

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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February 2022

February General Meeting

**Wednesday
February 2 6:45pm
Venice Community Center**

Speaker: Bill Nunez

Topic: Encyclias and Their Hybrids



I began growing orchids in the late 60's after several years of tagging along with my father to visit his friend's greenhouses. Some of these growers were prominent growers in the area and some of you may remember them. Jack Sweet, Cliff Curry, John Matthews, John & Gloria Naugle, Gladys Whitesell, Richard Bates and a few others

I began to receive a few back bulbs from some of these folks and a few of them lived. I was off to the races after that. I built my first flask box when I was in high school. I grew up on 1800 acres of family owned ranch land. I started working on Cattle ranches in the 70's and became familiar with Florida cypress swamps. I greatly enjoyed my adventures into these wonderful swamps. They became my refuge and I always had the sense of traveling back hundreds of years in time when I entered one of these untouched places. I was able to find many of the Florida orchid species along with native ferns and a variety of wildlife.

I have been growing orchids most of my life and I get great pleasure now when I am making new hybrids, mostly in the Cattleya alliance. I have been fortunate enough to receive several AOS awards and register several of my hybrids. The greatest satisfaction for me is to have one of my hybrids awarded.

Now I am older than dirt and I am still fascinated with orchids. Somewhere back in my memory I am still a young man on an afternoon adventure in a pristine Florida cypress head, oak hammock or creek bottom.

Bill Nunez 'AKA' Rhizome Cowboy'

February Events

**February 2nd
meeting will be
held at the Venice
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to all our returning snowbirds and new members! Show season - and Covid season - is upon us. As you know, we have already modified the format of our show this year to allow for more room and less traffic. We also needed to reduce the number of volunteers needed as many of our members are still avoiding public gatherings. As you know, everything we plan is always a work in progress and subject to change as we make the best decisions we can on the best information available. We will continue to keep you all updated on our show plans through email blasts and blurbs on the Facebook Venice Area Orchid Society group page. Please make sure your email and membership info is up to date so you get any updates as needed, Also feel free to ask questions of the Facebook page.

Our live meetings have been going well, spacing between people has been good and almost everyone is masking. Personally, my feelings are that I hope we all get vaccinated and wear good masks and we can continue to weather the latest surge. Omicron came in fast, hopefully it will burn out just as fast and we can be done with it.

Stay healthy! See you all next month! (Cant wait!!!)

Joanna Shaw, President

Venice Area Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 5, 2022

Joanna Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Welcome to all of our members.

Announcements

- There will be no Grower's Clinic on Thursday evening due to worsening covid numbers.
- The board has been busy making many decisions concerning the Show, Meetings and Grower's Clinics.
- Members were encouraged to view the Plant Table during the break and vote on their favorite orchid. Ribbons are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- Kristin Shaw will be joining Bruce Weaver, VP of Displays.

Joanna welcomed Judy Loeffler to the front. Judy discussed some of the many ever-evolving changes that are taking place for the planning of the 2022 Show due to Covid concerns.

- Our Orchid Show and Sale will now include Venders Only with a Vender Sale. All venders will be spread out to allow plenty of room for attendees to view and purchase plants.
- All displays have been cancelled. No new t-shirts, no trophies and ribbons will be awarded, no raffles or hourly raffles, no orchid boutique and no membership table. These will all return for the 2023 Show and Sale. Traditionally our Show has a large attendance. Since Covid is surging we were unable to recruit enough AOS judges willing to judge our orchid displays this year.
- Food for the Show: Only premade sandwiches and packaged chips and pretzels for the workers and venders.
- Limited volunteers will be needed this year. Thank you to everyone for stepping up during this difficult time. We need volunteers for admissions, Show hosts, and volunteers for the food. Sign-up Sheets are in the back. Shifts are 2 ½ hours.
- Advertising: Newspaper Advertisements only. Please take Show postcard on the back table and pass them around to others to help with advertising.
- The Show is our major fundraiser for this year so we hope to get a good turnout.
- A round of applause was given for the VAOS Board of Directors for all their hard work and energy to make the difficult planning decisions around the ever-changing Covid landscape.

