

# VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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April 2022

## April General Meeting

**Wednesday**  
**April 6 6:45pm**  
**Venice Community**  
**Center**

**Speaker: Arthur**  
**Chadwick**

**Topic: Large Flowered**  
**Cattleya Species**

We have the pleasure of having Arthur E. Chadwick of Chadwick & Son Orchids from Richmond, Virginia speak to our Society on April 6th, His topic is "Large Flowered Cattleya Species".

Chadwick & Son was founded in 1989, and is Richmond's premier orchid supplier. Arthur's father, Arthur A. Chadwick, was legendary in the orchid world and had been growing orchids since 1943. He and his son co-authored The Classic Cattleyas on large-flowered Cattleya species. Martha Stewart favorably reviewed the book and both Chadwick's on her television show where they presented Martha with an orchid named after her ... C. Martha Stewart. The Chadwick's have named Cattleya hybrids after the wives of many U.S. Presidents and have personally presented the flowers to many of the recipients.

Arthur is near completion of another new book, "First Ladies and their Cattleyas: A Century of Namesake Orchids" which is the much anticipated sequel to "The Classic Cattleyas", now in its second printing. Also written by the father/son team, the book explores the 100+ year history of United States First Ladies and the cattleya hybrids that bear their names.



## April Events

**April 6**  
**Monthly Meeting**

**April 14**  
**Growers Clinic**

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## **Arthur Chadwick Bio continued**

The lineage of these plants provides an overview of the diverse family of cattleya species that exist in nature as well as an inside look at the renowned growers around the world who played a role in creating these enduring legacies. Also included are the fascinating stories of the actual flower presentations, many of which involved the Chadwick's.

Chadwick Orchids consists of 11 greenhouses and now includes his father's extensive collection of heritage orchids, including many very hard to find Cattleya hybrids and species.

## **MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**



Hi everyone!

Well, show season is over! Our display team did a great job at the Englewood show and won the best display trophy - congratulations to all! Honestly, we could have used a few more of your blooming plants to make the display even better, so now is the time for the VAOS to concentrate on helping all of our members grow more beautiful plants and have more fun! Now that the worst of Covid is in the past, we have lots of new plans to provide great programming, put together some engaging Grower's Clinic learning experiences, and plan some social events so we can get to know each other again. Our main mission as an orchid society is to help everyone learn to grow beautiful flowers. We welcome all levels of growers, especially beginners. I hope all of you will feel free to ask questions, offer advice, and just generally enjoy the orchid society. It really is a fun and satisfying hobby! Don't forget to bring a bloomer to the next meeting!

Joanna Shaw, President

# Venice Area Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

Date: **March 2, 2022**

Joanna Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed all new members. Joanna announced how nice it was to see our members and how grateful to have us back to in-person meetings. She explained our meeting format. The Plant Table at our meetings is a way to show off what you are growing. Ribbons are awarded for member's favorite orchids. At the end of our meetings we hold a raffle on the back table. Tonight Orchid Envy has many beautiful orchids for sale.

**Announcements:** The Englewood Show is this weekend March 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>. We need blooming orchids for our VAOS Display. We also need clerks for the Show. Kristin Shaw told members that the Show is at a new location at the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6969 San Casa Drive in Englewood. Members are encouraged to leave their plants tonight and we will transport them to the show and back. Your plants can be picked up at Carol Wood's home after.

Judy Loeffler and Carol Wood came to the podium to speak about our VAOS Show.

We are very happy with our Show results! We had 3200 attendees (loud applause followed). Our Show usually has an attendance around 4000. The profits from the Show are used to fund the next year's meetings and events.

The Show's vendors loved the Show and had many sales.

Thank you to Jerry Daenzer and the 8-member team that set-up the Show on Friday.

Thank you to Elaine Ortt who managed the admission sales at the front door with her team of 30 volunteers. Super Job!

Thank you to the Hospitality Team of Linda and Bruce Hahn who bought and set up all the food and drinks.

Thank you to our Show Host Team of Sharon and John Kahnoski and their 27 volunteers. Much Applause.

