

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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June 2022

June General Meeting

Wednesday
June 1

Doors Open: 6:45pm
Venice Community
Center

Speaker: Brett Ullery
Topic: Dendrobiums



Born in Kansas City, MO in 1961, Bret's love of orchids began in February 2006 when he gave his wife Ruth her first orchid, a lime green hard cane dendrobium. After that they joined the Florida West Coast Orchid Society, a month later they attended their first orchid auction, and 26 plants later the passion had begun.

With more than 8,000 orchids now, they own Accent Orchids. He and Ruth, started their business in 2012 with their nursery in the backyard. Bret built all their shade houses that hold their orchids.

Bret has been the president of the Tampa Bay Orchid Society and is currently the president of the Florida West Coast Orchid Society. His love to educate people is his motivation. He currently gives presentations on Dendrobiums, Schomburgkias, Grammatophyllums and watering systems. You can follow Accent Orchids on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/AccentOrchids>, to see what's recently happening with him and Accent Orchids. If you have any questions, call him at 813-299-8834 or email bretullery@gmail.com.

June Events

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Monthly Meeting

June 9
Growers Clinic

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Hi everyone,

It's sad we had to cancel our bus trip to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival - but we will work on trying to get another bus for the Redland International Orchid Festival held outside on October 7-9, 2022. Both festivals are put together by the Mote Family and feature orchid and exotic plant vendors from all over the world. The Redland Festival will be at the beautiful Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead and has a wonderful outdoor festival feel to it. Many of the plants and orchids at these festivals are not available for purchase in the US at any other time and they come direct from the growers and hybridizers themselves.

At the last minute, my sister Kristin and I decided to drive down to the Tamiami festival anyway and we had a wonderful time. Oddly, I bought as many exotic foliage plants as I did orchids -- I don't know what came over me!! Anyway, stay tuned for more info about the Redland Trip. If we can pull it together, all will be welcome to join us, both members and nonmembers -- we just want enough people to take the trip!

Our Member Plant Sale in Blalock Park was a big success. The setting was perfect -- nice and shady.

Also, there was plenty of easy parking without having to go into downtown and the plants for sale were gone quickly! We will look at doing that again in the fall, too. All of us like an opportunity to switch out or purge our extra plants once in a while for it keeps things new and interesting.

Some of you snow birds will be leaving us for the next few months -- Happy Travels! I hope you come home in the fall to find your orchids have stayed nice and healthy out in the summer rains! We will be here when you get back and we'll plan an Octoberfest Party to welcome everyone back and to kick off the next show season!

Enjoy!

Joanna Shaw, President

Venice Area Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

Date: **May 1, 2022**

Kristin Shaw, VP Show Displays, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She welcomed all new members and guests. She presented the format of the meeting.

Announcements:

Kristin welcomed all members to join us for Thursday's Grower's Clinic on Pests and Diseases given by Stephanie Luburger.

Sharon Kahnoski, VP Social Affairs, came to the podium and spoke about the upcoming Tamiami International Show Bus Trip. We need a minimum of 30 people. We currently have 20 people signed up. If this event gets cancelled, we may try to get a bus trip to Redlands in October.

Bruce Weaver, Director at Large, is selling ferns at the back table for a \$3.00 donation. These were part of our Show greenery. The money will be used for the 2023 Show greenery.

Kristin Shaw introduced our speaker for the evening. Please welcome Dr. Tatiana Arias, a classically trained botanist with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Topic: Research in Orchids, Including the Topics of Evolution and Conservation. Enthusiastic applause welcomed her to the podium.

The Plant Table was filled with amazing orchids. Many plants had hundreds of blooms! Kristin Shaw and Vicki Fisher, VP Programs, presented the plant table.

Sharon and John Kahnoski presented the Raffle Table.

