

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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March 2022

March General Meeting

Wednesday
March 2 6:45pm
Venice Community
Center

Speaker: Naoki
Kawamura

Topic: Vandas



I have been growing orchids for a little over 20 years. After my friend bought a house, I asked her what she wanted for a house warming gift. She said a white Phalaenopsis and mentioned a boutique orchid store in Portland, Oregon. I visited the store, and was overwhelmed with the variety of orchids, especially multi-growths Paphiopedilum micranthum, which price tag was \$800. I just walked away with a white Phalaenopsis.

A couple days later, I went back to the store and got myself a Dendrobium. As I tried to learn how to take care of it, I read a couple books. I also joined the Oregon Orchid Society to learn more from other growers.

Although I could not buy the Paphiopedilum micranthum, I acquired my first green Paphiopedilum at the society meeting. As I visited the monthly meeting, I brought more orchids home from local vendors/speakers. All of a sudden, my dining table became an orchid table. Due to cold weather in winter, all orchids were grown under lights. They responded to the environment well, and I was able to rebloom them.

When we moved to a new house in 2003, our small garage was converted to an orchid growing area. We had over 100 Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums which were grown under 4 units of 400 watt metal halid lights. All the orchids stayed inside all year long. What I didn't understand was the effect of light spectrum. They seemed to have grown, but not many bloomed.

March Events

March 2
Monthly Meeting

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EAOS Show

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Growers Clinic

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Naoki Kawamura Bio continued

While I was struggling to rebloom *Paphiopedilums* and *Phragmipediums*, I read a blog on Orchid Board about a lady in Michigan growing *Vandas* under lights successfully in her basement. I drew a design of the structure and built it out of PVC pipes. That was the beginning of my *Vanda* growing in Oregon. As my *Vanda* collection started growing, I started selling my *Paphiopedilums* and *Phragmipediums*. I believe that was when Facebook became popular and I met several orchid friends from Florida through Facebook. A trip to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival and the Redland International Orchid show became our annual vacation.

Relocating to Florida was our life-long dream and it became true when I accepted a National Sales Support Manager position in April, 2016. Why Venice? We never visited Venice before, but thanks to John Masters and his friend/realtor, we managed to purchase the house without walking through it. My orchid collection was shipped to a friend in Orlando and he had helped them get acclimated to Florida sun.

All my orchids are grown inside the pool cage. This is a completely different environment than I was used to in Portland Oregon. Little did I know that it gets cold here for *Vandas*. I love new challenges and strive to learn more to grow better. Thanks to the Florida North Central Judging Center, I received 24 American Orchid Society awards in 2021: 7 HCCs, 14 AMs, 1 FCCs, 1 CCM and 1 CHM.



Palmer Orchids
22700 Taylor Dr, Bradenton, FL

**spring
open
house**

Fri 9-5 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4

MARCH 11, 12, 13

Art Stone Orchids
Bredren Orchids
Cotton Silk and Porcelain
Joanna's Orchid Pottery
Just One More Orchid
Paul's Plantscapes

plus
\$10 tent
bare root divisions
yard orchids
orchid talks

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Hi everyone!

Well, we did it! Our show was successful, there was lots of space, and we had 3000+ people come through over the course of the weekend! The vendors were all thrilled and we have some new ideas for next years show. A big shout out goes to Carol Wood and Judy Loeffler, our show coordinators, who painstakingly worked out a brand new show strategy to make it work in the face of some big unknowns. The display team did a great job too - it was fun to put in a gigantic display in without

worrying about AOS guidelines!

All of the news coming out of the CDC sounds good. The worst of Covid appears to be behind us and we are ramping back up to return to all our normal programming in the coming months. We will continue to provide extra spacing at the meetings and provide masks to those that want them.

At the next meeting, we will review some upcoming transitions in the Board of Directors and we will ask for some volunteers to assist us with our general meetings. We need some help with refreshments (taking out/putting away), meeting tech support, and a back up for Jay for website maintenance. We will also want your blooming plants for the Englewood show!

I'm so glad the worst of this pandemic seems to be behind us! I would like to thank all of you who stayed active with us throughout the last 2 years. Thank you for being patient with our last minute cancelations, the Zoom meetings, our missed Grower's Clinics, and thanks to those who so graciously kept their masks on during our recent events. And If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership-we want you all back! This has been a long and winding road-it's not over yet but it's sure getting there.

