

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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November 2021

November General Meeting

**Wednesday
November 3rd
6:45pm**

Venice Community Center



Speaker: Fred Clarke

**Topic: Cycnoches, Mormodes, Catasetums—
Recent Trends**

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum, Australian Dendrobium, and some others to be named if they work out! His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Fred will have plants for sale.

November Events

**Welcome back!
November 3rd
meeting will be
held at the Venice
Community
Center**

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Hi Everyone!

Thank you! Thank you! And thanks!

Our October meeting was a success despite the last minute speaker shuffle! A big 'thank you' goes out to Naoki Kawamura, Vanda Grower Extraordinaire, who agreed to speak the night before the meeting!

It was wonderful to see so many happy faces and I want to thank everyone who came for just showing up after such a long period without meetings. I especially want to thank everyone for wearing masks. We had a nice room full of people, we were pretty well spread out and everyone was really good about masking. That made a huge difference to people who weren't sure if it was safe to come back, so thank you all

for your kindness and consideration for each other. That's what makes our orchid society so wonderful! It's nice to be back in the swing of things.

We were able to start volunteer sign up for our show in February and I hope that our plans can just continue to roll forward now like they are supposed to! I am just dreaming of that big room full of flowers when we open the doors to our show! Like Christmas morning for orchid peeps!

Thanks again for being a great bunch!

Joanna Shaw, President

NOVEMBER 3RD MEETING

We are **not** going to put out name tags so there will **not** be a backup of people at the door

- **Masks and social distancing** - We will have extra masks on hand and sanitizer. Keep in mind, we have an older population of members and we are masking out of kind consideration for each other, no political agenda intended.
- We are only going to provide **bottled water**, no other refreshments. You can bring anything else you want, but we are trying to discourage people from taking their masks off to eat.
- The Community Center will allow us more space and we will have less chairs out for **better social distancing**. Feel free to pull chairs close to whoever you want to sit with, but respect people who want to be further apart.
- We **will** have a raffle table
- We **will** have a plant table with a few changes: we will **not recruit judges** First, Second, and Third place ribbons will be given based on **member voting**. Vote for **1 plant** only, we will figure out the rest. We will also still have the ribbon for speakers choice. We will still present the plant table at the end, right before the raffle table.

Venice Area Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2021

Joanna Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Joanna welcomed the members back to in-person meetings.

Announcements

Jay and Judy Loeffler are absent tonight but have put in a great amount of work for the Venice Area Orchid Society. Jay has had a full list of speakers lined up before and after the pandemic and has had to adjust many times as needed.

At the last minute our speaker for this evening had to cancel. Jay was able to get Naoki Kawamura to step in to give tonight's presentation. A round of thank you applause from tonight's attending members filled the room.

There are a few changes to our plant table tonight to simplify things. Typically plants are brought in for show and tell by members and are judged by "judges" recruited from attending member. Moving forward members will bring in their plants and put a number on them before placing on the plant table. After the speaker has given their presentation members are encouraged to view the plants and vote for their favorite orchid. The votes will be counted and ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and speakers choice.

Allan Black, who specializes in crossing Brassavolas, has donated several orchids for sale tonight with proceeds going to VAOS. Thank you Allan.

We have our raffle table back again. Members are encouraged to buy tickets, choose a bowl with your favorite item and we will raffle them off.

Thank you for wearing your masks. We are spaced out well tonight and feel we have a safe venue for tonight's presentation.

Saturday, November 6th the Englewood Orchid Society is having a plant sale at Christ Lutheran Church from 9-12:00. Mary Anne with the Englewood Area Orchid Society has asked for a donation of 6"-8" gardening pots to be sold at the event. If you have donations contact the Mary Anne DiGrazia.

Janet Keown was welcomed to the front to talk about the upcoming 2022 Show.

Our Show will be February 5th and 6th. This will be our 54th Show and we need many volunteers. The theme this year is **"Happy Days Are Here Again."**

Set up will be Friday, February 4th.

