



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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December 2022

January 2023 General Meeting

Wednesday
January 4th

Doors Open: 6:45pm

Venice Community
Center



Speaker: John Budree

Topic: Bulbophyllums

Ramnarine John Budree was born in Trinidad and Immigrated to Florida some 23 years ago. Back then he grew many different types of plants and orchids and took part in collecting, growing and showing them at many of the shows, but there was always something more; he wanted to learn more about orchids, and wanted more of a challenge. He wanted to study, grow and flower them. So, when he came to Florida, he got involved with orchids at all different levels. Now he was able to grow all of those types of plants that he could only read about and even meet all of those people that grew and wrote the articles that he had read in the AOS magazines. So, he started out on his journey and adventure. He started to go to many of the shows and of course, what you do when you go to a show, YOU BUY ORCHIDS, which you know nothing about, in the hopes you can grow or flower them [yea right].

He always liked Paphiopedilums but was told he couldn't grow them. This became a challenge to him and he found these plants very interesting as well. He met some of the biggest and best growers in the orchid business, Jack Schendowich, Warren Kelly {Orchid World}, Bob Skully {Jones & Skully}, Mr. Frank Smith {Krull-Smith} and Sheldon Takasaki {Carmela Orchids}.

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December Events

Happy Holidays!

**December 11th
VAOS Holiday
Brunch**

**No General
Meeting or
Growers Clinic
this month**

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**Share photos of
your blooming
orchids on our Face
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[www.facebook.com/
groupsVAOS.org](https://www.facebook.com/groupsVAOS.org)

John Budree Bio Continued

These people really know how to grow all types of orchids; Paphiopedilum, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobium, and Oncidium. At the 19th World Orchid Conference, in Miami in 2008, he was the only hobbyist to do a table top display and also had the opportunity to work with Frank Smith on the KRULL-SMITH display. He tried to absorb as much of Frank Smith's knowledge as possible, and because this, this is what he considered an lesson in life that he will never forget. He started to grow many different types of orchids, Paphs of course, and as of today, has grown over 3000 plants as well as other types of orchids. He has also lost count of the ones he has killed. In short, he has been growing Orchids for about 40 years, from flask to flower and has accumulated about 75 AOS awards.

John will have plants for sale at our meeting.

Membership Update for December 2022

* Through November we had 373 Members! That is an increase of 8 New Members over October. To help you get a jump start...Don't forget that beside the regular Monthly Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month, you can attend the Grower's Clinic on the 2nd Thursday. Here you can get help with problem orchids or additional helpful information & learning at their presentations- 7PM for both.

- If you are signing up to volunteer at our Annual Orchid Show, the 1st weekend in February 2023, please consider volunteering to help at the Membership table - with signing up New Members selling books, discussing the benefits of joining our Group and helping as needed with taking dues payments. If that is something you would like to do.... Contact me (see below)

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* Our 2022 Membership Directory has been sent out via email to all members enrolled through October. If you haven't received your email, please let me know (my contact info is listed below)

* Important Reminder! It would be appreciated if you would plan to have your 2023 Dues of \$20.00 per Household paid by the end of December.

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

Or – Pay using **Zelle**. Process your payment to VAOS Treasurer, email: VAOSMoney@gmail.com. Be sure to note "2023 Dues" in the memo field.

Suzanne Grimmer – Membership Chair

Email: memb@VAOS.org..... Cell# 609-238-1900..... Home # 941-493-7861



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

We must receive your payment by December 1, 2002 to secure your reservation.

Pay by **Zelle**: VAOSMoney@gmail.com

Or, mail your check to: VAOS, PO Box 443, Venice, FL. 34284-0443

Be sure to include the names of attendees with your payment

Information: Sharon Kahnoski, VP Social
social@vaos.org
616-581-9131

Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

Sarasota Orchid Society Show

Show: Saturday Jan 7th - Sunday Jan 8th

Set up: Friday January 6th, 9am – 4pm

Location: Sarasota Municipal Auditorium: 801 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota

Our first orchid show of the season, the annual Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS) Show and Sale. Show hours are Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday 10am -4pm.

