

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

Visit us on the web at www.vaos.org

November 2022

November General Meeting

Wednesday
November 2nd

Doors Open: 6:45pm

Venice Community
Center



Speaker: Phillip Hamilton

Topic: Broughtonias and their Hybrids

Phillip was born and raised in Jamaica where he inherited his dad's passion for orchids and grew up working in his parents' orchid nursery, Hamlyn Orchids. Although his dad's true orchid passion is with the Jamaican native Broughtonia's and their hybrids, Phillip's passion leaned heavily toward Phalaenopsis, which he has been growing and hybridizing since the age of eight. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and is an American Orchid Society (AOS) Accredited Judge.

Professionally, Phillip has worked for two major orchid production nurseries in Central Florida as a grower and grower/manager. In 2013, he formed his own business (part-time), Bredren Orchids, to facilitate the small-scale sale of some of the more unique Phalaenopsis and Broughtonia species and hybrids he grows and breeds. He now manages Bredren Orchids full-time since 2017, with the generous help of his wife, Liz. They are currently working on developing this business into more than just the mail-order only entity it now is. Phillip will be bringing a variety of plants for sale, including novelty Phalaenopsis species/hybrids and Broughtonia/Cattleya related

November Events

November 2
General
Meeting

November 10
Growers Clinic

Newsletter Quick Links

[VAOS 2021 - 2023](#)

[Officers](#)

[Orchid Resources](#)

**Share photos of
your blooming
orchids on our
Face Book Group**

[https://
www.facebook.co
m/groups/
VAOS.org](https://www.facebook.com/groups/VAOS.org)



Message from Your President

Hi everyone, I hope this finds you all reasonably well resettled after hurricane Ian. What an incredibly destructive storm! Some of us lost parts of our actual homes, many of us had water damage, and most of us lost landscaping and parts of our orchid collection. I know of several members who spent decades perfecting their tropical gardens and landscapes only to see it destroyed by Ian. In the face of so much loss and the work of clean up, who has the energy to think of orchids at all?

About a week after the hurricane, many of us were on the bus trip to the Redland International Orchid festival. Most of us were still stunned by the hurricane, but spending the day away from the stress and enjoying each other's company was a nice way to start our own recoveries. A few days after the bus trip, we had the Fall Potluck. It was a wonderful evening to just sit and chat with each other, release some tension, catch up with some old friends, and make some new friends.

One of the things that you realize is that being part of this Orchid Society means being part of a network of friends and support. The more time we spend together, the deeper the bonds become. Because we band together every year and create one of the most wonderful orchid shows in the state of Florida, we have learned how to work together with a sense of teamwork. That teamwork allows us all to take satisfaction and happiness from something accomplished together, and then suddenly we realize that we do indeed have a nice network of friends here. Then these friends become some of the people that help you recover your energy and hope after something as difficult as Ian. And, if you've managed to save some or most of your plants, I hope you are starting to see some fall blooms. I hope the blooms are so beautiful that you take a moment to remember why you fell in love with Orchids in the first place!

Anyway, see you at the next meeting and let's do something fun like plan an orchid show!

Joanna Shaw, President of the best orchid society 😊

Membership Update - October 2022

I hope that you came through Hurricane Ian with minimal damage. We probably lost all trees, bushes, landscaping.... and some food in our refrigerators! But I pray you and your family were blessed and able to say that you came through it fine and are now recovering well, cleaning up and moving forward!

Through October, we now have 364 Members...and Growing! Last month there were 15 New Members. They are showing excitement when attending our meeting, attending the Grower's Clinic, and are personally affecting the rest of us with their zest to learn about orchids!



Our **2022 Membership Directory** is completed, and it has been emailed out to our Members! A Special "Thank You" to Tony Nacinovich for the beautiful job creating the directory and for the gorgeous photo of his orchid on the front cover!

Time to Renew Your Membership

Important Reminder! It would be appreciated if you could plan on having your 2023 Dues of \$20.00 per Household sent to the address below or paid at our Monthly Meeting by the end of December. This would be appreciated because it saves us work by avoiding extra time & effort to reach out with reminders, as we head into the 2023 year. Many are used to waiting for the February Orchid Show to pay their dues. However, in reality our Dues are actually due by the end of the previous year – December 31st.

Mail your Dues to: VAOS, P.O. Box 443, Venice Florida, 34284-0443

If your information in the Membership directory changes, please use the Membership form found under Membership Dues on our website (www.vaos.org) to let us know. Also please indicate "Renewal" on the form and on your payment.

If your member information is correct, please just indicate "Renewal" on your payment.