Another round of applause was given to Thank Judy Loeffler and Carol Wood, the VAOS Show Chairs for all their efforts and hard work.

Bruce Weaver introduced our Speaker for the evening, Courtney Hackney. The topic is Unappreciated Cattleya Species in Modern Hybrids. Courtney has perfected the breeding of orchids and will WOW us all! Members showed their delight and appreciation with applause following the presentation.

Joanna Shaw, Kristin Shaw and Vicki Fisher presented the plant table filled with stunning orchids.

John and Sharon Konowski ran the raffle table. Many large plants were raffled this month.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

January Meeting and Plant Table Awards

Photos and Narrative by Cynthia Vance



First Place Blue Ribbon was awarded to Vicki Fisher for her hearty, multi-florus Brassia (Brs.) Rex. Brassia Rex is a 'spider-like' orchid hybrid originated by W.W.G. Moir in 1964. It is a cross of Brs. verrucosa x Brs. verrucosa x Brs gireoudiana. It is considered a primary hybrid because it is a cross between two species. Robert Brown (1773–1858) introduced the genus in 1813 in honor of William Brass, Esq., a botanical illustrator. Brassias are widely distributed, vigorous epiphytic plants which bear large, yellow-white and light brown flowers with narrow sepals and petals spotted or blotched – and pointed, with a prominent, reflexed lip, also looking like spiders! We all should have at least one Brassia in our collection for they're easy to grow and give great satisfaction. Great specimen, Vicki!



The (first) Second Place Red Ribbon was presented to Cecile Gelb for her gorgeous and showy Cattleya (C.) Melody Fair 'Carol' HCC/AOS. Originated by Dogashima Orchid Sanctuary's research center, Japan in 1988, it is a cross of C. Stephen Oliver Fouraker x C. Horace. It is one of the best semi-alba Cattleya hybrids created and has been one of the most awarded cultivars -- 10 awards from 1995-2018! With its crisp white petals which surround a ruby red lip that has golden yellow eyes deep in the throat, it was a stand-out at our meeting. It is fragrant as well and the flowers typically last about 3 weeks once open, more so than most Catts. So, for our members, this is a 'keeper'. They're readily available on E-Bay but I recommend purchasing it from a dedicated grower, such as Chadwick and Son Orchids, Virginia, known for their plant quality and reputation. Thanks for bringing your plant in, Cecile and great growing!

January 2022 Meeting and Plant Table Awards Continued



Another Second Place Red Ribbon (a TIE!) went to Vicki Fisher for her delicate and beautiful Bulbophyllum (Bulb.) Thai Spider. Her plant had 7 flowers with another 4+ on the way and she presented it on a delightful mount which made for a lovely captivating presentation. Bulb Thai Spider is a cross of two species: Bulb. medusae and Bulb. gracillimum, with the pink center emanating from gracillimum and the long white tendrils from medusae. There is usually only a single leaf at the top of the pseudobulb and from one to many flowers are arranged along an unbranched flowering stem that arises from the base of the pseudobulb. The stem is divided into a rhizome and a pseudobulb, a feature that distinguishes this genus from Dendrobium. Vicki waters it every other day but in the summer twice a day. Since Bulbophyllum is the largest genus in the orchid family and the 3rd largest genus of plants of any kind, we're glad that Vicki grows them for our pleasure too! Beautiful work, Vicki!!