Thank you and a great job to our Display Team of Jay Loeffler, Bruce Weaver and Kristen Shaw. They worked with 8-10 member volunteers.

Thank you to Bruce Weaver and Kathryn Jeske for placing the Show Signs all around Venice.

Thank you to Sue Grimmer and Cynthia Vance who raised \$1400.00 in Sponsor Fees!

Great job by Rick Belisle who was a bulldog at the front door to ensure all went smoothly and was also the MC for the hourly Announcements!

Applause for all the volunteers!

Judy Loeffler explained that the Annual Election Meeting is in April at our monthly meeting where we elect new officers and thank those board members who are completing their terms.

**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. The position of treasurer is open. If interested contact Judy Loeffler.

**Volunteer Positions:** Tech Team (2-3 people), Refreshment Team (2-3 people), Website Maintenance/Back up (volunteers needed using Wordpress).

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## Meeting Minutes continued

Sharon Kahnoski was welcomed to the front to discuss the yearly bus trip. This year the bus trip will be to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival on May 13, 2022 at the Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center. The sign-up sheet is on the back table. Cost is \$40.00 per person. See newsletter for details.

Joanna Shaw introduced Naoki Kawamura, our speaker for the evening with a short bio. Topic: Growing Vandas. He received loud applause in welcome.

The Plant Table was filled with wonderful orchids and was presented by Joanna Shaw, Kristin Shaw and Vicki Fisher.

The Raffle Table, presented by Sharon and John Kahnoski, was brimming with orchids.

*Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary*



Bruce Weaver proudly displays AOS trophy awarded to VAOS at Englewood show.



# VAOS at the Englewood Area Orchid Society Show and Sale

## ***“Orchids to the Rescue”***



## VAOS DISPLAY WINS 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE AT ENGLEWOOD SHOW

Bruce Weaver and his team created an impressive display that took first place society and the AOS show trophy that scored 82 points.

AOS award description:” A 10 x 12 foot exhibit with a cabin in the rear corner; a window and door open to the exhibit; the right side headed by white phalaenopsis and a bank flowing with flow of green, yellow and orange Dendrobiums, Cattleyas and other species ending at an extraordinary Luisia discolor CCE; the left side consisted of Catteyas, Dendrobiums and a dark, blue-purple Vanda; a center path to the cabin separated the two sides.”

VAOS members took home 31 ribbons as well as 5 AOS trophies:

Vicki Fisher – 1 blue, 1 red, 1 yellow

Linda Schaller – 1 blue

Joanna Shaw – 3 blue, 1 red, 2 yellow and Most Outstanding Cattleya Alliance Award

Kristin Shaw – 1 red

Bob Milner – 1 blue, Most Outstanding Cypripedium Alliance Award

Rick Belisle – 1 yellow

Judy Loeffler – 1 blue, 1 yellow

Irene Bozogan – 1 red

Stephanie Luburger – 1 blue, 1 red, 1 yellow

Cynthia Vance – 2 blue

Sally Bonnell – 1 blue, Most Outstanding Small Cattleya award

Carol DeVirigilio – 1 blue

Gunther Lobisch – 6 blue, 1 yellow, CCE, Most Outstanding Vanda and Best Species awards

Janet Keown – 1 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 Saturday.

Thank you to the following volunteers for your hard work and fun play.

Bruce Weaver

Joanna Shaw

Kristin Shaw

Sharon & John Kahnoski

Janet Keown

Ken Dolen

Linda Schaller

Judy & Jay Loeffler

Sara McCartney

Vicki Fisher

Gunther Lobisch

Carol Wood

*Submitted by Jay Loeffler*

# *VAOS Member Plant Sale/Swap*

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**10am – 1pm**

**West Blalock Park on Venice Island**

**401 Pensacola Rd.**

**Venice, FL 34285**

**(Behind the Venice Community Center)**

VAOS will host a member plant sale/swap and VAOS greenery sale on April 23rd in Blalock Park, by the pavilion from 10am – 1pm. Set up 9am.