Submitted by Sue Grimmer, Membership Chair



VAOS HOLIDAY BRUNCH

December 11, 2022

**Plantation Golf & Country Club
500 Rockley Blvd., Venice 34293
(Off Rt. 41 midway between Jacaranda and River Rd.)**

10am – 2 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 buffet, lunch options, desserts.
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 November 2nd meeting

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

VAOS Fall Potluck Recap

What a night, fun, laughter and sharing with new and old members. And again another event to escape the calamity at our homes. The food was awesome and the variety spectacular. So many dishes to choose from, some had to make several trips to sample all. Even though we only had 28 members, it was well worth the night out. Joanna, Jay and Natasha donated items for the Raffle along with 10 exceptional Phals. We look forward to planning events like this throughout the coming year so you will still have a chance to join in too. And once again a special thank you to Sara, Janet, Judy, Ian, Jay, John and Irene for your help setting up and taking down. These events cannot take place without our outstanding volunteers.

Please check out the Holiday Brunch to be held Dec 11, 2022 at Plantation Country Club. Sign-up now. Price is only \$25 pp. 10:30am to 2pm. We will also have an auction of Orchids etc.

Submitted by Sharon Kahnoski, VP Social

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 (Ewww!!!) 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.

Submitted by Rick Belisle, Director, Education & Training

REDLAND BUS TRIP 2022 RECAP



Finally, after 3 years, Redland was held the weekend of October 6th through the 9th. We had our bus trip on October 7th and it left a little after 7:00 a.m. A total of 29 people were on the bus for the trip. The bus was roomy and comfy and thank goodness it had phone chargers. The driver was friendly and courteous and answered any questions that were asked.

The trip itself was uneventful and took a little bit longer due to the heavy traffic in the Ft. Myers/Naples area from issues with Hurricane Ian (which everyone would like to forget). Once we got past Naples, it was smooth sailing. There were a few minor issues with parking once we got there, but I'm sure these will be rectified next year when Redland is held in May.

Bartholomew Motes greeted us, handed out our packets and we entered the Fruit and Spice Park.

This is my third trip to the Redland show and it never gets old when you walk around the corner and see all the vendors and all those flowers and plants. You just stop for a second, stand there in awe and take in all that you can see. Your mind just stops and your jaw just drops. In total there were 73 vendors, 22 allied vendors, and 11 food vendors.

There were plants from around the world, orchids you never heard of or had even seen before, and there was absolutely something for everyone. If you left empty handed, you had to be crazy. Budgets were blown, including mine, because there was just so much that you just had to have; and this was your chance to cross off that one orchid that has been on your wish list like forever.

REDLAND BUS TRIP 2022 RECAP CONTINUED.....

After five wonderful, exhausting hours, we climbed back on the bus and headed home. Sharon did a wonderful job of being our host on the bus and she made sure everyone got back on the bus before it left Redland.

Will I go again in May, 2023... absolutely. Would I change anything about the trip...nope. In my mind it is the best way to go to Redland.

Thank you, Sharon, for setting this all up for us in such a short amount of time. I don't know anyone who could have pulled this off, but you.

Submitted by Vicki Fisher

Treasurer's Report

September 2022

OPERATING FUND August 31, 2022	\$45,138.37
+ Income	2,095.00
- Payments	-1,191.21
+ Interest	.28
+ Petty cash on hand	75.00
OPERATING FUND September 30, 2022	\$46,117.44

Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Treasurer

FALL ORCHID SALE

Thursday to Saturday | November 10-12, 2022 | 9 AM to 4 PM



- Browse thousands of Orchids, Bromeliads and more.
- Amazing Orchid species and hybrids to choose from.
- Advice on Orchid Growing from Experts. Free Parking.

Plantio La Orquidea, 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243, Same driveway as Tropiflora

PLANTÍO LA ORQUÍDEA

PLANTÍO LA ORQUÍDEA

3480 Tallevast Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34243

www.plantiolaorquidea.com

Phone: 941-504-7737

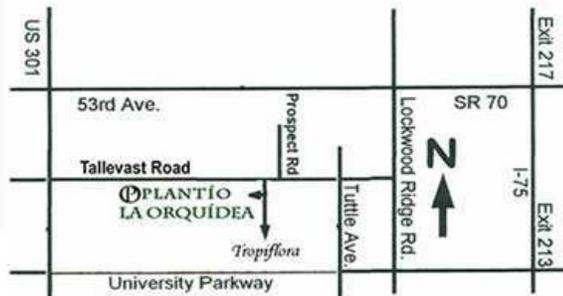
E-mail: info@plantiolaorquidea.com

Free Plant
Raffle

10 % Off on all plant sales - \$25 or more

Limit one coupon per customer. Valid only on the dates of the event.

Plus many specially priced plants including bare roots.



www.plantiolaorquidea.com

SHOW SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

After a tough year with Covid and a Cat 4 hurricane, we are all looking forward to show season and it is quickly approaching! Here is the show schedule:

Sarasota Orchid Society Show & Sale

January 7-8

Set up Friday January 6

VAOS Show & Sale

February 4-5

Set up Friday February 3

Englewood Area Orchid Society Show & Sale

March 3-4

Set up Thursday March 2

First up is the Sarasota show in January. We will need volunteers to help pick up and transport display materials, greenery, and plants to the show as well as staff to assemble and take down our display. Please contact Kristen Shaw, VP Displays, to volunteer.