Speaker's Choice White Ribbon goes to again to Vicki Fisher for her striking red-orange Cynodes (Cycd.) Taiwan Gold 'Orange'. Remember last month we learned that Cynodes is a hybrid of a Cycnoches and a Mormodes? Well this plant is the clone 'Orange' -- a striking new color form of the famous hybrid Cyc.Taiwan Gold, which is a primary hybrid of Cycnoches chlorchilon and Mormodes badia. The best part is that it's a fast-growing, robust, and fragrant plant that thrives in heat and doesn't skip a beat! Like Vicki's plant here, it produces multiple inflorescences on newly matured growths and bears 10 or more 3-inch flowers in a magnificent cascade. Amazingly when it blooms it's in its dormant stage now throughout winter when Vicki doesn't water it. Then it starts to die back but once new growths begin and Vicki sees new roots forming, she resumes normal watering. Vicki, congratulations again!!

VAOS 2022 SHOW DISPLAY

We have significantly down-sized this year's annual show and sale due to Covid. We have eliminated all but vendor sales, however, Bruce Weaver, Kristin Shaw and Jay Loefler have expressed an interest in putting in a display. We are planning one large display in front of the stage for member and vendor plants, complete with a water feature, tiki torches and steel band music.

Members are encouraged to bring their plants in for the display. We plan to award first, second and third place ribbons in seven (7) classes:

Best Large Cattleya Alliance

Best Small Cattleya Alliance

Best Vanda

Best Phalaenopsis

Best Oncidium

Best Dendrobium

Best Other Genera (all other –Paphs, Phrags, Catasetum, etc)

Judges will be recruited from our display team.

Please bring your plants to the rear door of the community center on Thursday between 1 – 3 pm or on Friday February 4th, between 9 – 10am.

Please label your pot with your name and ensure the plant tag is clear and legible as we will prepare labels for all plants. NOID (unknown) plants are eligible for ribbon judging. We will also ask our ten commercial vendors to each provide three plants for our display that will be labeled with their company name but will not be eligible for judging.

Please plan to pick up your plants on Sunday at 4pm show takedown.

The display will be set up on Friday afternoon. It typically takes eight hours to complete. If Bruce and his team are willing to put in the work, let's give them our blooming plants to create an award worthy display!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

To our volunteers - thank you for stepping up during this difficult time. If you are unwilling to wear a mask or are uncomfortable working at our show, please withdraw and we will understand. Please let us know so we can recruit your replacement.

All volunteers should enter the building through the rear entrance. A volunteer will verify your assignment from our list, give you a name tag and provide directions. Only volunteers who have signed up to work will be admitted through the rear entrance of the building. Other members must come through the front door on Saturday and Sunday and pay the \$5 admission fee.

Because we will not have new t-shirts this year, volunteers are encouraged to wear their 2020 show raspberry shirts or their 2019 show turquoise shirts.

Volunteers are requested to park at the back of the parking lots. No parking is permitted behind the building – loading and unloading only. At this time Sarasota County is conducting Covid drive- through testing in the large, Turin St. parking lot Monday through Saturday 8am – 4pm. and it is blocked for access and parking. We do not know at this point if this will continue through our show weekend.

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 or Judy (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!

Please contact Carol Wood and Judy Loeffler if you have any questions at ShowChair@vaos.org 941-485 -5969

VAOS 2022 SHOW UPDATE FOR MEMBERS

When our show team selected our theme last July, “Happy Days Are Here Again”, little did we know that we would still be dealing with Covid at this time. We have taken extensive steps to reduce risk that include:

- Our Orchid Show and Sale will be limited to 15 vendor sales booths. Vendors will be spread out to allow plenty of room for attendees to view and purchase plants, supplies, orchid art and accessories.
- We will have just one display of member and vendor orchids set up in front of the stage. See article in this newsletter for details.
- Vendors, volunteers and all attendees will be asked to wear masks. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Because the Venice Community Center is a Sarasota County facility operating under state guidelines, we cannot mandate masks.
- All vendor and other society displays have been canceled. No new t-shirts, no AOS trophies and AOS ribbons will be awarded, no raffles or hourly raffles, no orchid boutique and no membership table. These will all return for the 2023 Show and Sale.
- Members who need to renew their membership should mail their dues to our P.O. box – please see Membership article in this newsletter.
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- Traditionally we have had 20 AOS judges; since Covid is surging we were unable to recruit enough AOS judges to judge our orchid displays this year.
- Food for the Show: Only packaged breakfast items and premade sandwiches and packaged chips and snacks will be served for volunteers and vendors. Coffee, water and cold drinks will be provided. Food will be available in the large room across from the kitchen and three rooms have been set up for dining. Access to the kitchen will be restricted.
- The show community reserves the right to restrict attendees at the entrance if the hall becomes too crowded. Please encourage your friends to come on Sunday when it less crowded. Our vendors are constantly putting out new product so it not necessary to come early.

VOLUNTEER LIST UPDATE FOR OUR FEBRUARY SHOW

On the next page please find the updated volunteer list for our show. Please look for your name and scheduled time and let us know if we need to make any changes. Please save a copy. We have just eleven (11) slots left to fill – if you can help us please contact Judy and Carol at ShowChair@VAOS.org.

We will distribute the final volunteer sign up list prior to our show.

VAOS Annual Show 2022 Committee Volunteers List

1/17/2022 Update

* Committee Chair

<p><u>Show Co-chairs</u> Judy Loeffler (485-9569) Carol Wood (497-4995)</p> <p><u>Show Team:</u> Sue Grimmer Kathryn Jeske Rick Belisle Janet Keown</p> <p><u>Food Service</u> <u>Friday , Satur-</u> <u>day, Sunday Lin-</u> <u>da Hahn*</u> (408-7646) Bruce Hahn X _____</p> <p><u>Set Up</u> <u>Friday 11:30 a.m.</u> <u>-3pm</u> Jerry Daenzer* (284-5001) Greg Fisher Richard Ho Sara McCartney John & Irene Bozogan Vladimir & Yuliya Tershkov Toni Aden Melissa & Gerd Marggaaff</p>	<p><u>Show Hosts</u> Sharon & John Kahnoski * (616-581-9131) Show Host <u>Friday 11am – 5pm</u> Richard Ho Frank Bedmarski Tori Weaver X _____</p> <p><u>Show Host</u> <u>Saturday 9:45am-12:15pm:</u> Dottie Sedlak Sybil Levien Ian Kennedy Judy Milligan Gina Feinstein Sally Bonnell</p> <p><u>Show Host</u> <u>Saturday 12-2:45pm:</u> Patty Cuddihy Tim Ivins Barbara Ivins Lauren Geddeis Ian Kennedy</p> <p><u>Show host</u> <u>Saturday 2:30- 5pm:</u> Sue Balazs Cecile Gelb Ian Kennedy Ellen Nacinovich Tony Nacinovich</p>	<p><u>Show Host</u> <u>Sunday 9:45am-12:15pm:</u> Ian Kennedy Bob Blaszczak Clare Caposseia Red Caposseia</p> <p><u>Show host</u> <u>Sunday 12 – 4pm</u> Kristen Shaw Yuliya Tershkov Frank Bedmarski Ron Oystnick Marnie Oystnick</p> <p><u>Sunday Take</u> <u>Down 3:45pm - 6pm</u> Carol Wood * (497-4995) John & Irene Bozogan X _____ X _____ X _____</p> <p><u>Display Team:</u> Bruce Weaver Jay Loeffler Kristin Shaw Sharon Kahnoski Vicki Fisher Linda Schaller Stephanie Luburger</p>	<p><u>Admissions</u> Elaine Ortt* L (485-5313) <u>Saturday 9:45am-12:15pm:</u> Helen Volonakis Carol Wolfer Nancy Casserly Noreen Chervinski Kitty Saddler <u>Saturday 12- 2:45pm:</u> Ed Murphy Kitty Saddler Mary Anne DiGrazia Sherry Beck Debra Wolfe <u>Saturday 2:30- 5pm:</u> Steve Vogelhaupt Mary Anne DiGrazia Lou Ortt Ginny Thompson X _____ <u>Sunday 9:45am- 12:15pm:</u> Pauline Adam Denise Langman Kitty Saddler Ed Murphy X _____ <u>Sunday 12- 2:45pm:</u> Ginny Thompson Mary Anne DiGrazia Lisa Baggs X _____ X _____ <u>Sunday 2:30 – 4pm:</u> Steve Vogelhaupt Mary Anne DiGrazia Lou Ortt X _____ X _____</p>
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Venice Orchid Society Members - OUR 2022 DUES ARE DUE