Please bring your plants or divisions you want to sell or swap or you may donate plants and divisions to sell to benefit the society.

Participating members should bring their own table, chairs and drinks

We also plan to do demonstrations:

How to divide an orchid plant

Repotting Demo

Mounting Demo

VAOS will be selling greenery used in our recent show displays that includes Areca palms, Fiddle Leaf figs, Philodendron, Bromeliad pups and a variety of ferns (Maidenhair, Asplenium, etc.)

Blalock Park is home to many of the orchids established there by our Venice Orchid Project. Bruce Weaver, who leads this project, is always looking for plant donations – encyclias, cattleyas and dendrobiums are perfect. Please donate your divisions if you can.

Please contact Sharon if you plan to participate:

Sharon Kahnoski VP Social, Email: [Social@vaos.org](mailto:Social@vaos.org) 616-581-9131

# 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 Cynthia Vance. You may currently recognize her as the woman taking photos of the plant table winners for the newsletter, however Cynthia's involvement with the orchid society goes way back and is really quite significant.

Cynthia moved to Venice and joined the orchid society in 2009. When she joined, president Ted Kellogg was looking for a volunteer to help him set up programming and schedule speakers. Cynthia did the programming for several years and then served a 4-year term as president.

During her term as president, Cynthia used her organizational planning background to implement some pretty significant changes:

The first detailed line item budget was created, a format we still use.

Also at the time, Barbara Wagner was chairing the annual show, Cynthia and Carol Wood worked with Barbara to create a timeline/project plan that could be repeated from one year to the next to get our annual show up and running.

Cynthia also expanded the board positions, helping define several new positions so that the work of running the society could be distributed to more people. She created a specific board meeting agenda format to keep board meetings focused.

She worked with Peggy Fahrenback who initiated the mentoring program for new members.

Cynthia planned the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Venice Area Orchid Society, the mayor of Venice attended and Peggy went through the old archives and photographs and created a fascinating display.

Since stepping down as president several years ago, each year Cynthia has worked with Sue Grimmer on fundraising and getting sponsorship for our show. This has allowed us to significantly increase the funds we keep on reserve. Cynthia says Ted told her we should set a goal to keep one year's expenses worth of extra funds in reserve in the event there was ever a reason we could not run our annual show (like last year). Having these extra funds is exactly why we were able to continue to provide programming and waive membership fees during the Covid shut down despite the loss of income from not running our show in 2021!

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## Behind the Scenes Continued

Professionally, no surprise here, Cynthia was a Strategic Planning Consultant and developed programs for organizational problems solving. She did strategic planning retreats for organizations for over 20 years. She worked with 14 hospitals, 2 airports, and numerous other non-profits to improve their operations. Obviously, the Venice Area Orchid Society has benefitted from her professional expertise and organizational guidance!

Cynthia has always been an activist and dedicated to community involvement. She lived and worked on Chicago's West Side in a minority community for 10 years doing community development work and fundraising; she was involved in some of the early civil rights work with her husband Bob.

Cynthia became interested in growing orchids while she still lived in Miami. She currently has a collection of about 100 plants that she grows in a modified carport - half of the roof is removed and replaced with transparent fiberglass panels, Donn Smart helped her install some roll down shades coming in from the sides which she uses when it is very cold, and she has 2 fans that she runs 24/7. She grows everything planted to dry out quickly on lava rock, clay pebbles/hydroton, or mounted on Cholla cactus skeletons. She waters every day with an irrigation system but does all fertilizing by hand. She doesn't like to repot any more, she grows a lot of Vandas but also loves Oncidium Sweet Sugar and Den aggregatum.

This energetic woman has lots of other hobbies including singing tenor in the Venice Chorale, volunteering for the Audubon society, and she plays all voices of Recorder in the Sarasota Early Music Consort. She also enjoys wild bird photography.