It takes an army to put on a successful Show. We have one of the largest Shows on the West Coast of Florida and our Show is considered to be one of the top three Shows in the State of Florida! We have many volunteer opportunities.

VAOS Meeting Minutes October 6th continued

Volunteers are needed to:

- Unload plants and greenery and lay plastic

- Take down after the Show

- Clerking- working with the AOS judges

- Front door admissions

- Show Host/Security- a sit down position

- Hospitality and Food for Friday, Saturday and Sunday- Donate food to be shared for volunteers and Show Venders.

- Membership Table

- Arts and Crafts- Enter homemade works of orchid inspired art

Please sign-up at this meeting and November's meeting. We are hoping to generate funds with our Show and need your help.

Joanna Shaw remarked how exciting Show Weekend is with all the flowers, wonderful smells and a buzz in the air as everyone has a good time.

Joanna introduced tonight's speaker, Naoki Kawamura. He is a multiple AOS award winner and will be speaking on "Vanda Growing Culture". He is a Venice resident, moving here from Portland, Oregon. He has won many awards for his orchids and is considered a great grower of Vandas. Naoki was welcomed to the podium with member's applause.

The plant table was presented by Joanna Shaw, Kristen Shaw and Vicki Fisher. The table was full of beautiful plants grown by our members.

John and Sharon Konowski ran the raffle table to the delight of the lucky winners.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

October 6, 2021 Meeting and Plant Table Awards

Photos by Kristin Shaw and Narrative by Cynthia Vance



First Place Blue Ribbon was awarded to Maria Ruano for her gorgeous Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Sagarik Wax 'Silk Ball' having as least 4 outstanding blooms! According to the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) it is now called a Cattlianthe (Ctt.) because it is a hybrid of (C. Summerland Girl x Ctt. Chocolate Drop) and a 'Cattlianthe' is a hybrid of a Cattleya x Guarianthe. Such changes by taxonomists bother many growers who have memorized and have already printed tags of the original name. Luckily, certified orchid judges graciously accept both names. By the way, the RHS is my 'go-to' website for quickly checking orchid/hybrid name abbreviations and their 15-page list is now sports 3042 names so far. Congratulations Maria!

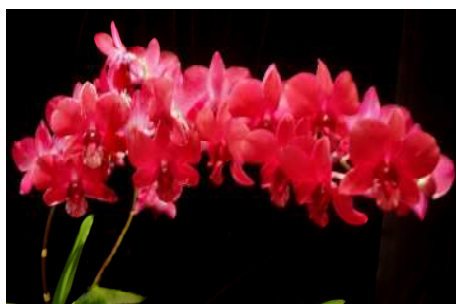


Second Place Red Ribbon was presented to Gunther Lobisch for his Brassidium (Brsdm.) Gilded Urchin. This 'spider-orchid hybrid' had tall spikes of bright green/yellow flowers with spots and a brighter yellow lip. This popular hybrid was originated by Rod McLellan Co., California in 1971 and, here our photo shows just one-third of Gunther's massive sprawling specimen! It's a cross of Brassia (Brs). arcuigera x Oncidium (Onc.) wentworthianum which are two species making it a 'primary' hybrid. Thus to make this clear, the name of each 'donor' is officially listed in lower-case letters. Great growing Gunther!!

October 6, 2021 Meeting and Plant Table Awards Continued



Third Place Yellow Ribbon was awarded to Vicki Fisher for her Cynoches (Cyc.) Mass Confusion – which had two unusual lovely green blooms. It is a hybrid of Cyc. chlorochilon x Cyc. warszewiczii – again a primary hybrid!! Cynoches (pronounced: sin-OH-chez) is a genus of 34 currently accepted species of orchids native to South and Central America and Mexico. Also called ‘swan orchids’, they are epiphytes growing on trees and found in lowlands and lower mountain slopes. Since our climate is similar to their native habitat, they happily grow in Venice and make a good choice for our members collection. Thank you, Vicki bringing in such a beautiful plant!



