



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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July/August 2021

July General Meeting on Zoom

**Wednesday
July 7th 6:45pm**

Speaker: Jeff Bradley

Topic: Famous Lavender Cattleyas



We are pleased to have one of our most popular speakers join us again in July. 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.

July/August Events

**Please join us on
Zoom for our
meetings on July 7th
and August 4th**

**Public meetings will
resume at the Venice
Community Center
for the August 12th
Growers Clinic and
Sept 1st Monthly
Meeting**

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**Share photos of your
blooming orchids on
our Face Book Group**

[https://
www.facebook.com/
groups/VAOS.org](https://www.facebook.com/groups/VAOS.org)

Our LAST Zoom meeting!!!!

**August
General Meeting
on Zoom**

**Wednesday
August 4th 6:45pm**

Speaker: Peter Lin

Topic: Genus Dendrobium: A Family Portrait of Dendrobium Species



Peter Lin started growing orchids over 35 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 15 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

Peter Lin is one of our favorite speakers and we are thrilled to have him back to present at our final (hopefully!) Zoom meeting before we return to the Venice Community Center.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Hi Everyone!

It was wonderful to see some of you at Snook Haven a few weeks ago to view the wild orchids growing in the trees, Lots of the plants were in full bloom and fairly easy to see! See some photos taken by Cynthia Vance below.

Nothing but good news on our reopening plans. The Venice Community Center is allowing us to return to normal activities. We are looking at an August Growers Clinic and a September meeting to start back up. In the meantime we will continue Zoom through the midsummer. The summer months tend to be slow for us anyway so it makes sense to get started in the fall. From there we hope to put the pedal to the metal and make a big push through the fall to gain momentum for our big show in February! Can't wait to be all the way back to normal again and SEE everyone. Hope you all having a wonderful summer and enjoying seeing your family and friends again!

Joanna Shaw, President



VAOS MEMBER PLANT SALE

Thursday August 12th

7pm to 9pm
Venice Community Center

GET BUSY! DIVIDE! REPOT! PREPARE TO SELL (& BUY!)

Orchids will predominate BUT ALL TYPES OF PLANTS MAY BE SOLD
Any member of the society may sell plants or related plant material or items at this sale.

In order to participate and sell, please register with Stephanie Luburger, Event Coordinator,
SOCIAL@VAOS.ORG to reserve table space (Provided)

Each participating member is responsible for properly tagging and pricing their plants or items. Participants need to bring stands and/or hanging racks if needed.

This will be our first meeting back at the Venice Community Center. We look forward to seeing you!!!!



VAOS Virtual Plant Table

Post up to 3 pictures of your currently blooming plants to our Facebook Page Virtual Plant Table Contest. The plant that gets the most “likes” wins a \$50 gift from one of our show vendors! Limited to VAOS members only, one win per member per year. To enter:

1. Find the post captioned (month) VIRTUAL PLANT TABLE.
2. Click Comment
3. Add your plant photo as your comment by clicking the icon that looks like a little camera.

Here are this month’s winners:



1st Place:

Phal. Kenneth Schubert

Kristin Shaw

2nd Place:

Grammatophyllum

Kevin Brian



3rd Place:

Phal. Krull’s Red Dragon

Jennifer Howell



Venice Area Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Date: June 2, 2021

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

Announcements

Everyone is encouraged to post pictures of your blooming orchids on our Facebook page.

In person meetings are projected to start again in September.

We have our Snook Haven Outing Sunday, June 6th at 11:30 for lunch under the orchids and oak trees. Live music begins at 1:00.

Jay Loeffler introduced our speaker for the evening. Our society is fortunate to welcome Dr. Lawrence Zettler, who will be presenting the topic: Orchid Recovery Program.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report May 2021

Operating Fund Starting May 1, 2021 \$ 3,681.85

+ Income \$ 90.00

- Payments \$ 409.99

Closing Balance May 28, 2021 \$ 3,361.86

+
Petty Cash \$ 75.00

Total Operating Fund May 28, 2021 \$ 3,436.86

Reserve Fund

Starting Balance May 1, 2021 \$37,175.84

+Interest Income May 28, 2021 \$ 0.28

Closing Balance May 28, 2021 \$37,176.12

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer



Sunset Valley Orchids 2021 Catasetinae Plant Offering

For 2021-22, I am pleased to share the one of the most comprehensive selection of Catasetinae hybrids and species ever offered by SVO. Through the ongoing process of collecting, selecting, and developing our parental lines, the quality of the breeding stock is now without compare. These new hybrids will set the standard for flower quality, plant vigor, and your enjoyment. This season we have focused on five areas:

Species: We have been collecting and selecting the finest species for many years. Breeding sexually dimorphic orchids is challenging, for example it been 9 years since we last offered *Cyc. cooperi*! This year's list is impressive.