Setup is Friday, January 6th, 9am - 4pm.

Your blooming plants are needed to create our display. We will collect and transport your plants to the show and ensure their safe return to you on Monday following the show. **Bring your plants to our January 4th monthly meeting or drop them off at one of two locations by Thursday January 5th no later than 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)

Or bring them to the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on Friday January 6th at 9am

All plants must be registered in advance via email between Monday January 2nd and Wednesday January 4th.

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

Look for a return email confirming your plant registration with a number to attach to your plant. This will facilitate display set up at the show.

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and labeled with both the plant name and the owner's name. Flowers should be in prime condition to last through the weekend show. Please water your plants thoroughly and place in a box or container for transport to the show.

Questions: Contact Kristin Shaw, VP Displays disp@VAOS.org 484-707-8674

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

Volunteer for Our 2023 Show

| Show Committee | When | Job | # Volunteer Slots |
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| 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. | 2 |
| Take Down Coord: 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. | 7 |
| 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! | 10 |
| 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. | 12 |
| 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. | 44 |
| Hospitality/Kitchen Staff Coord: Judy Loeffler 485-9569 | Friday 2/3/23 11am – 3pm Saturday 2/4/23 7:30am– 4pm Sunday 2/5/23 8am – 3pm | Set up, organize food and drinks for buffet Saturday and Sunday. Reheat food, plug in crock pots, clean up and food storage. Serve sandwiches and drinks for vendors and volunteers on Friday. | 8 |
| Hospitality/Food | Saturday and Sunday | Bring your favorite dish 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. | All |
| Road Signage Coord: Judy Loeffler 485-9569 | Monday 1/30/23 set out Monday 2/6/23 take down | Set up Venice area road signs and banners. Pick up truck or SUV needed. Detailed map provided. | 2 |

Sign up at our monthly meetings or email ShowChair@VAOS.org to sign up

Venice Area Orchid Society Meeting Minutes

Date: November 2, 2022

Kristin Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She welcomed all members and guests. She went over the format of the meeting.

Announcements:

It is time to renew your membership. We would like membership renewals completed by the end of the year.

The next Grower's Clinic is on November 10 at 6:30pm. Rick Belisle will be presenting **Preparing your Orchids for Winter and for Spring Shows.**

The Englewood Orchid Society would like to invite our members to join them for their Sale on Saturday November 5th from 9:00 – 12:00pm. It will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. in Englewood.

Sharon Kahnoski came to the podium and announced that the Fall Potluck was a roaring success! Sharon Kahnoski also spoke about the upcoming Holiday Brunch on December 11th from 10:00-2:00pm. It will be at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. Menu items were discussed. There will be an open bar for purchase and an Orchid Auction. Cost for the event is \$25.00 per person. Members are encouraged to sign up at the back table. For your ease you can now pay any fees using our Zelle Account.

Kristin welcomed Carol Wood and Judy Loeffler, our Annual Orchid Society Show Chairs, to join her at the podium to discuss the upcoming Show in February.

Our Orchid Show is on February 4th and 5th. This is the major fundraiser for the year and monies earned pay for the Society's Needs. This is our 55th Annual Show and we depend on our members for the Show's success. This year we are expecting about 4,000 people to attend.

They unveiled the Show poster with the Show theme **"Galaxy of Orchids"**.

Judy Loeffler outlined the Show timeline. Setup is on Friday at 11:00am and on Sunday February 5th at 4:00pm the Show is over. By 6:30pm on Sunday the Show is put away and cleaned up.