Speaker's Choice White Ribbon goes to Maria Ruano for her second win – her magnificent Dendrobium (Den.) Panama Red with its multiflorous velvety, wine-colored blossoms. It's great to have a Dendrobium get its due by garnering such a prestigious award! Dendrobiums like to have lots of sunlight high above other orchids in your orchid area. If you want to always have some orchids blooming in your shade house year-round, dendrobiums are your must-have plants. They're easy to cultivate; they add additional inflorescences yearly; and their blooms last for many weeks. There are more than 1800 species of known dendrobiums and many more hybrids. Congratulations again to Maria!!

2022 DUES

We have started collecting 2022 annual dues in October, with **December 31st** the last date to maintain your membership.

Dues are \$20 per household. If you join or renew on or after October 1st, 2021, you are paid through 2022. Mail your check, payable to VAOS, to:

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

You may also renew at our monthly meetings.

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

Treasurer's Report September, 2021

Operating Fund Starting Sept. 1, 2021	\$38,439.94
+ Income	\$ 40.00
- Payments	\$ 114.99
+ Interest	\$ 0.28
+ Petty Cash	\$ 75.00
Total Operating Fund Sept 30, 2021	\$38,365.23

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer



IAN'S CORNER

I joined the VAOS mid-2018 and attended my 1st meeting in either October or November. I learned that the society offered a mentor program and asked if I could join it. After I attended the requisite number of monthly meetings and two workshops, I was admitted and assigned a mentor, Donn Smart. I asked Donn if he would take a look at my collection and set up, a baker's rack and a bunch of tables in the front entryway and in the cage at the pool. Maybe I had 25-30 plants, an assortment of NOID Dendrobiums, Phals., and Oncidiums and a few other named types. Donn was encouraging, complimentary and instructive. Too much moss on this mounting. The roots are too wet. This one should get more light and can even take a little sun. The leaves should be a paler shade of green. When leaving he said, let's find a day for you to visit me. When I visited him, I was startled by the size of his collection, spread through two greenhouses and a shade structure (all of which he built himself) and I thought, what am I doing in this organization. I will never have this kind of set up or a collection like this or his level of knowledge. He has been at this for 30+ years. What am I thinking? The other members probably have collections and greenhouses just like Donn's. I thought this is crazy. I must look foolish with my few nameless orchids whose roots are too wet and that don't get enough light.

I was wrong. No one is judging and not all members have collections like Donn's. Most probably have collections like mine and struggle with wet roots and too little light. And best of all, the members with more extensive set ups and collections and knowledge are happy to share what they have learned with anyone who wants to learn through the mentor program, through the monthly workshops and through discussions at the monthly plant table. My Dendrobiums don't have three or four flower stalks when they bloom. They have one. The conditions in which they grow won't produce three or four flower stalks. But the important thing is that I have been able to get them to flower even if it is one flower stalk and it makes me happy and proud that I have been able to accomplish that. I am happy and proud to be able to bring my beautiful accomplishments to the plant table every month when they are blooming.

I heard someone say at a meeting that our VAOS show is the largest on the West Coast and ranks 3rd in Florida as a revenue generator for the vendors. I asked a vendor at the last Sarasota show I attended (January 2020) if he would be at the Venice show. He said I want to be there but there just isn't enough space for all of us.

We can learn as much as we want to and whether or not we ever get a ribbon or expand our collections or are just happy and proud with what we have, our society is the perfect place for us 'orchid people' to be.

Cheers, Ian Kennedy

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VAOS Newsletter Team

VAOS Mentor Program

Are you fairly new to growing orchids? After the last 18 months of no “in person” VAOS meetings do you have some questions or are you looking for some guidance that you feel pertains only to your particular growing situation? Are you an experienced grower looking for a rewarding opportunity to share your knowledge and skills and help new members? With over 400 members in the VAOS, it’s probably a good idea to review the details of our Mentor Program and how you might benefit from it!

Our Mentor Program, one of only a handful of such programs in Florida, began in 2012 with an idea brought forth by Peg Fahrenback. The concept is quite simple. Match knowledgeable, experienced growers (the “mentors”) with newer members (the “mentees”) who might need a little personalized “jump start”, over and above what might be gained by attending our meetings and Growers Clinics.