TIME has a way of slipping by!!!

Just wanted to remind you that our Membership Dues for the 2022 year are due (well, they actually are due by December 31st of previous year) if yours hasn't yet been mailed. I am hoping it was just an oversight, and that my reminder will help you catch up – the dues amount are \$20.00. Also, many people consider the Venice Area Orchid Show in February as the last chance to renew, but we are having “minimal contact” at this year's Show & Sale. **IMPORTANT:** We **WILL NOT** be collecting any payments for your Membership Dues at this years show. So, Please mail your check soon, along with any other information that may have changed (like address, telephone number, email) to:

VAOS, P. O. Bx 443, Venice, Florida 34284-0443 (please don't include any other names – just VAOS)

Thank You for your Renewed Membership with us.....

YOU make our Orchid Society Fun & Informative!

Suzanne Grimmer – VAOS Membership Director Cell# 609-238-1900

Treasurer's Report December, 2021

Operating Fund Starting Dec. 1, 2021	\$39,744.92
+ Income	\$ 3,445.30
- Payments	\$ 1,430.54
+ Interest	\$ 0.29
+ Petty Cash	\$ 75.00
Total Operating Fund Dec. 31, 2021	\$41,834.97

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer



IAN'S CORNER

**"Orchids can't read"
(speaker at a VAOS meeting)**

As I've written previously, I'm a recovering accountant. Our financial records are meticulous. I reconcile our bank account the same day I get the statement and check every item on our VISA statement. BUT I am not a good note taker. I created calendars and lists and intended to record which plant I've watered and when and which plant gets which fertilizer, but I soon forgot to use them. It's just not the way I operate.

So, here I am starting this new orchid hobby, buying a few orchids, joining the AOS, reading care instructions, watching YouTube videos and buying lots of stuff, especially fertilizers, and there are so many! Better-Gro, Orchid Better-Bloom (11-35-15), Grow More, Premium Orchid Food (20-20-20 yellow), (30-10-10 red), (6-30-30 blue), (20-10-20 green), Jack's Classic, Orchid Special (30-10-10), rePotme, FEED ME! (13-3-15), and on and on and on. This one's for Dens. This one's for Phals. This one is for the "dormant" period. This one is for the "active growing" period. Apply this one once a month at the rate of a teaspoon per gallon. Use this much of this one every week and then this much every 3rd week. There are so many variables to keep track of, so many notes to be taken.....and by me, the person who is not good at tracking or note taking.

How have I managed to deal with the record keeping challenge and still enjoy this hobby? Two things happened. My mentor and a few other of the VAOS "pros" I listened to said they use a basic 20-20-20 or 20-10-20 fertilizer in very small amounts every time they water. Hmmm. That's easy. I can do that. No records needed. Instead of a teaspoon per gallon once a month (which requires me to keep track of when that once a month occurs), I use an 1/8 of a teaspoon in every watering. No need to keep track of that. And then a speaker at one of the meetings when asked which fertilizer he recommends answered, "orchids can't read". They don't know the difference between Jack's, Peters, Phil's Special Blend or Better-Gro. Besides, we go through so much fertilizer in our nursery operation, we can't afford those designer fertilizers. We buy bulk nitrogen, phosphate and potash. That also simplifies things for me.

