



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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October 2022

October General Meeting

Wednesday
October 5

Doors Open: 6:45pm

Venice Community
Center



Speaker: Fred Clarke

Topic: Australian Dendrobiums

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 35 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 28 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Australian Dendrobiums and Paphiopedilum hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed". This grex has received eight FCC's and over 41 awards worldwide.

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

Fred's topic will be "Australian Dendrobiums". He will have plants for sale.

October Events

October 5
General
Meeting

October 13
Potluck Dinner

No October
Growers Clinic

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Meeting Minutes

Date: September 7, 2022

Joanna Shaw opened the meeting by welcoming new members and explaining the format for the meeting. She announced the date and time of the next Growers Clinic: Vicki Fisher will be presenting *Catasetum* culture on October 8 at 7 PM.

Sharon Kahnoski announced the 3 upcoming social events, the bus trip to Redland, the Fall Potluck, and the Holiday brunch. See info elsewhere in newsletter.

Rick Belisle spoke briefly about the Mentoring program and presented Ian Kennedy with his pin for completing the program. He encouraged members to sign up as mentors or mentees.

Vicki Fisher introduced the speaker for the evening, Alan Koch from Gold Country orchids in California. Alan gave a great presentation on the genus *Paphiopedalum*.

After the presentation, Joanna Shaw, Kristin Shaw, and Vicki Fisher presented the plant table. Janet Keown and John Kahnoski presented the raffle table. The meeting was adjourned at 850pm

Submitted by Joanna Shaw

Treasurer's Report

August 2022

OPERATING FUND July 29, 2022	\$47,698.69
+ Income	660.00
- Payments	-3,220.63
+ Interest	.31
+ Petty cash on hand	75.00

VAOS FALL FESTIVAL POTLUCK



Please join us!

Thursday October 13, 2022

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Venice Community Center

Sign up to bring an appetizer, main dish or side dish

VAOS will provide dessert

VAOS will provide water, iced tea, sodas and coffee and place settings. Members may BYOB beer or wine

Raffle—blooming plants and custom pots

Sign up no later than our October 5th meeting or contact Sharon so that we will have an accurate head count and food list

Info: Sharon Kahnoski, VP Social



REDLAND ORCHID FESTIVAL BUS TRIP

FRIDAY October 7th

The **Redland International Orchid Festival** will be held in Homestead FL October 7 – 9, 2022. We still have seats available on the bus for \$50 pp. The price includes bus trip and driver gratuity, the admission fee and a \$5 discount ticket for purchase of an orchid \$25 or more. Water will be provided on the bus.

Departure is 7am sharp from the Venice Community Center South Parking Lot on Friday October 7th. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early.

Estimated arrival time is 11am – 11:30am. 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 also suggest you bring a hat, sunscreen, umbrella, a jacket or sweater (bus A/C) and snacks as we will not stop for dinner on the return trip. We also suggest you bring some cash as some international vendors may not accept credit cards.

More than 60 orchid vendors from around the world will sell orchids. There will also be lectures and international food available for purchase.

. Contact Sharon Kahnoski at social@vaos.org or 616-581-9131 for more information. For festival information visit www.redlandorchidfest.org.

Submitted by Sharon Kahnoski,, VP Social



VAOS HOLIDAY BRUNCH

December 11, 2022

Pelican Pointe Country Club
499 Derbyshire Dr. Venice, FL. 34285
(off Center Rd.)

11am – 3 pm

Start your holiday season by joining your friends at the VAOS annual get together - a Brunch and Auction of Orchids and orchid related items.

Brunch will consist of: Scones, Fresh Fruit, Sausage, Bacon, Potatoes O'Brien, Scrambled Eggs With cheese & chives. Lettuce, tomato, onions w/Croissants, Chicken, Tuna Salad. Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea. Cash bar

Members and their guests are welcome
\$25 pp

Send your checks to: VAOS, PO Box 443, Venice, FL. 34284-0443
Or sign up at our October 5th or November 2nd meetings.

Contact: Sharon Kahnoski, VP Social social@vaos.org
616-581-9131 for information

General Meeting Treats Needed



Now that we are resuming some sense of normalcy, we would like to offer our meeting attendees something more than bottled water. In the past many of our members have brought in delectable home-baked goods, snacks and treats. Starting with our September 7th meeting we encourage you to resume your generosity. Sharon and her team will continue to provide coffee, sodas and water for our meeting refreshment break. Thank you!

VAOS 2022 Membership Directory

Coming Soon!



Tony Nacinovich is putting on the finishing touches and selecting the perfect cover in his process to provide us with our Membership Directory! We always ask him to select one of his beautifully grown and exceptional orchids for the cover, and we look forward to seeing what it will be for 2022! It will be distributed via email to all active members, sometime in the first half of October. This gives everyone an opportunity to contact other members, that you may have met or been talking with, throughout the year!

Thank You Tony, and also his assistant & wife Ellen!! We couldn't do this without you.

Suzanne Grimmer – Membership Chair

September 8th Growers Clinic Recap

Vicki Fisher got many of us interested in the Catasetum family of orchids during her excellent presentation at our September growers clinic. She promptly got an invitation from the Englewood Area Orchid Society to be their speaker on the same topic. Well done Vicki!



November Growers Clinic

If you've looked at your calendar, or been in some of the "big box" stores lately, you'll see that we're creeping on that time of year again. Yep, two "seasons" are just around the corner. Those being Winter (Ewwww!!!) and the Orchid Shows (Yayyyy)! So, in preparation for both, on Thursday, November 10, the Growers Clinic Team will discuss tips and tricks for protecting your orchids from the cold weather as well as what to do and how to prepare them for the upcoming shows. And, of course, the meeting will begin with the Orchid ER. As usual, the meeting will begin at 7:00pm in Room F of the Venice Community Center. You can park on the left side of the building and enter through the side door, if you want.

Note: We will not have a growers clinic in October as we host our Potluck Dinner on that night instead.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5 - (1st Wednesday) - General Meeting, Venice Community Center Speaker: Fred Clarke Topic: Australian Dendrobiums

October 7– 9—Redland International Orchid Festival. Bus Trip. Friday October 7. See article this newsletter

October 13 - Fall Festival Potluck Dinner, Venice Community Center 5pm See flyer this newsletter

October 13 (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic,
No Growers Clinic this month

November 2 - (1st Wednesday) - General Meeting, Venice Community Center, Speaker: Phil Hamilton Topic: Broughtonias and Their Hybrids

November 4-5 Vanda & Slipper Orchid Symposium, Apopka. Info:
www.slippersymposium.com

November 10 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Speaker: Rick Belisle Topic: Preparing Your Orchids for Winter and for Spring Shows

December 11— VAOS Annual Holiday Brunch
See flyer this newsletter

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:
October 5th**

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