Enjoy your flowers!

Joanna Shaw,
President

Venice Area Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2022

Joanna Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Joanna welcomed all of our members and explained the format of the meeting.

Announcements: Judy Loeffler and Carol Wood, Show Chairs for the upcoming Orchid Show, were welcomed to the front of the room to go over Show details.

Our Show this year has some major changes. Please see the details in our February newsletter.

Members, attendees and venders are encouraged to wear masks for the Show.

Covid testing will be taking place on Friday and Saturday in the South parking lot. Please park in other areas. The drop off area in the front of the Community Center will be available.

Given the challenges we all face with the pandemic we cannot predict the number of attendees for the Show this year. We are hopeful for a good turnout.

Show volunteers please stop by the back table to see the volunteer sheets. All volunteers should enter through the rear doors. Volunteers please wear your 2020 show raspberry t-shirts for your shift or the 2019 show turquoise t-shirts. A limited number of new t-shirts are available to new volunteers from Judy.

Thank you to all of our hard working volunteers.

After tireless hard work and many changes Judy was excited to complete the final Show layout. There will be a large member display near the stage!

The signs advertising the Show are up around Venice.

Our Show display team members: Bruce Weaver, Kristen Shaw and Jay Loeffler. Please bring in your blooming orchids for the display. Orchid drop off is at the Community Center on Thursday from 1-3 pm and Friday from 9-10 am. Please label your pot with your name and have a legible plant tag. Pickup your plants on Sunday after the Show at 4pm. Member Ribbons will be awarded by judges selected from the display team.

Joanna Shaw introduced our Speaker for the evening, Bill Nunez. Bill, AKA the Rizome Cowboy, is a long time orchid grower and enthusiast. The topic: *Encyclia tampensis* and *Encyclia* Hybrids. After an exciting presentation members showed their appreciation with applause.

Joanna Shaw, Kristin Shaw and Vicki Fisher presented the plant table with many beautiful orchids, many of which will appear in our Show display.

Sharon Kahnoski ran the abundant raffle table with an assist from Janet Keown. A nice variety of orchids, driftwood and tools were raffled this month.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

February Meeting Plant Table Awards

Photos and Narrative by Cynthia Vance



First Place Blue Ribbon was awarded to Gunther Lobisch for his gorgeous Ryncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Dick Smith Paradise 'Dark Splash' (Rlc. Hisako Akatsuka X Rlc. Hawaiian Lightning). What a stand-out with 15+ flowers! This cattleya hybrid has everything – large frilly yellow flowers with defined magenta flares and some picotee edging on both petals and lip. It's fragrant too! It is a consistent bloomer and even in its first bloom stage it will produce 2-3 buds. The flowers, about 3.5" in size, will multiply yearly and its coloration makes it a must-have for hobbyists. Yet, many growers say they are currently 'out of stock' of this plant so begin your search in a few months. Congratulations, Gunther for your fine specimen!



Second Place Red Ribbon and Speaker's Choice White Ribbon was presented to Bob Milner for his striking yellow Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.) Elizabeth Palmer. This orchid hybrid was originated in 1998 by R.H. Palmer, a well-known grower and hybridizer located in Bradenton and it's one of Palmer's own crosses (Rth. Orange Nuggett x Rth. Twenty-four Carat). The blooms are golden yellow progressing to orange with age and a faint red picotee marks the perimeter of the petals and the lip. Because it is a Palmer orchid mericlone, you can know that upon purchase you'll receive an exact replica of this plant and flower colorations. Congratulations Bob for your exquisite cultivation!

February 2022 Meeting Plant Table Awards Continued



Third Place Yellow Ribbon was awarded to Rick Belisle for his lovely Clowesia (Cl.) Rebecca Northen 'Grapefruit Pink' **-- a famous plant having beautiful frilly pink flowers with an intoxicating citrus scent on multiple pendant inflorescences. Here Rick describes his journey of growing Catasetums (*slightly edited*): "I never HEARD of Catasetums, Cynoches or Clowesia before speaking with Vicki Fisher. I bought a couple of them from Fred Clarke, Sun Valley Orchids, after hearing his presentation. I followed his and Vicki's suggestions, and the darn thing bloomed!! I now have 11 Catasetums of which this Clowesia is one of them. It has bloomed twice for me and has won 2 yellow ribbons. Catasetum orchids are very intriguing. Growing them is not necessarily challenging, but requires a slightly different "learning path" that's fun and rewarding. I grow them in a media of 50/50 LECA and Coconut Husk. In the Spring, after they come out of their "winter rest", when their new roots are 5"-6" long, almost daily water and feeding, bright light, and they grow like mad! At Halloween, reduce watering and feeding to 1-2X a week. After Thanksgiving or when all the leaves have turned brown or fallen off, no water or food and unpot them, put them, with the tags attached, in a bucket in the garage, and check them, weekly, for new growth/roots. When the new roots/growth starts, repot them and give them a little more light, but no food or water! When the roots are 5-6" long, move them to bright light and begin the almost daily watering and feeding process again." Thanks for your growing tips, Rick, and many congratulations!!