I know. I'm being simplistic. There are those of you who are good at keeping track of all the variables of what goes with which and how often. You have extensive collections. You take them to shows. They get awarded. I'm jealous. I do have a dream that one day I will have an awarded plant and with our VAOS resources, clinics, meetings, and mentors I know I can get help when I need it. My plants are looking OK right now, producing roots, leaves and flowers, and I am happy. And, if something goes wrong, I know where to get help...I may even learn to take notes.

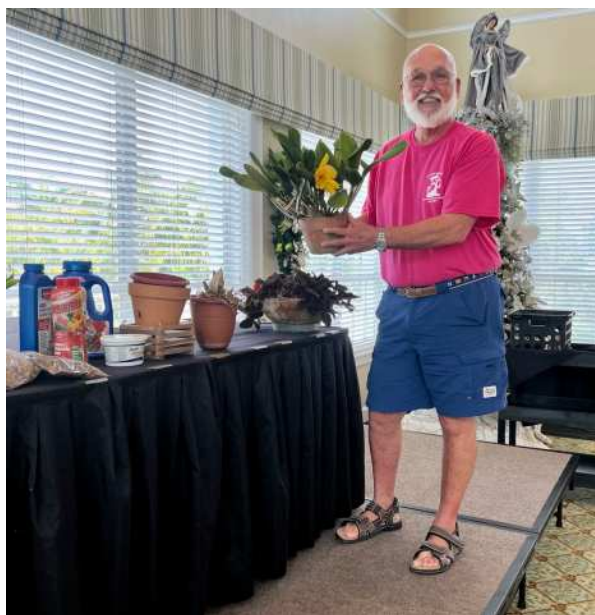
There is lots of great care information on our VAOS website. Please follow this link https://www.vaos.org/?page_id=3521

Cheers, Ian

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VAOS Mentor Program



Rick Belisle, VAOS Mentor Program Coordinator, conducted an “Orchid Basics – 101” session for approximately 90 members of the Pelican Point Garden Club. The 1/5/2022 presentation covered the Air, Water, Feeding and Light requirements of the more popular orchids such as Phals, Paphs, Dens, Catts, Vandas and Catasetums. Rick brought with him a selection of plants (Cattleya, Clowesia and Ludicia), supplies, pots and potting materials, and raffled off 2 potted Dendrobium keikis and a Ludisia Discolor cutting. The planned-for 45-minute discussion ended up lasting, with the extended Q&A session, 90 minutes! Several New Member Application Forms were taken by the attendees and many will be using their newly-acquired knowledge at the forthcoming VAOS Sale!

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.

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.



Behind the Scenes of the VAOS

The Venice Area Orchid Society has always been blessed by a group of wonderful volunteers willing to help with all the little things that make us successful. Each month, I will focus on a different member and give you some background about them. My hope is that this will give us all an opportunity to get to know each other a little better.



This month the focus is on Kristin Shaw. Kristin joined the VAOS in 2014 after moving here from Bangor, Pennsylvania. She has always helped with setup and take down for our large show in February, plus more recently she has been in charge of putting decorative touches on the individual plant table, those are plants that don't fit into our main display but are still exhibited to their full advantage. Kristin is currently considered to be a Director At Large -a board position for the VAOS, but she has been working with Vice President of displays, Bruce Weaver and Jay Loeffler to learn to direct the installation of our main display. Hopefully she will become our next Vice President of Displays and use her artistic eye to win us lots of "Best Display" trophies! At monthly meetings, Kristin helps organize and present the

plant table.

When Kristin first got the orchid bug, she did what a lot of people do, buy a lot of plants and then neglect them due to limited time in her schedule. She has now refocused and has a collection of about 50 minis that she grows on a windowsill in her bedroom. She has also created a small palidarium, which is a combination of a terrarium and an aquarium. It has a small amount of water, some decorative plants, and a few mini orchids that like the high humidity. Kristin is originally from Massachusetts, she lived in PA for 25 years. She now lives a few miles away from Manasota Beach and says moving near the beach was the best thing she ever did. She works in retail, she volunteers for the Suncoast Humane society, and she has a 2 year old Yorkie that is the apple of her eye. Her other hobbies are reading and cooking, and she makes a "mean pulled pork" - we hope to enjoy this at the show next year!