The mentor often supports their mentee by visiting the mentee’s home, in a more social setting, for an hour or so, to gauge growing conditions, placement, specific plant requirements for light, watering and feeding, potting, pests, etc., and to discuss one of our favorite topics, orchids! Mentees, on the other hand, should be active VAOS members, are required to have attended at least two Growers Clinics, and of course have a genuine interest in improving the results of their orchid-growing endeavors. Graduates of the program gain the additional knowledge and skills they need to improve their results and receive an attractive VAOS Pin to commemorate and celebrate their achievement. We currently have 11 Mentors (HINT: We need more!) and have “graduated” almost 100 “mentees”. Many have gone on to produce award-winning plants and to become mentors themselves!

If you would like to volunteer to join our team of mentors, which is a fun and rewarding way to share your orchid-growing skills, meet new orchid aficionados, and requires only a minimal amount of time or, if, in turn, you are struggling with your orchid collection and feel a mentor would help you with your “learning curve”, complete the appropriate section of the Mentor/Mentee application, located on our website at vaos.org, or send an email to mentor@vaos.org.



Orchid Intensive Care Unit

Dr. Courtney Hackney
November 2011 Reprint

Experienced hobbyists have learned a lesson over the years that many newer hobbyists do not like to hear. If an orchid wants to die, don't spend a lot of time trying to save it. This is often a hard lesson for new growers who just spent what seemed like a large amount of money for a gorgeous orchid plant in flower or for some unusual species that a speaker was selling. The fact is that once an orchid plant starts "toward the light" it's hard to stop it. Also, growers with many plants want to remove that potential carrier of disease from the growing area as well as spend their limited time on other orchids that are growing well.

There are times, however, when you just are not willing to let an orchid die. It might be a very rare and hard-to-find orchid, or it might be the first orchid you purchased. Just about everyone has "nostalgic" orchids in their collection. While difficult, orchids headed toward that great mulch pile in the sky can often be brought back. Here are some of the tricks of the trade.

Before reading this, remember that orchids do not have immune systems like animals. Treating orchids requires that you understand and take advantage of the mechanisms that orchids use to fight disease and pests.

Instead of moving disease fighting cells to the infection like we do, orchids instead separate healthy cells from unhealthy cells by building walls between healthy and unhealthy tissues. Infection of a plant has an entry point every time. This fact can be as important in treating an orchid as the diagnosis.

The first step is coming up with a diagnosis. If you can see where the problem started, there is an excellent chance that the plant can be saved. Often, the tip of a leaf or a new growth turns black indicating where the rot has started. If there is healthy tissue on the rhizome or at the base of the leaf the orchid can generally be saved.

Most fast acting diseases are caused by bacteria. If bacteria have penetrated to new growths or reached the center of a phal or vanda, it is often too late, but it can be worth a try if it is a very special plant. My first tactic is to remove all of the black or dead tissue, which requires removal of the plant from the pot. Totally wash all media from roots. I use a small jet from a hose to wash the orchid. Next, I spray the entire plant with household hydrogen peroxide. Then, place the plant on a newspaper in a spare room where there is plenty of air movement and little humidity. The main point is to kill the bacteria and stop the infection.

Check the plant each morning and night before bed for any soft or watery spots and remove any you find followed by spraying the new wound with hydrogen peroxide. Your plant should remain dry and will look desiccated. Avoid the temptation to mist. If after a week no new rot spots have appeared and the orchid is green, you have a chance to save it. Put the plant at the bottom of a new clay pot and set it in a shady part of the greenhouse. At this point, I will move it out when I water because I do not want the plant to get wet until I see signs of growth. When new roots or leaves appear, water it. Once roots begin to attach to the pot, gently place a small quantity of media in the pot and leave it alone until it is clear that the orchid has resumed growing. Next move it back to the proper light level. If caught early, an orchid with rot can be saved.