** Despite the tendency to autocorrect the name to Northern, the correct spelling 'Northen', with only one "r", as per the Royal Horticultural Society registration.

Good Job Venice!

A big thank you to all of our members who contributed to a very successful show and sale! We had a great turnout with 3200 attendees and our profit from the show will help to cover our expenses for the coming year. We have sent out thank you notes to all of our vendors and received very positive feedback. Many of the comments reflected on the floor layout that increased the space between sales booth and of course for our member volunteers – “friendly and helpful”.

This was a challenging year as your show committee worked to modify our annual event to reduce Covid risk. We will return to our normal venue next year but with some changes to enable us to continue the open floor plan.

We would like to thank Jerry Daenzer and his eight member team who worked to clear and then set up the ballroom following the end of the SILLs lecture. Thanks to our volunteers who came in Sunday afternoon for takedown and clean up. By 6pm, the hall was empty and broom swept clean.

Elaine Ortt and her 30 volunteers sold admission tickets to 3200 show attendees Saturday and Sunday with a smile. Thank you!

Our hospitality team led by Linda and Bruce Hahn managed the kitchen throughout the weekend. They purchased and brought in the food and drinks, set up and managed the adjacent dining area. Thank you!

Sharon and John Kahnowski and their 27 volunteers did a great job as our show hosts ensuring a smooth operation and receiving many compliments from our vendors – thank you!

Congratulations to Bruce Weaver, Jay Loeffler, Kristin Shaw and their team for creating a beautiful, 26' display below the stage. Everyone raved about it – well done!

Thank you Kathryn Jeske and Bruce Weaver for placing the show signs around town.

Sue Grimmer, assisted by Cynthia Vance, led our show sponsorship campaign raising \$1400 for our society. Thank you!

Special thanks to Rick Belisle who managed the front lobby admissions area for us all weekend and served as emcee. Thank you!

Thank you all who contributed to our show! You are amazing people and we are proud to be part of VAOS!

Submitted by Carol Wood & Judy Loeffler

VAOS DISPLAY WOWS ATTENDEES

VAOS display team members created an impressive 26' long exhibit in front of the stage in the Venice Community Center for our annual show and sale.

Bruce Weaver created four chainsaw carved Tiki Statues that were blended into the display along with a water fountain sitting next to the faux log cabin. Colors flowed from white orchids in the center of the display, down the left side with colors from light to darker yellows finishing orange to reds. Off to the right side was pale pinks leading to deep pink flowers ending with a nice dark catasetum in a basket. Down lower in the right front was a Ludicia Discolor. Moving to the left was a well grown Clowesia Rebecca Northen. Farther left on the floor was the show favorite, a yellow paphiopedilum orchid.

The display was dedicated to our past V.P. Displays, Richard Amos. Alongside the dedication was a photo of Richard. Members of the display team served as judges following the completion of the exhibit. Twelve ribbons were awarded as follows:

Rick Belisle – yellow

Vicki Fisher – 1 red, 1 yellow

Ian Kennedy - yellow

Janet Keown – red

Gunther Lobisch – blue

Stephanie Luburger – 2 blue

Joanna Shaw – Blue, red, yellow

Kristin Shaw – blue

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

Bruce Weaver

Joanna Shaw

Kristin Shaw

Sharon & John Kahnoski

Stephanie Luburger

Gregg Fisher

Naoki Kawamura

Vicki Fisher

Janet Keown

Richard Ho

Linda Schaller

Ian Kennedy

Kathryn Jeske

Sara McCartney

Gered Marggaaff

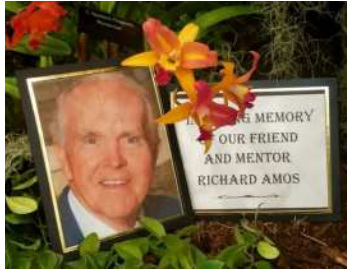
Gunther Lobisch

John Bozogan

Irene Bozogan

Submitted by Jay Loeffler

VAOS 2022 Show



ORCHIDS

Englewood Area Orchid Society Presents

ORCHIDS TO THE RESCUE

Orchid Show & Sale

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

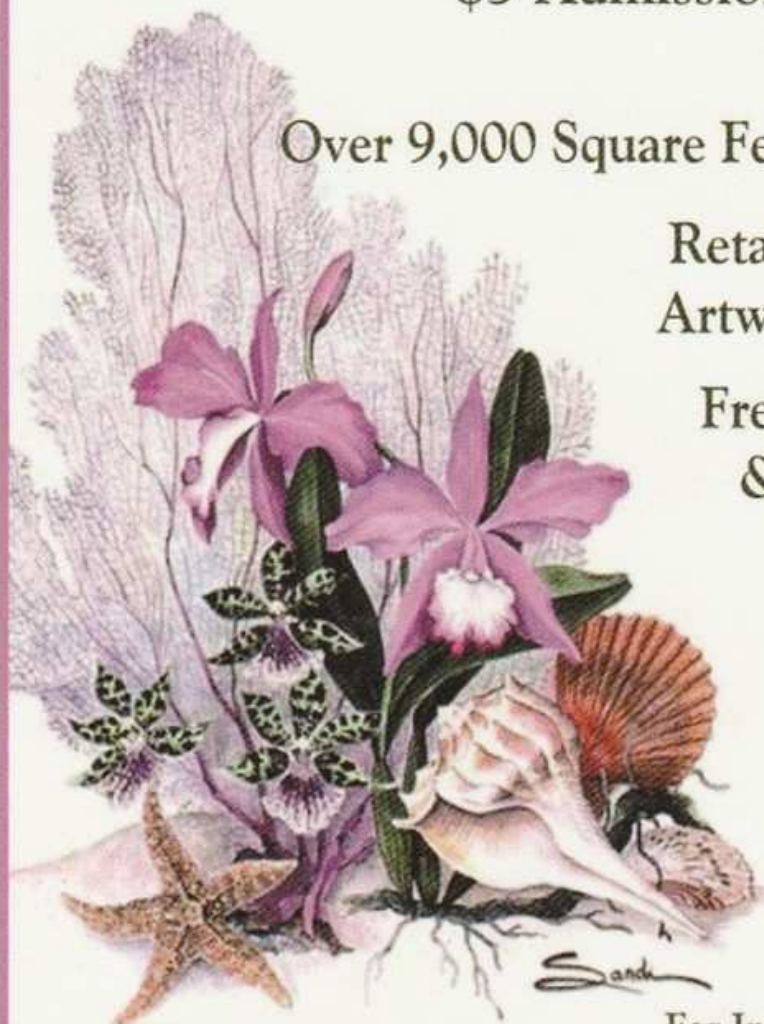
\$5 Admission Plenty of Parking!

Over 9,000 Square Feet of Sales & Exhibits

Retail Orchids & Supplies
Artwork Books Raffles

Free Professional Advice
& Culture Information

Show Located Inside
Ann & Chuck Dever
Regional Park Gym
6961 San Casa Drive
Englewood, FL



earthenspirit2000@comcast.net

For Information: www.EAOS.org

VAOS DISPLAY TEAM NEEDS YOUR BLOOMING PLANTS!

EAOS PRESENTS “ORCHIDS TO THE RESCUE” March 4 & 5, 2022

Members make it possible for us to participate in orchid shows. We would not be able to build our wonderful displays if our members did not grow beautiful orchids and allow them to be shown. Your blooming plants are needed to create our display.

The Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS) will hold their annual show and sale at: Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Gym, a new location this year.

Show Schedule:

Set up: Thursday March 3rd 9:30am to 5pm

Show: Friday March 4th & Saturday March 5th – 10am – 5pm

Take Down: Saturday March 5th – 5pm

All plants must be registered in advance via email by Tuesday March 1st, 8pm. Plant Registration starts on Saturday February 26th.

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

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

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

Plants should be cleaned, staked, and free of pests and disease and in prime condition to last through the show. Please water your plants thoroughly before the show.