Judy spoke about the many opportunities available to volunteer for our members. They include the following: Clerks to help the AOS judges that are here to judge the displays, Front Desk Admissions who need some cashier's skills, Show Host which is a sit-down position of 2.5 hours per shift, Hospitality and Food- Members are encouraged to bring in their favorite Dish to the Show on Friday, Saturday or Sunday to the kitchen by 11:00am. We feed 200 people during the Show. We always have the best food! Other positions include the following: Kitchen- work with co-chairs in reheating food, plug in crock pots, setup the buffets for the volunteers, Orchid Boutique- need a Boutique Manager position and sellers as well as someone in charge of handling the money from sales, Signage Around Town- Help set up signs prior to Show and take down Sunday or Monday.

Kristin Shaw spoke about the Display Team Needs: We need people to help with plant and greenery placement. We start on Friday at Noon and are finished around 7:30 that evening.

Blue Show t-shirts will be given to all volunteers. Please come and join in the Show fun by volunteering for one of these important positions.

The Sarasota Orchid Society Show and Sale is January 7th and 8th. We will also need volunteers for setup and takedown.

The Englewood Orchid Society Show is March 3rd -4th and we will need volunteers for setup and takedown.

Vicki Fisher introduced our speaker for the evening, Phillip Hamilton of Brenden Orchids. The topic: Broughtonias and their Hybrids. She gave a biography of his orchid history and accomplishments.

The Plant Table was filled with beautiful orchids. Kristin Shaw and Vicki Fisher presented the plant table. John Kahnoski and Janet Keown presented the Raffle Table filled with many great items.

January Growers Clinic
January 12, 2023
Dendrobium Culture Basics

The January Growers Clinic will start with our Orchid ER, as usual. Members and guests can bring in their problem plants and the team will diagnose and make suggestions as to how you should proceed. Attendees always hear new and important information for their own knowledge! We'll then move into a presentation and discussion on the Culture Basics of growing those beautiful and varied Dendrobiums! The meeting starts at 7:00PM and is held in Room F of the Venice Community Center. Park on the left (south) side of the building and enter through the side door.

Treasurer's Report
October 2022

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| OPERATING FUND September 30, 2022 | \$46,042.44 |
| + Income | 1,606.19 |
| - Payments | 3,186.00 |
| + Interest | .29 |
| + Petty cash on hand | 75.00 |
| OPERATING FUND October 31, 2022 | \$44,537.92 |

Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Treasurer

2023 ORCHID SHOW SCHEDULE

Sarasota Orchid Society (January 2023)

Friday Set up Jan 6th – 9am – 4pm

Saturday Show Jan 7th - 9am - 5pm

Sunday Show Jan 8th - 10am -4pm

Sunday Take Down Jan 8th – 4pm

Location: Sarasota Municipal Auditorium: 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Theme: Orchids in Paradise

Show Chair: Larry Desian LarryDesiano@sarasotaorchidsociety.org

Venice Area Orchid Society (February 2023)

Friday Set Up Feb 3rd – 1pm – 7pm

Saturday Show Feb 4th - 10am - 5pm

Sunday Show Feb 5th - 10am - 4pm

Sunday Take Down Feb 5th – 4pm

Location: Venice Community Center: 326 So. Nokomis Ave., Venice

Theme: Galaxy of Orchids

Show Chairs: Carol Wood & Judy Loeffler ShowChair@vaos.org

Englewood Area Orchid Society (March 2023)

Thursday March 2nd Set Up – 10am – 5pm

Friday Show March 3rd - 10am - 5pm

Saturday Show March 4th - 10am - 5pm

Saturday Take Down March 4th – 5pm

Location: Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6961 San Casa Dr., Englewood

Theme: Bewitched by Orchids

Show Chair: Mary Anne DiGrazia tommmaryanne@centurylink.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Regular Meeting or Growers Clinic in December.

December 11— VAOS Annual Holiday Brunch
See flyer this newsletter

January 4 - (1st Wednesday) - General Meeting, Venice Community Center Speaker: John Budree Topic: Bulbophyllums

January 7-8 - Sarasota Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale. See article in this newsletter

January 12 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Dendrobium Culture Basics

PLANNING AHEAD

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:
January 4th

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