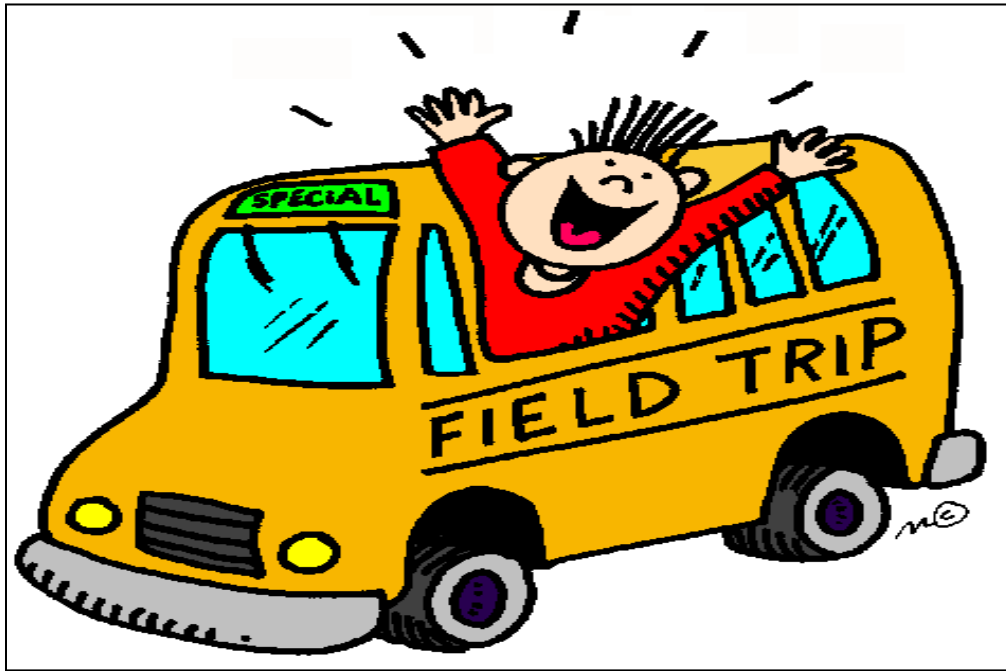
### Janet Keown—The Snake Whisperer

On March 2nd during the Englewood show set up, a Black Racer slithered out of Gunther Lobisch's monster Lus. discolor plant. Shocked, our display team gasped and stepped back. Not Janet. She stepped forward and grabbed the snake behind its head, then calmly carried it outside to set it free. Black Racers are aggressive and can bite but they are not poisonous and they help to control the fruit rat population. In other words, they are good snakes.

While most of us hate snakes, we are happy to have Janet to deal with these occasional snake intrusions when they hitch a ride on our plants.

Thanks Janet!

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and give your \$40 check (to VAOS) to Treasurer

**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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:social@vaos.org) or 616-581-9131 for more information.

*Submitted by Sharon Kahnoski, VP, Social Affairs*

# March Meeting Plant Table Awards

*Photos and Narrative by Cynthia Vance*



**First Place Blue Ribbon** was awarded to Stephanie Luburger for her lovely pink and dark pink-spotted Cattleya (C.) Amethystoglossa. Cattleya amethystoglossa (the "amethyst-lipped Cattleya flower") is a bifoliate species of the orchid genus Cattleya. This orchid is native to Brazil in the state of Bahia on the Eastern coast growing in palm tree trunks, rock outcrops, and large tree branches high in the canopy of evergreen trees – at elevations around 1968 feet. It also grows in at sea level of Espiritu Maria near the Atlantic Ocean. Nevertheless, it loves growing in bright, airy, humid locations there, so hobbyists in Venice live in the perfect place to cultivate this plant! Our local vendor Palmer Orchids, who sells this gorgeous plant, suggests on their website: "Grow in bright light and high humidity. Plants must dry out before watering but will dry quickly out in the hotter months of the summer. Daily watering may be necessary in the summer, depending on the potting medium used." Congratulations to Stephanie for cultivating such an excellent specimen!