Cycnoches: The elegant swan-shaped blooms of *Cycnoches* are simply breathtaking. Our *Cycnoches* breeding program has reached new heights, and this year's offering has brought together the results of evaluating 100's of potential parents and selecting for plant vigor and excellent flower color and quality. These new crosses will grow fast and reach blooming size in 3" pots, with outstanding new colors and pattern combinations not seen before. This is the year to 'stock up on these' - it's a truly spectacular offering.

Mini-Catasetum: The success of "mini-Catasetum" crosses and positive feedback by collectors have inspired us to step up the development in this category. Besides being compact growers, these plants consistently flower 2-4 times a year! This new list is by far the deepest and broadest we have offered, and there are many promising new crosses to select from.

Mormodes: Commonly called the goblin orchid, this genus has been getting lots of attention from my toothpick! These are the some of the last Catasetinae to bloom each season, and they look fantastic with their bare bulbs and upright spikes of strange-shaped flowers in fantastic colors! These new crosses are super exciting, and I can hardly manage my anticipation while waiting to see these bloom.

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Clowesia: The benefits Clowesia brings to its offspring are surprising: flower longevity, reduced plant size, fragrance, multiple cascading inflorescences, full flower shape and more. We are capitalizing on these benefits in a wide variety of crosses. How many of you have wanted a Cl. Rebecca Northern? These are now available, and we have both a sibling cross and a remake of the original cross. Get them now!

This year we are splitting the new Catasetinae catalog in two, with the first half being listed now and the second half to be released about a month later. You will be impressed with the crosses in both releases.

[Catasetinae Listing](#)

[Sunset Valley Orchids - Superior Hybrids for Orchid Enthusiasts](#)

[Click here for list](#)

Plant Culture

Your Catasetinae should be in growth by now, with many growers in southern parts of the country already seeing some plants bloom. Watering and fertilizing should be in full swing for most everybody. This is when your plants really put on their best growth. Fertilize with each watering using with ½ tsp fertilizer per gallon of water through October.

Remember - no more re-potting at this time. However, it is ok to 'slip-pot' into the next larger pot size. Just wrap more moss around the existing and slip in to the next larger pot, being careful not to disturb or damage those important new roots.

This is when your Catasetinae can really take advantage of lots of light and air movement to help push and develop large new growths. Ideal temperatures in summer are 80-95 degree days and 60-75 degree nights, with humidity between 40% and 80%.

Keep an eye out for spider mites, which can get a foot-hold on your plants (and they have 8 feet!). Be diligent and check the undersides of the new leaves regularly. If mites are detected, spray immediately. They can quickly get out of control if early action is not taken!

I am always available to take your calls and E-mails, so please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Fred Clarke and Carlos Lopez

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JULY GROWERS CLINIC ON ZOOM

July Zoom Growers Clinic

Thursday July 8th, 7pm

Presentation: Top Tips From Experienced Growers

This Clinic was prepared by the VAOS Growers Clinic Team with input from our members and other experienced orchid growers. These tips are a compilation of ideas, but, what works for others may not work for you. Make small changes and evaluate results. Modify these tips to your growing area, work style and culture.

Please bring any tips or Ideas that you use to the clinic and join in helping our members to become better orchid growers

Tips are organized in the following categories:

- Air/Light/Water
- Cold Weather & Storm protection
- Fertilizer & Supplements
- General
- Genera/Species Specific
- Mounts and Baskets
- Pests & Diseases
- Pots & Media
- Repotting
- Tools of the Trade

Have your problem plants ready to show and discuss for advice from our Growers Clinic Team. Guests are welcome.

Jay Loeffler, Growers Clinic Coordinator

Watch for Zoom log on instructions for this meeting on our Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VAOS.org>

or in an email that will be sent prior to meeting.

Show Vendor Spotlight

Joanna's Orchid Pottery



From Joanna Shaw's website: www.orchidpottery.com

Hi everyone, I am a small time hobby orchid grower and potter. I make orchid pots in my spare time when I am not at work-I still work as a Physical Therapist in Venice, Florida. (And she is the current President of VAOS!)

I started making clay orchid baskets because, as an outdoor orchid grower in Florida, I could not find wide shallow Cattleya pots with enough aeration and drainage to withstand the summer rains. So I decided to make my own. I have been gradually improving my designs and selling the baskets locally for several years. Recently I have been learning to throw pots on a potter's wheel so I am currently offering a pretty nice selection of handmade yet affordable orchid pots and baskets. I am really enjoying the process of learning to be a potter. This was never in my long term plan but I love it now. Some of my creations could actually be considered artistic but most are just functional orchid pots.