Bring your plants to the show on set up day Thursday March 3rd at 10am:

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Gym

6961 San Casa Dr., Englewood, FL

Directions: From Venice go south on Rt 41, then right onto Rt. 776. Travel south on Rt. 776/Englewood Rd for approximately 10 miles. Turn right on San Casa Dr. and then 1 mile to the gym.

If you are not able to bring your plants to the Englewood show Thursday morning, you may bring them to our March 2nd monthly meeting – we will transport them to the show.

Or, drop them off at one of two locations by Wednesday, March 2nd, 6pm:

South Venice: Carol Wood, 4941 Bella Terra Dr., Venice (Venetia), 497-4995 (Leave on front porch)

Venice Island: Bruce Weaver, 328 West Bay Dr., Venice, 800-7804 (leave by front door)

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and in prime condition to last through the show. Please water your plants thoroughly before the show.

Plan to pick up your plants at show take down on Saturday March 5th at 5pm.

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VAOS Need Your Blooming Plants for EAOS Show, continued

Bruce needs 2-3 volunteers to help him load and unload the truck following the show. Please contact him at number below if you can help.

Any questions please contact Bruce Weaver 941-800-7804 or Kristin Shaw 484-707-8674. Plant registration questions contact Linda Schaller at PlantReg@VAOS.Org

Thank you for entering your plants for our display!

Membership Update for February 2022



The past two years have been difficult for us all! Consider the 121 new Members had just joined our Orchid Society in February 2020, and then Covid hit! To help Members with paid dues in 2020 we waived their Membership dues for 2021. We were so fortunate to be able to hold our Annual Orchid Show as planned at the beginning of February this year. We didn't have an actual Membership Team to recruit New Members as we usually do, and advised existing Members that dues for 2022 should be mailed. We are back to holding our Monthly Meetings & Grower's Clinics, as well as planning some fun events for the months ahead!

All of these things considered, we have gained 40 New Members since the beginning of the year! We are hoping that many of our existing Members will renew their Membership at the March Meeting..... **as this is the last opportunity before we update our Membership List to reflect our paid Members.**

Are you wondering if you have paid your dues???? Feel free to check with me, using my contact information is below. Thank You for joining together with our group of Orchid Lovers - on a mission to help each other be successful growers, and learn all we can on how to protect our Orchid investment!!

Suzanne Grimmer – Membership Director

Email: Memb@VAOS.Org / Cell #: 609-238-1900



NOTICE

American Orchid Society

Monthly Flower Judging

Tampa, Florida Location

Open to the Public - Guests Are Always Welcome

The Florida North Central Judging Center
Meets Here:

Christ the King Campus
717 S. Dale Mabry Hwy.
Tampa, FL 33609

Orchids are reviewed for flower quality and culture awards.
Pre-register your plants prior to judging. Send your entry list to center chair. j.hector@verizon.net

Entry Forms are available on our website Home page and at the judging location.
<https://fncc.shutterfly.com/>

Treasurer's Report January, 2022

Operating Fund Starting Jan. 1, 2022	\$41,759.97
+ Income	\$ 2,016.00
- Payments	\$ 2,571.96
+ Interest	\$ 0.29
+ Petty Cash	\$ 75.00
Total Operating Fund Jan. 31, 2021	\$41,279.30

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

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 Rick Belisle. Rick joined the VAOS about 13 years ago. He has about 100 orchids, mostly dendrobiums and catasetums. He grows them in his pool cage facing southeast where the only sun protection is the screening. He also has a few phalaenopsis that he grows in the front of his house under an overhang.

Rick has been our Mentor Program coordinator for several years. He also has been the go-to person when local organizations ask the orchid society for a presentation on orchids. So far he has done 5-6 garden club talks on basic orchid care or Orchids 101. Because of Covid, we did not do educational seminars at our show this year, but in the past Rick has presented these to

show attendees along with Jimmy Thomas. We are quite fortunate that Rick has now agreed to become our Director of Education and Training and he will coordinate our Grower's Clinic schedule. At our next Grower's Clinic on March 10th, he will do his Orchids 101 presentation.

Rick is originally from Rhode Island and has lived in Pittsburg and Wisconsin. Rick is retired and is a full time Floridian. For many years he worked for Johnson Wax selling building maintenance products. He also got to travel internationally doing training for new computer systems dealing with Customer Relations Management. He says he had a great career, met a lot of wonderful people, and especially loved visiting Paris. He follows the Packers, Steelers, Buccaneers, and the Rays.