## March 2022 Meeting Plant Table Awards Continued

Here are the qualifications for such an award on the (AOS) American Orchid website: “The CCE is awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least 12 months immediately prior to the award and must score at least 90 points on a 100-point scale. Plants receiving this award represent the highest level of orchid culture.” Often called the ‘Jewel Orchid’ it is one of the few orchids not primarily grown for its flowers, but for its beautiful foliage of green leaves with red veins. However, Gunther’s plant was most striking FOR its flowers – hundreds of them making for a beautiful circular artform. *Ludisia discolor* hails from Burma, Indonesia, and Malaysia and is a terrestrial orchid needing a potting mix that retains a fair amount of moisture or New Zealand sphagnum moss. Congratulations, Gunther, for your cultivation awards for such a spectacular plant!!



**Third Place Yellow Ribbon** was awarded to Carol DeVirgilio for her frilly *Dendrobium* (Den.) *spectabile*. It's an orchid species identified by Blume in 1859 and introduced and described worldwide by Friedrich Anton Wilhelm Miquel in 1859. The decorative Den. *spectabile* grows mostly at elevations of 1,000–1640 feet and especially likes to grow on coconut trees! Unlike most orchids, it is popularly sought after due to its semi-sweet intense fragrance, bright foliage, and its size; Carol's plant exceeded two feet. It's special because the 3-inch flowers are yellow-brown and grooved with 5-8 nodes below the leaves. The flower's crested lip is yellowish with a white base. The sharply pointed segments are twisted and curled and blossoms have been described as grotesquely beautiful. Such a description! Well, we're so glad that Carol brought this happy specimen to VAOS. Congratulations, Carol for a well-grown plant.



**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](mailto:j.hector@verizon.net)

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

**Treasurer's Report February 1, 2022**

<b>Operating Fund</b> Starting Feb. 1, 2022	\$41,204.30
+ Income	\$18,491.72
- Payments	\$ 6,577.48
+ Interest	\$ 0.27
+ Petty Cash	\$ 75.00
<b>Total Operating Fund Feb. 28, 2022</b>	<b>\$53,193.81</b>

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

# 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 6th meeting. At our March meeting we presented the nominees.

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](mailto:JudyVAOS@gmail.com) or 941-485-9569

*Judy Loeffler, Nominating Committee Chair 2022*

## Home Drilled Clay/Terra Cotta Orchid Pots

By Rick Belisle, Director, Training & Education

Since unglazed Clay or Terra Cotta orchid pots (those with the extra holes in the sides) are so difficult to find, following are directions for adding holes to standard, unglazed Clay or Terra Cotta pots found in virtually any store selling lawn & garden supplies.

### Items Needed:

Standard Electric Drill

Spray bottle with plain water (for lubrication)

Empty container (3-4" in diameter and 3-4" tall. I used an empty 1 lb coffee can)

½" or 5/8" CARBIDE MASONRY Drill Bit (available at any hardware store)

Unglazed Clay or Terra Cotta Flower pots

### Directions:

Fill spray bottle with water

Add a few inches of water to empty container.

Attach drill bit to drill.

Spray the pot with a little water where you want the new holes to be.

Slowly, and using minimal pressure, start to drill into the pot.

After 2-3 seconds, stop the drill, dip the tip of the drill bit in the container with water to cool and re-lubricate the drill bit

Immediately continue the drilling process, for another 2-3 seconds.

Repeat Steps a & b until you have made the desired number of holes in your pot.

Brush or Rinse out the pot to remove any dust.

Note: It goes very quickly! Don't press down too much with the drill. Rather, let just the weight of the drill apply to pressure. Using this process, I drilled 3 holes in each of 5 pots in less than 10 minutes. The trick is to use the water to lubricate the drill bit. It doesn't take much! I practiced on a broken piece of clay pot first, just to get the process down. It works great! Below is a photo of the finished pot.