COLD WEATHER ALERT – PROTECT YOUR ORCHIDS!

This weekend night time temperatures are projected to drop into the mid – 30s. Yikes! Time to take action!

Protect those blooming and in bud plants you plan to enter in our February 5-6 Orchid Show by bringing them indoors. Cold weather can blast buds.

Cover sensitive orchids with old sheets or bring them in.

Here are some guidelines on temperature tolerance:

- Phalaenopsis need temperatures down to 50-60* to initiate flower spikes but are sensitive to temps below 50*
- Vandas are sensitive to temps below 60*
- Phalaenopsis-type dendrobiums are sensitive to temps below 60*, they will drop their leaves.
- Other dendrobiums enjoy nighttime temps in the 50*'s
- Cattleyas don't mind cooler temps into the 50*'s and mature plants can tolerate down to 35* nighttime temps for a short period of time.

Reduce watering during the winter months. Monitor weather reports closely and take action when needed.



ORCHIDS

Englewood Area Orchid Society Presents

ORCHIDS TO THE RESCUE

Orchid Show & Sale

Fri. & Sat. March 4 & 5, 2022 10 - 5 pm

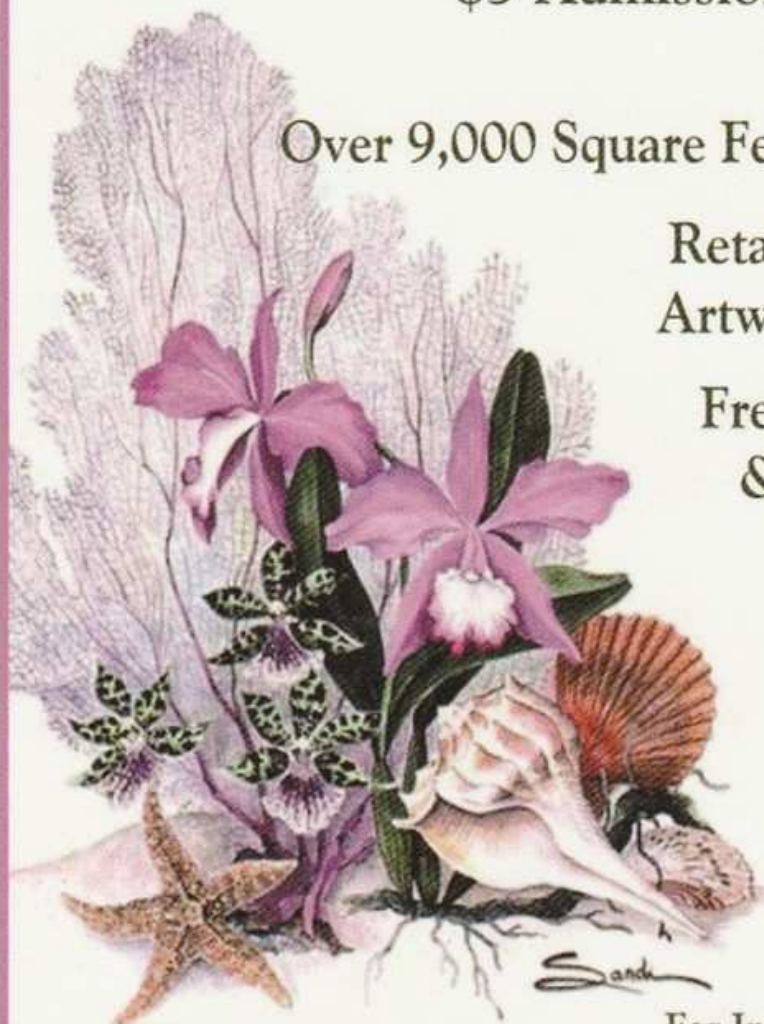
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Englewood, FL