The following page provides an overview of our own show followed by the list of the volunteer positions we need to fill to ensure we have a successful show.

So, start grooming your plants and sign up to get involved as we look forward to a well deserved, happier new year!

2023 VAOS ORCHID SHOW & SALE

FEBRUARY 4-5, 2023

The Venice Area Orchid Society (VAOS) will present our 56th annual show and sale at the Venice Community Center in beautiful downtown Venice, FL on February 4-5, 2023. Our show theme this year is "*Galaxy of Orchids*". Fifteen vendors will exhibit and sell 1000's of blooming orchid plants as well as orchid floral arrangements, artwork, jewelry, accessories and supplies. The show is widely regarded as the most popular orchid show on Florida's west coast and comes just before Valentine's Day.

This major community event is expected to draw over 4000 attendees. Nationally recognized growers will exhibit and sell orchids. They include:

- Accent Orchids
- Art Stone Orchids
- Bredren Orchids
- Florida SunCoast Orchids
- Gold Country Orchids
- Krull-Smith
- Mac's Orchids
- Miranda Orchids
- Odom's Orchids
- Palmer Orchids
- Plantio La Orquidea

Artists and Supply Vendors include:

- OFE International Orchid Supplies
- Joanna's Orchid Pottery
- Just One More Orchid
- Orchid Envy
- The VAOS Orchid Boutique
- The VAOS Member's Arts & Crafts Display

The Venice Area Orchid Society is one of the largest and most active orchid societies in the U.S. with more than 400 members. Our mission is to foster orchid growing, to provide a forum for orchid exhibition, to promote orchid conservation, and to share the knowledge and experience of growers and hobbyists. We are an affiliate of the American Orchid Society. Our annual show is our major fund raising event and is always held the first full weekend in February at the Venice Community Center in downtown Venice.

Please volunteer to support our show! We count on our army of member volunteers to produce a successful show! See the following volunteer list for where we need help. Sign up at our monthly meetings or email [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto>ShowChair@VAOS.org)

Volunteer for our 2023 Show

Friday February 3rd 11am -7pm Set Up

Saturday February 4th 10am - 5pm

Sunday February 5th 10am - 4pm

Show Committee	When	Job	# Volunteer Slots
Set Up Coord: Jerry Daenzer 284-5001	Friday 2/3/23 11am - 2pm	Set up the hall for exhibits. Lay plastic, assist vendors in bringing in plants and greenery. Some strong backs needed.	10
Take Down Carol Wood 497-4995	Sunday 2/5/23 3:45pm - 6pm	Show take down and clean up. Assist removal of plants and displays. Dispose of trash, sweep floor. Fresh/rested volunteers needed.	10
Clerks Coord: Mary Anne Digrazia 697-9237	Saturday 2/4/23 7:30am - 10:30am	Work with AOS judges finding and pointing out plants in the exhibits and placing ribbons. A great learning experience as the judges share their knowledge of what makes a quality plant and flower!	30
Front Door Admissions Coord: Elaine Ortt 485-5313	Saturday 2/4/23 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/5/23 9:45am - 4pm	Sell admission tickets. Cashier skills required. A sit down job. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Saturday or Sunday.	30
Show Hosts Coord: Sharon & John Kahnoski 616-581-9131	Friday 2/3/23 1pm - 7pm Saturday 2/4/23 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/5/23 9:45am - 4pm	Monitor entrances and exits. Ensure visitors don't step into displays. Serve as Show Host for AOS judges, other societies and vendors. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Some sit down jobs.	70
Hospitality/Food Coord: Linda & Bruce Hahn 408-7646	Friday , Saturday and Sunday	Bring your favorite dish Friday, Saturday or Sunday: hot or cold main dishes, casseroles, pastries, platters, desserts, etc. Bring to kitchen by 11am each day. Sign up your dish and what day. Help with clean up Saturday or Sunday	All

Sign-up at our monthly meetings or contact Carol or Judy at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto>ShowChair@VAOS.org) to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November 4-5 - Vanda & Slipper Orchid Symposium at Krull-Smith, Apopka, FL. 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

November 10-12—Plantio La Orquidea Fall Sale See flyer in this newsletter

December 11— VAOS Annual Holiday Brunch See flyer this newsletter

NOTE: No Regular Meeting or Growers Clinic in December.

PLANNING AHEAD

January 7-8 - Sarasota Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

February 4-5 - VAOS Annual Show & Sale

March 3-4 - EAOS Annual Show & Sale

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:
November 2nd**

Contact Us

Venice Area Orchid Society

PO BOX 443

Venice, FL 34284-0443

President

Joanna Shaw pres@vaos.org

Membership

Sue Grimmer memb@vaos.org

Visit us on the web at

www.vaos.org

Visit our Facebook Group at

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