As an orchid hobbyist, I know sometimes we want something interesting and unusual in which to grow our orchids, that is actually *good* for our orchids, and doesn't break the bank. My intent is to make affordable pots so you can buy a few and still have money for more orchids!

Over the next few years as I approach retirement I would love to attend more local orchid events and shows and meet more orchid enthusiasts. Happy growing!



**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

4941 Bella Terra Dr., Venice, FL 34293

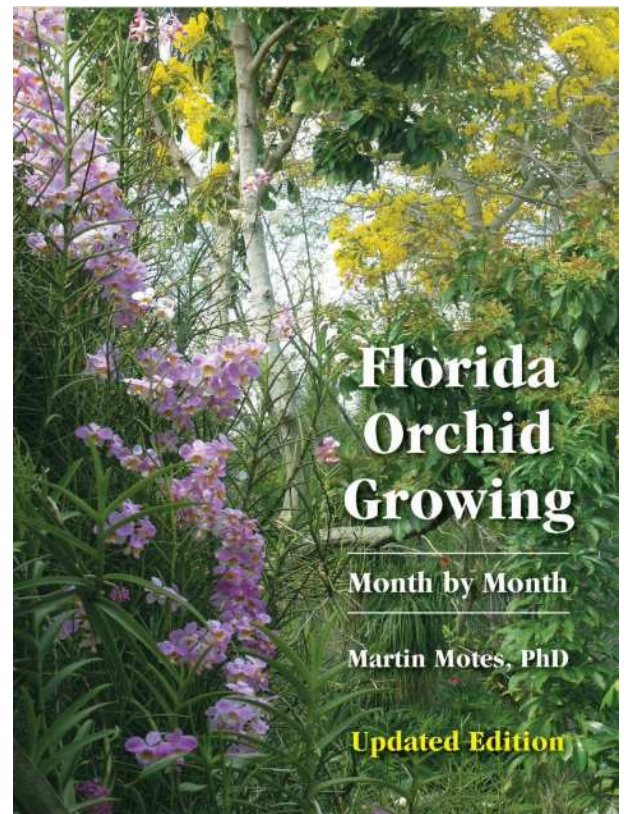
Call or email Judy or Carol to order and pick up your copy at
one of their homes.

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.



July Culture Tip— What Orchids Grow Best Here?

What orchids grow best here? Cattleyas, dendrobiums, oncidiums, vandas and bulbos grow well outdoors in our area.

Phalaenopsis and paphiopedilums grow well but require more shade and should be hand- watered and not exposed to rainfall.

Phragmipediums grow well and prefer to have their “feet wet” (set in saucer of water).

Most cymbidiums, miltonias and odontoglossums are cool growing plants and will not bloom well here unless purchased from a local grower and bred to be “warmth tolerant”.

Any species plant requires special attention – your success is based on your ability to match its’ natural habitat

Join us for our Growers Clinic on Zoom July 8th for more top tips from experienced growers.



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- ♦ Provides an interactive environment for members
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 - ♦ 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.



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/>



“Membership Grows in 2021 -

While our family of Orchid Loving People work together- to recover and gain normalcy!”

We started out 2021 with 421 Members from last year. We were hoping that we would be able to put the problems of the world behind us sometime in 2021! We masked, we isolated, we wiped down, and we met by Zoom!! But we made it!

We lost a few members along the way....but we also gained some new members and friends so far this year as well! All in all, we helped & held on to each other through Facebook and Zoom. Now we are planning our 1st get-together meetings and events! Read all about them in this Newsletter, and I will see you there soon!

We went from those 421 Members end of 2020, to a Membership through June of 425!!! We increased our bottom line membership, while saying goodbye to the few that we lost. Please join me in Welcoming Our New Members for the first half of 2021:

John Hallowell

Carol Regan

Yoshida Roberson

Elizabeth & Larry Magill

Suzanne Hooper

Sara Gill

Sara McCartney

We look forward to meeting and getting to know them in the months ahead!

Suzanne Grimmer – VAOS Membership Chairman

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)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7th (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting via Zoom. 7pm. Speaker: Jeff Bradley. Topic: Famous Lavender Cattleyas

July 8th (2nd Thursday) - Growers Clinic via Zoom. Topic: Top Tips from Experienced Growers

August 4th (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting via Zoom. 7pm. Speaker: Peter Lin. Topic: Genus Dendrobium

August 6-8 - International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium 2021. Hosted by Krull Smith in Apopka. Info: www.phal.org

August 12th (2nd Thursday) - Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Member Plant Sale. See article in this newsletter

September 1st (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting, Venice Community Center, 7pm, Speaker: Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids

September 9th (2nd Thursday) - Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm.

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/>

Next Meetings:

July 7th via Zoom

August 4th via Zoom

**September 1st Venice
Community Center—
Welcome Back!!!!**

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