Respectively Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report April 1, 2022

Operating Fund Starting April 1, 2022	\$52,477.85
+ Income	\$ 2,557.80
- Payments	\$ 6,019.41
+ Interest	\$ 0.28
+ Petty Cash	\$ 75.00
Total Operating Fund April 29, 2022	\$49,091.52

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

GROWERS CLINIC – THURSDAY JUNE 9^H

June 2022 Growers Clinic

The Thursday, June 9, 2022, 7:00 pm Growers Clinic will focus on naturalizing orchids by “**Potting Without Pots**”! We’ll explore various ways to mount orchids on trees, shrubs, cedar planks, driftwood, and other surfaces. Of course, as usual, we’ll begin with our Orchid ER!



June Culture Tip

With the onset of our “wet season” it’s probably a good idea to get ahead of the potential issues caused by insects, fungus and diseases. One way is to add One Tablespoon (TBSP) of **All-in-One BioAdvanced Rose & Flower Care** (time-release granules) to each plant. It has 3 systemic products in one that will travel through the plants vascular system and help ward-off Thrips, Mealy Bugs, various Fungi and Diseases listed on the label -- and it will also add a bit of fertilizer to boot! It lasts for up to 6 weeks! Do it now, and mark your cellphone calendar “alerts” to repeat this process for July 15, Labor Day and Columbus Day.



JOINT EAOS/VAOS MEETING IN JULY

Every year in July and August we hold joint monthly meetings with the Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS). VAOS will join them at their meeting on **July 18th** and EAOS will join us at our **August 3rd** meeting.

The EAOS monthly July meeting will be held on the 18th at the St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, Englewood. Broadway is parallel to 776 and the church is located behind the shopping center that has Stefano's Restaurant and the Beall's Outlet on S. Indiana Ave/Rt. 776.

The business meeting will start at 7pm but our speaker, Phillip Hamilton from Bredren Orchids, will be selling plants so you might want to come early. His topic is "Phalaenopsis, An Introduction to the Novelty Types".

Mary Anne Digrazia, President, EAOS

May 4th Meeting Plants Reflect John Lindley



Our plant table this May was reflected by the work and presence of John Lindley (1799 -1865), an English botanist, gardener and orchidologist. For his work, he was given the Fellowship of the Royal Society (FRS) award from the [Royal Society](#) of London. This award is granted to individuals who have made a "substantial contribution to the improvement of [natural knowledge](#), math and science. When you see his Author abbreviation 'Lindl.' associated with an orchid, you know his research was involved in either the discovery and/or scientific analysis (taxonomy) of that orchid.