In addition to orchids, Rick is an avid fisherman and fishes the Intracoastal almost daily. He even does local guided fishing tours. His motto is "no boat no problem" and he teaches where to wade the local waterways and what to fish for. He can be found on the Next Door app if you want to schedule a local fishing experience. Rick is also quite skilled at cooking what he catches and cooking lots of other foods as well. He says his wife Mary Lou did the cooking for the first half of their marriage, and now he does all cooking for the second half. He loves trying new recipes and exploring new cooking styles.

We are lucky to have Rick's energy and enthusiasm as part of the VAOS team!



Jerry Daenzer grew this beautiful specimen of Bct. Booth Lee 'Venice' AM/AOS. Booth Lee is a reliable and prolific bloomer and a great plant to grow to specimen size. Plantio La Orquidea (PLO) received an AM/AOS and CCM/AOS for their plant in 2018 with 172 flowers, 26 buds and 26 inflorescences. In addition to PLO, Bredren Orchids and the former Fenders Floral sold this plant in past years so many of us have it. Look for divisions on our raffle table.

VAOS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Every year our society holds its annual meeting in conjunction with our monthly March meeting. We elect new officers and thank those board members who are completing their terms.

This year we will hold our annual election at our April meeting. At our March meeting we will present the nominees and take nominations from the floor for open board positions.

Here are the nominees:

Kristin Shaw, VP Displays, to succeed Bruce Weaver

Vicki Fisher, VP Programs, to succeed Jay Loeffler

Sharon Kahnoski, VP Social, to succeed Stephanie Luburger

Stephanie Luburger, Director, Communications, to succeed Carol Wood (acting)

Open board positions:

Treasurer, to replace Judy Loeffler (Book keeping background and knowledge of QuickBooks)

Judy has agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer until her replacement is found. Other members of the board will continue to complete their terms that will not expire until 2023 or 2024.

Following the election of new officers at our April meeting we will honor retiring board members for their work and contributions to VAOS.

Volunteer Positions - Please consider helping us to fill these volunteer positions:

Tech Team – 2-3 volunteers needed to set up laptop computer, projector and mics before our monthly meetings.

Refreshment Team – 2 – 3 volunteers needed to set up and take down refreshments at our monthly meetings.

Website Maintenance/Back up – volunteers needed (Wordpress)

There are many opportunities to become more involved with our society, volunteer positions and current and future board positions. If you are interested, please contact Judy Loeffler for more information. JudyVAOS@gmail.com or 941-485-9569

Judy Loeffler, Nominating Committee Chair 2022

March Culture Tip

March is the month to apply time release fertilizer to your orchids. We recommend Dynamite, in the red canister, found in Home Depot's garden shop. Apply at the rate of 1 tsp. per 6" pot, sprinkling it around the perimeter of the pot and tapping it down 1" into the media. It provides a small amount of fertilizer each time you water, supplementing your regular fertilizing regime. It lasts about six months when you can apply it again in September.



March 10th Growers Clinic

Please join us for our next Growers Clinic on March 10^h, when Rick Belisle will present his popular Orchids 101 talk. With a focus on new growers, this presentation will cover orchid basics including light, air, food, water, pests & diseases and resources for more information.

Venice Community Center **Room C** (enter front of building), 7pm. Bring your problem plants for expert advice. Guests welcome.

VAOS Bus Trip to Tamiami International Orchid Festival



Friday, May 13, 2022
Limited Seating

Departs Venice Community Center 7am

\$40 pp

Includes bus trip, driver tip, \$15 admission fee, \$5 discount coupon, and entry into \$1500 grand raffle.
What a deal!

Sign up at our March 2nd or April 6th meeting and give your \$40 check (to VAOS) to Treasurer along with your phone number.

Info: Sharon Kahnoski Social@VAOS.org

SIGN UP NOW

TAMIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL BUS TRIP

FRIDAY MAY 13TH

LIMITED SEATING

The annual **Tamiami International Orchid Festival** will be held in the Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center May 13 – 15, 2022. Sign up now to secure a seat on the bus for only \$40 pp. This includes bus trip and driver gratuity, the \$15 admission fee, a \$5 coupon and entry into the \$1500. grand raffle. Water will be provided on the bus, bring your own lunch or snacks for the bus trip.