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For Information: www.EAOS.org

2022 ANNUAL ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY (EAOS) SHOW SCHEDULE

March 3, 2022	Hall Preparation	8:00-5:00pm
March 3, 2022	Display set up	10:00-5:00pm
	Sales Area set up	10:00-5:00pm
	Plant Entries	12:00-4:00pm
March 4, 2022	Judging	8:30-12:00pm
	Sales & Show	10:00-5:00pm
March 5, 2022	Sales & Show	10:00-5:00pm
	Take Down	5:00-6:00pm

The EAOS show will be held at the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Parm Gym, 6961 San Casa Dr., Englewood, FL 34224 on March 4-5 with set up on March 3rd. Show vendors include:

Blue Pagoda
Odom's Orchids
Orchids Amore
Ritter Tropic 1
Sunland Orchids
OFE
Cruise Planners
Carol Marcus
Robin Parsons
Just One More Orchid

EAOS Show Chair Mary Anne DiGrazia will be at our February 2nd meeting and is looking for

volunteers to help in the following areas: Clerks, Membership Table, handing out culture sheets and selling AOS magazines as well as set up and take down. Please volunteer to help at the EAOS show.

**New edition released and
now available!**

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

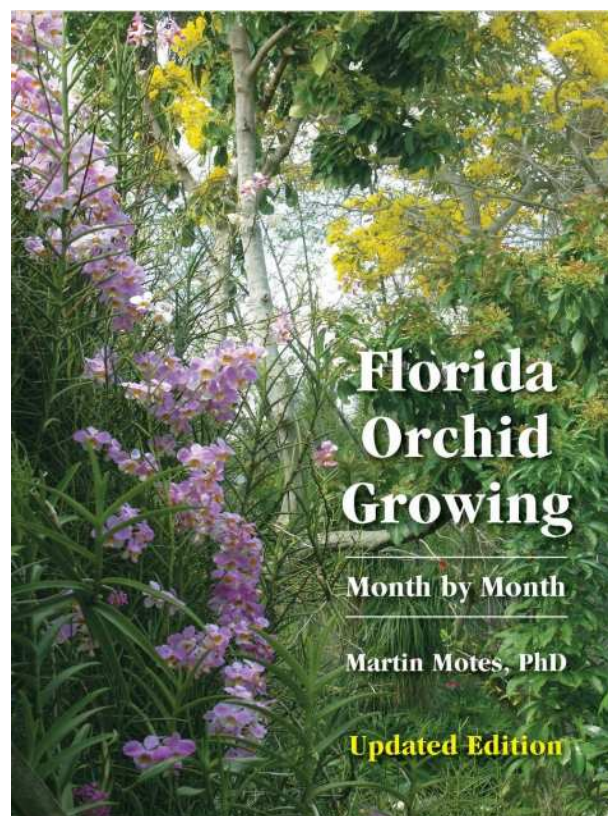
VAOS has received our shipment of the new edition. They are available to members for \$20 and may be ordered and picked up from:

Judy Loeffler—On Venice Island. 941-485-9569 Email:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2 - (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting, Venice Community Center, 7pm, Speaker: Bill Kuntz Topic Encyclia's and Their Hybrids

February 4-6 – VAOS Annual Show & Sale. Set up Friday February 4th 12 noon. Show February 5-6. See articles in this newsletter

February 10 (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic. Canceled this month due to Covid.

March 2 – (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting, Venice Community Center, 7pm.

March 3-5 – EAOS Annual Show & Sale. See article in this newsletter.

March 10 – (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. Check Website for Schedule: Info: <http://www.fncjc.shutterfly.com/>

Next meeting:

**February 2
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