May Meeting Plant Table Awards

Photos by Stephanie Lubberger Narrative by Cynthia Vance



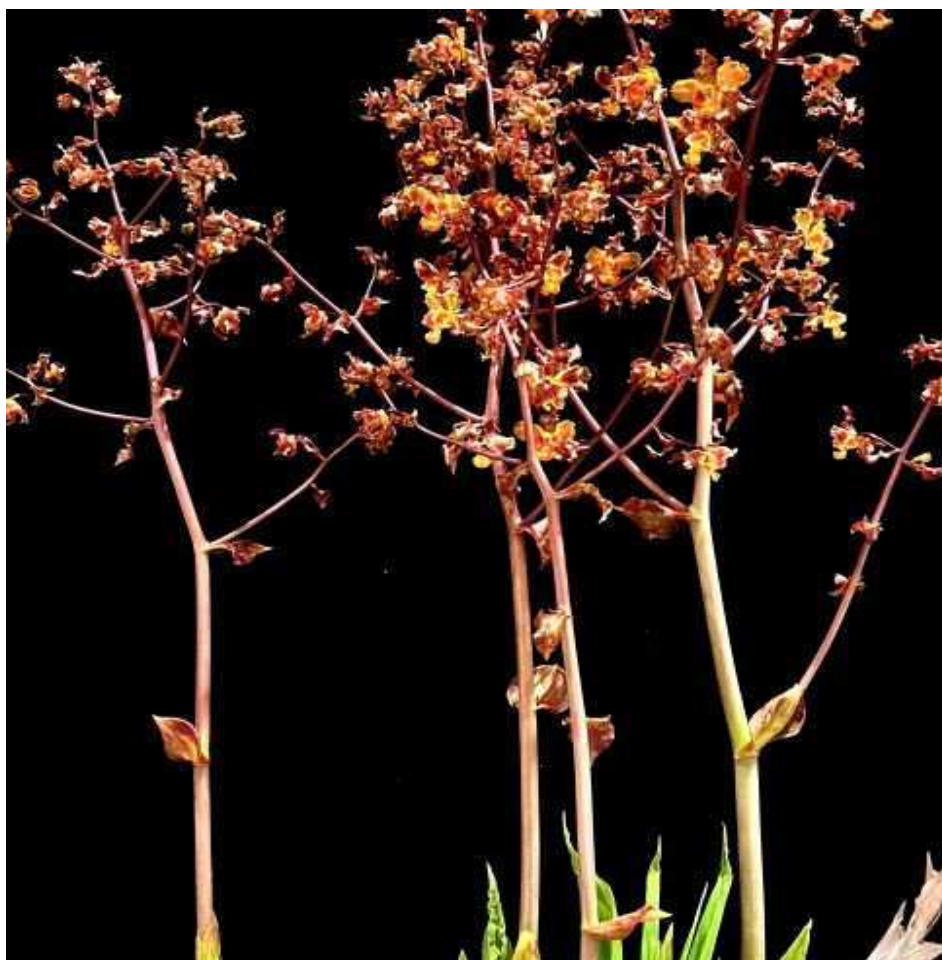
First Place Blue Ribbon was awarded to Gunther Lobisch for his lovely Dendrobium (Den.) lindleyi, named due to John Lindley's taxonomic research on the plant. Gunther's plant had 18+ blooming inflorescences and though each one lasts for about 2 weeks, the stunning, rich yellow color compensates for the time. Many VAOS members have and love this plant! To encourage blooming decrease watering between December and March, yet still keep it in filtered high sunlight. Den. lindleyi is a miniature epiphytic species found in northeast India to China, Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos. Under the Dendrobium family, this orchid belongs to the Callista section. Callista comes from the Greek word 'Kallistos', which means 'very beautiful'. Congratulations, Gunther for your very beautiful plant!!



Second Place Red Ribbon was presented to Ed Murphy for his stand-out Cattleya (C.) Marcia Foster with three magnificent bright blooms. It is stunning to see the pink edging on the picotee petals in contrast to the darker pink on the lip. So gorgeous! Cattleya Marcia Foster is a hybrid originated by J.C. Foster in 1962 – a cross of C. Mamie Eisenhower (wife of President Eisenhower) x C. Frank Lind. It is grown like most Catts in our member's orchid collections. If you desire this stunning orchid, check out C. Marcia Foster 'Picotee' which looks very much like Ed's beauty and can be available at Palmer Orchids, Bradenton. Congratulations, Ed, for your excellent cultivation!!



Third Place Yellow Ribbon was awarded to Gunther Lobisch -- his second win -- for his magnificent *Dendrobium* (Den.) *amabile* with gentle flowing inflorescences arrayed with 120+ flowers! It also has an entrancing fragrance. This striking epiphytic species is native to Hainan China and Vietnam and found growing in tropical jungles near the river streams. It comes in stunning shades of white, yellow and lilac. Den. *amabile* desires to grow in medium light levels and grows well in sphagnum moss, coconut husk and bark mixes. Congratulations, Gunther, and many thanks for presenting such a stunning specimen!