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**April Growers Clinic**  
**Hands-on Orchid Repotting Clinic**  
**Thursday, April 14, Venice Community Center, 7pm**

Rick Belisle and the Growers Clinic team will lead a Hands-on Orchid Repotting session at the Venice Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Rick and the Growers Clinic Team will explain the supplies, tools and planting media, demonstrate basic procedures and share their tips of the trade. Participants will then repot their own orchid with the assistance of several experienced growers and helpers. We will work in teams of 4 or 5 around a table with each person bringing an orchid that needs repotting as well as a suitable pot to replant the orchid and a sterile pair of shears.

With only two hours available and a large turnout expected, it is critical that everyone adhere to the instructions below:

- **All plants must be removed from their pot and all old planting media and dead roots must be removed prior to the clinic**
- \*Only one plant per person**
- **Bring your pot and shears**
- **Please make sure your plant is free from pests or diseases.**

Media and supplies for most orchids will be provided.

Bring your problem plants for expert help. Guests are welcome.

**New edition released and  
now available!**

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

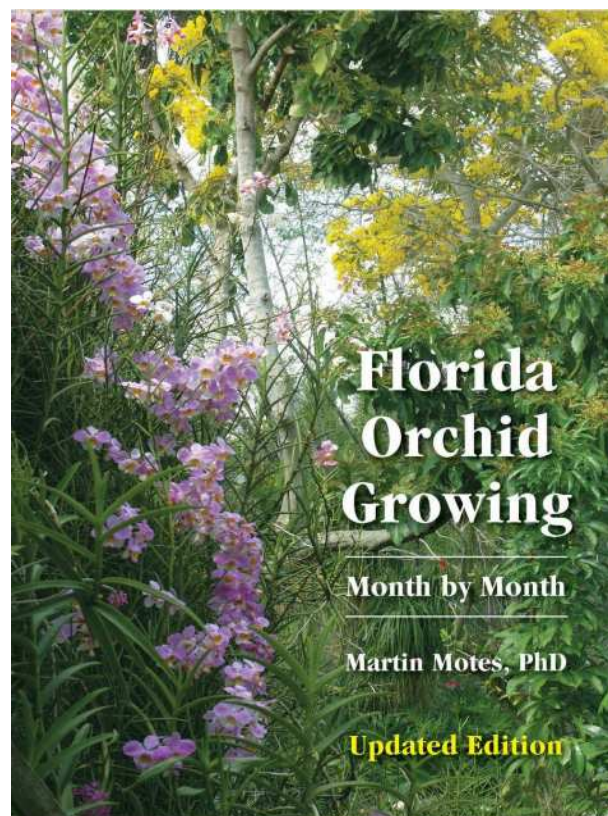
VAOS has received our shipment of the new edition. They are available to members for \$20 and may be ordered and picked up from:

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



## JOIN THE VAOS FACEBOOK GROUP TODAY!

**Join our VAOS Facebook Group at:**

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

- ♦ 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



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- ♦ A full year of additional magazine issues plus a much anticipated and valuable annual supplement
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- ♦ 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
- ♦ Join thousands of members in supporting orchid education and conservation worldwide today by joining the AOS.

# 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)

## **Joanna's Orchid Pottery**

[www.orchidpottery.com](http://www.orchidpottery.com)  
[orchidpottery@gmail.com](mailto:orchidpottery@gmail.com)





## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

April 14 - (2nd Thursday) Growers  
Clinic. Topic: Hands On Repotting Clinic. See  
article in this newsletter

April 23 - VAOS Plant Sale at Blalock Park.  
See article this newsletter.

April 10—Art Stone Orchid Fest, 10am—4pm,  
Sunken Gardens, St. Pete

April 15—17—Apopka International Spring  
Orchid Fest. Info: [www.krullsmith.com](http://www.krullsmith.com)

May 4 - (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting,  
Venice Community Center, 6:45pm, Speaker:  
Tatiana Arias, Botanist, Marie Selby Botanical  
Gardens

May 12— (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic,  
Venice Community Center, 7pm

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

### **ONGOING**

**Mentor Program:** help for beginning growers,  
contact Rick Belisle [Mentor@vaos.org](mailto:Mentor@vaos.org)

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

**Next meeting:**

**April 6**

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

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