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NOVEMBER 6TH 9am—Noon**



EAOS will have their annual orchid and plant sale at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N Indiana Ave, Englewood, on November 6th. We'll be on the outside of the hall as we have done in the past. The sale will be from 9 am - noon.

Anyone wishing to sell plants is asked to email Mary Anne at tommaryanne@centurylink.net. Sellers will receive 80% and the society will receive 20% Anyone can donate plants for the society to sell. Bring them and assist with the sale.

I know we all missed the sale last year as did the many faithful followers of our sale. Now is the time to start getting plants ready as November 6th will be here before we know it.

Submitted by Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President

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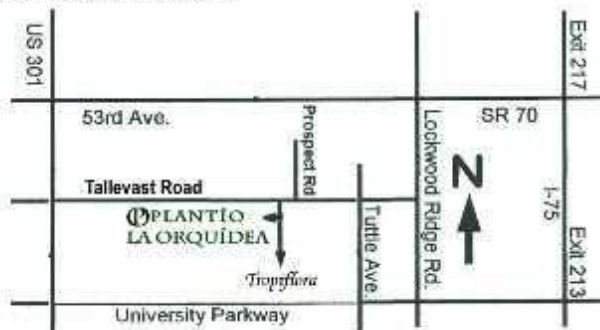
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VAOS MEMBER PLANT SWAP/SALE AT VENICE WEST BLALOCK PARK DECEMBER 4TH

VAOS members are invited to join us at West Blalock Park on Saturday, December 4th, 9am – 1pm for a plant swap/sale and monster plant division demonstration. We have reserved West Blalock Park for this event – it is located directly behind the Venice Community Center.

If you plan to bring plants to swap or sell, please contact Janet Keown, Social@VAOS.org. You may also donate plants to sell to benefit the VAOS. You may bring a table and chairs. We also encourage members to bring chairs, drinks and snacks to enjoy at the event. In addition to the orchid plant swap/sale, we will provide a large plant division demonstration.

Come on down and see your orchid friends and share your plant divisions! Hope to see you there!



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2022 VAOS ORCHID SHOW & SALE
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SIGN UP NOW TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR SHOW



The Venice Area Orchid Society (VAOS) will present our 55th annual show and sale at the Venice Community Center in beautiful downtown Venice, FL on February 5-6, 2022. Our show theme this year is *"Happy Days Are Here Again"*. Fifteen vendors will exhibit and sell 1000's of blooming orchid plants as well as orchid floral arrangements, artwork, jewelry, accessories and supplies. The show is widely regarded as the most popular orchid show on Florida's west coast and comes just before Valentine's Day.

The Venice Area Orchid Society is one of the largest and most active orchid societies in the U.S. with more than 400 members. Our mission is to foster orchid growing, to provide a forum for orchid exhibition, to promote orchid conservation, and to share the knowledge and experience of growers and hobbyists. We are an affiliate of the American Orchid Society. Our annual show is our major fund raising event and is always held the first full weekend in February at the Venice Community Center in downtown Venice.

Please volunteer to support our show! We count on our army of member volunteers to produce a successful show! See the following volunteer list for where we need help. Sign up at our monthly meetings or email ShowChair@VAOS.org. Call Judy Loeffler, Show Co-chair at 941-485-9569 for more information.