Speaker's Choice White Ribbon was granted to Maria Ruano for her brightly colored and floriferous *Cyrtopodium* (Cyrt.) *punctatum*, a species of the Catasetum family identified by in 1833 by (L.) Lindl. -- that's John Lindley, again! Cyrt. *punctatum* is a large sized native of Florida, its surrounding island nations and throughout Latin America. How monster big can this plant can grow? Google 'Cyrtopodium punctatum in the Everglades' (15 feet by 10) or go find it for yourself! It's often called the cigar orchid due to its pseudobulb's shape; also, Bee Swarm Orchid and Cowhorn Orchid. To cultivate it, reduce water in the winter. The inflorescences will appear just after the new leads for pseudobulbs show up. Rare seedlings can be found at Krull-Smith Orchids. Congratulations, Maria for a well grown

The background of the entire flyer is a close-up photograph of several purple orchids with yellow centers, set against a blurred green background of leaves and stems.

Orlando International Orchid Sale Anniversary

June 17 -19, 2022 • 9am - 5pm

Top-Quality Vendors from Around the World Offering

- Orchids
- Hoyas
- Bonsai
- Collectible Aroids & Bromeliads
- Exotic Tropical Foliage Plants
- Growing Supplies
- AOS Judging (Saturday, June 18th)

Location: Orchids In Bloom Nursery

2001 Rock Springs Rd • Apopka, FL 32712

Phone: (407) 242-0619

**New edition released and
now available!**

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

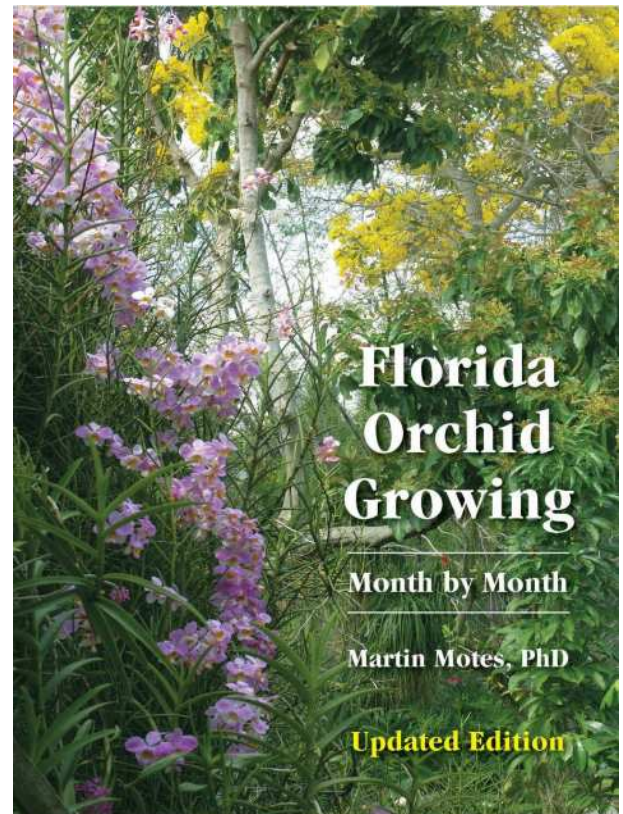
VAOS has received our shipment of the new edition. They are available to members for \$20 and may be ordered and picked up from:

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



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- ♦ Join thousands of members in supporting orchid education and conservation worldwide today by joining the AOS.

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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)

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8211 Verna Bethany Rd.,
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Joanna's Orchid Pottery

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 - (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting, Venice Community Center, doors open at 6:45pm, Speaker: Brett Ullery Topic: Dendrobiums

June 9 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Potting Without Pots

June 17-19 - Orlando International Orchid Sale Anniversary, Apopka. See flyer in this newsletter

July 14—(2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic. Topic: Culture Basics—Dendrobiums + General Problems/solutions.

July 18 - Joint meeting at EAOS in Englewood, 7pm. Speaker: Phillip Hamilton Topic: Phalaenopsis, An Introduction to the Novelty Types. See article this newsletter

PLAN AHEAD

October 7-9—2022 Redland International Orchid Festival

ONGOING

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

AOS JUDGING

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

Next meeting:

June 1

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