here are some instructions to set up to view our monthly meetings and growers clinics.

- ♦ Download Zoom and become familiar with it. Simply go to www.Zoom.com and follow the instructions to download to your computer. Once downloaded, you will see the icon on your desktop.
- ♦ VAOS will send you a link to our meeting by email. It will also be available through our Facebook Group page or our website.
- ♦ Log on early for our Monthly meeting so that you can learn your way around. Click to test Audio and Video prior to the meeting start. Our host, Jay Loeffler, will mute all participants during the presentation. You may submit questions for the speaker at the end. During the meeting, if you need to step away, you can click Mute at the left bottom corner of your screen.
- ♦ Download Zoom and get familiar with it. It is a great tool and will allow us to continue our meetings and stay in contact until we can get together again.
- ♦ Here is a tip from Jay Loeffler if you experience connection problems during our Zoom meetings:
 - Rebooting your Router/modem can help with internet connections
 - First, unplug your router and broadband modem from power. (If combo just unplug the one)
 - Then wait about 30 seconds, and plug them back in: first the modem, then the router.
 - Wait a few minutes for them to completely power back on. If your equipment had encountered an error, the restart should fix it and your internet should be back up.

NOTICE

American Orchid Society

Monthly Flower Judging

Tampa, Florida Location

Open to the Public - Guests Are Always Welcome

NEW SCHEDULE

The Florida North Central Judging Center Meets Here:

Christ the King Campus

717 S. Dale Mabry Hwy.

Tampa, FL 33609

Fourth Week of each month

(Check our Website Calendar Page for Day & Date)

Orchids are reviewed for flower quality and culture awards.

Flowers must arrive thirty minutes prior to judging for registration.

Wednesday Judging begins 7 p.m.

Saturday Judging begins at 10:30 a.m.

Entry Forms are available on our Home page and on site. Membership in the AOS is not required to enter your orchids for review.

<https://fncjc.shutterfly.com/>



VAOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED THROUGH 2021!

Sue reports that VAOS currently has 422 members.

The pandemic has disrupted our meetings and activities since March 2020, and it is still unknown when we will be able to get back to normal. Therefore, VAOS will extend membership to all active members through 2021. If your 2020 dues were paid on or after October 1, 2020, we will automatically renew your membership through next year.

Please contact Sue Grimmer, Membership Director, if you have questions regarding your membership status. memb@vaos.org

Treasurer's Report March 2021		
Operating Fund Starting Feb. 27, 2021	\$ 2,219.17	
+ Income	\$ 405.00	
- Payments	\$ 1,083.03	
Transfers from Saving	\$ 2,000.00	
Closing Balance March 31, 2021	\$ 3,541.14	
Petty Cash	\$ 75.00	
Total Operating Fund March 31, 2021	\$ 3,616.14	
Reserve Fund		
Starting Balance February, 27, 2021	\$46,175.11	
+Interest Income Mar. 31, 2021	\$ 0.40	
Transfer to Checkings	\$ 2,000.00	
Closing Balance Mar. 31, 2021	\$44,175.51	
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, FL (941-266-6351)

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5th (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting via Zoom. 7pm. Speaker: Jeff Bradley Topic: Famous Growers and Their Orchids

May 13th (2nd Thursday) - Growers Clinic via Zoom. 7pm. Presentation: Cattleya Genus Names, Joanna Shaw

June 2nd (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting via Zoom. 7pm. Speaker: Dr. Lawrence Zettler. Topic: Orchid Recovery Program in Florida Everglades

June 10th (2nd Thursday) - Growers Clinic via Zoom. 7pm. Presentation: Orchid Pests and Diseases, Carol Wood

ONGOING

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

AOS Orchid Judging—Florida North Central Judging Center. Takes place at Christ the King Campus, 717 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33609. Fourth week of each month.

Check Website for Schedule:

Info: <http://www.fncjc.shutterfly.com/>

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