Volunteer for our 2022 Show

Friday February 4th 11am -8pm Set Up

Saturday February 5th 10am - 5pm

Sunday February 6th 10am - 4pm

Show Committee	When	Job	# Volunteer Slots
Set Up Coord: Jerry Daenzer 284-5001	Friday 2/4/22 11am - 2pm	Set up the hall for exhibits. Lay plastic, assist vendors in bringing in plants and greenery. Some strong backs needed.	10
Take Down Coord: Ed Soentgen & Carol Wood 497-4995	Sunday 2/6/22 3:45pm - 6pm	Show take down and clean up. Assist removal of plants and displays. Dispose of trash, sweep floor. Fresh/rested volunteers needed.	10
Clerks Coord: Mary Anne Digrazia 697-9237	Saturday 2/5/22 7:30am - 10:30am	Work with AOS judges finding and pointing out plants in the exhibits and placing ribbons. A great learning experience as the judges share their knowledge of what makes a quality plant and flower!	30
Front Door Admissions Coord: Elaine Ortt 485-5313	Saturday 2/5/22 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/6/22 9:45am - 4pm	Sell admission tickets. Cashier skills required. A sit down job. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Saturday or Sunday.	30
Show Hosts Coord: Sharon & John Kahnoski 616-581-9131	Friday 2/4/22 1pm - 7pm Saturday 2/5/22 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/6/22 9:45am - 4pm	Monitor entrances and exits. Ensure visitors don't step into displays. Serve as Show Host for AOS judges, other societies and vendors. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Some sit down jobs.	70
Hospitality/Food Coord: Linda & Bruce Hahn 408-7646	Friday , Saturday and Sunday	Bring your favorite dish Friday, Saturday or Sunday: hot or cold main dishes, casseroles, pastries, platters, desserts, etc. Bring to kitchen by 11am each day. Sign up your dish and what day. Help with clean up Saturday or Sunday	All

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Contact Judy Loeffler, Show Co-chair, 941-485-9569 for more information.

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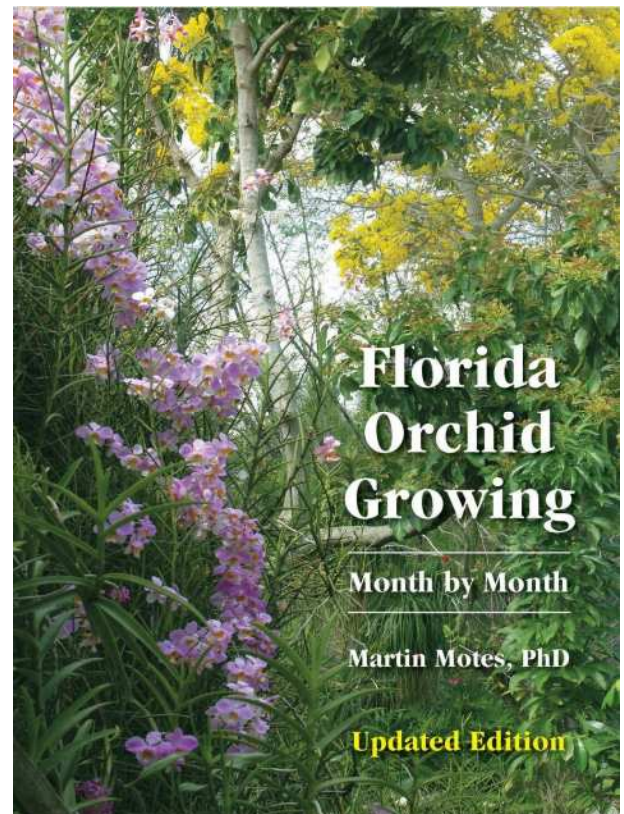
VAOS has received our shipment of the new edition. They are available to members for \$20 and may be ordered and picked up from:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3rd (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting, Venice Community Center, 7pm, Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids

November 5th-7th - Vanda & Slipper Orchid Symposium, Apopka FL. See flyer in this newsletter

November 6 - Englewood Area Orchid Society Annual Plant Sale. See flyer in this newsletter.

November 11- No Growers Clinic This Month

November 11-13 - Plantio La Orquidea Fall Orchid Sale. See flyer in this newsletter

November 19—21 - Palmer Orchids Fall Open House. See flyer in this newslettter

No monthly meeting in December

December 4 - Member plant swap/sale at West Blalock Park. See article in this newsletter.

December 12—Holiday Brunch canceled

PLAN AHEAD

January 7-9 -SOS Annual Show & Sale

January 14-16 - Tamiami Orchid Festival International,. See flyer in this newsletter.

February 4-6-VAOS Annual Show & Sale

March 3-5- EAOS Annual Show & Slae

ONGOING

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

AOS Orchid Judging—Florida North Central Judging Center. Check Website for Schedule: Info: <http://www.fncjc.shutterfly.com/>

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