Departure is 7am from the Venice Community Center South Parking Lot on Friday May 13th. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early. This is the only pick up and drop off point for the bus.

Estimated arrival time is 10:30 - 11am. For return, the bus will leave the festival at 4pm sharp. There is room under the bus to keep your orchid purchases. We suggest you bring boxes or bags to carry and store your plants. Please label them with your name. One rest room stop is planned for each leg of the trip. We suggest you bring a jacket or sweater (bus A/C) and bring cash as many foreign growers do not accept credit cards.

More than 45 orchid vendors from around the world will sell orchids. There will also be free classes available. For more info visit their website. <https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com>

Make your \$40 check payable to VAOS and mail to:

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

Or

Sign up at our March or April monthly meetings

Include your phone number on your check and note: Tamiami Orchid Fest Bus Trip in Memo. Seating is limited so do not delay. Contact Sharon Kahnoski at social@vaos.org or 616-581-9131 for more information.

Submitted by Sharon Kahnoski, VP, Social Affairs

**New edition released and
now available!**

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

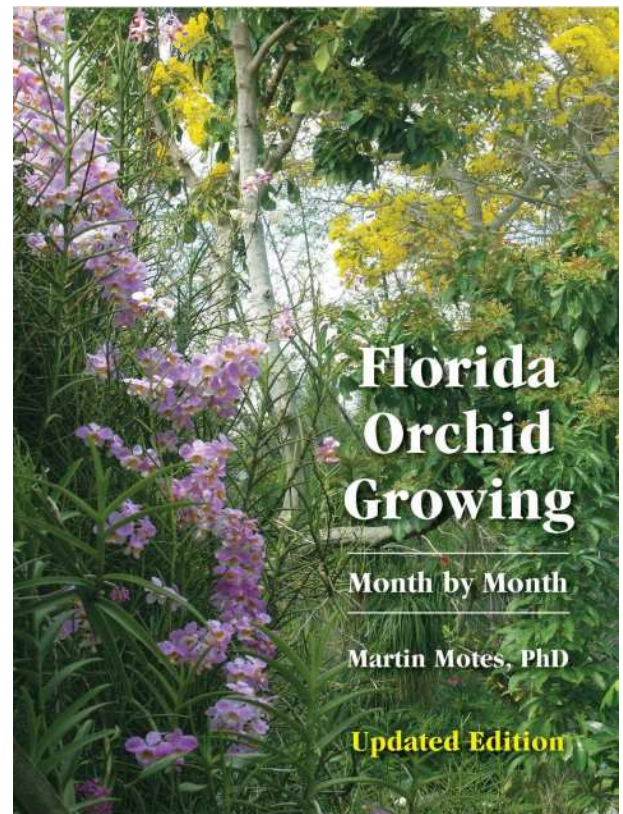
VAOS has received our shipment of the new edition. They are available to members for \$20 and may be ordered and picked up from:

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

We regret we cannot mail the books at this time.

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.



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Join our VAOS Facebook Group at:

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



American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.

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- ♦ A full year of additional magazine issues plus a much anticipated and valuable annual supplement
- ♦ Over 60 ready to watch webinar recordings on numerous orchid subjects
- ♦ Free and discounted access to hundreds of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta in the U.S. and Canada
- ♦ Discounts on orchids and supplies if they are inspired to start growing orchids
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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 - (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting,
Venice Community Center, 6:45pm,
Speaker: Naoki Kawamura Topic: Vandas

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

March 5-6—Tampa Bay Orchid Society's
Show, Tampa FL. Info: psolakian@gmail.com

March 10 - (2nd Thursday) Growers
Clinic. Topic: Orchids 101. See article in this
newsletter

March 11-13—Palmer Orchids Spring Open
House

March 19 - 20 - Jacksonville Orchid Show.
Info: lorrainesorchids@gmail.com

March 25—27—Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance
Show, Naples FL. Info: jlongwell@comcast.net

April 6 - (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting,
Venice Community Center, 6:45pm, Speaker:
Arthur Chadwick Topic: Large Flowered
Cattleya Species

SAVE THE DATE

May 13-15 - Tamiami International Orchid
Festival. Bus trip on 13th. See article in this
newsletter.

October 7 - 9 Redland International Orchid
Festival

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:

March 2

**Venice Community
Center, 6:45pm**

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