



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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February 2023

February 2023 General Meeting

Thursday
February 2nd

Doors Open: 6:45pm

Venice Community
Center

Speaker: Tatiana Arias

**Topic: New Research & Conservation of Florida
Orchids**

Award-winning botanist Dr. Tatiana Arias joined the staff of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in November 2021 as an orchid researcher. An innovative scientist who earned a Ph.D. at the University of Missouri, Arias comes to Sarasota from her native Colombia, where she has been leading a research lab focused on orchid genomics, horticulture, and conservation.

Dr. Arias is a classically trained botanist who has kept up with modern methods. Her interest in pursuing novel approaches to science is refreshing. Tatiana brings to us a passion for orchids as well as broad connections to the botanical world and to the Andes, where the greatest region of orchid diversity is found.

Dr. Arias has more than 15 years of experience working in plant sciences. She has been honored by the World Academy of Sciences and The Colombian Academy of Sciences, among other professional achievements. "I am passionate about and committed to diversity in academia," Tatiana said. "My position at Selby Gardens presents an exciting opportunity to do top-notch orchid science research in an environment of other accomplished scholars." For more information visit Selby.org.



February Events

February 2
(Thursday)
General Meeting

February 4-5
Venice Area
Orchid Show

February 9
Growers Clinic

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orchids on our Face
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www.facebook.com/

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi All

Hope you are enjoying show season, the most wonderful time of the year! For me anyway!

However just a bit of important business here: Despite being in show season, we have 3 board positions that will turnover next month: Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Vice President of Social. Typically at our February meeting, we ask for and present nominees, and then at the March meeting we vote on who will be joining the board. Because of all the covid upheaval the last 2 years, we are behind and not yet ready to present nominees. For this reason we will present nominees in March and delay the election until the April general meeting. Suzanne Grimmer, Kathryn Jeske and Sharon Kahnoski, our departing board members, have graciously agreed to continue duties for another month. If you see them, take a moment to thank them for their service to our wonderful orchid society!

Thanks!

Joanna Shaw, President

SHOW VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS

The following pages provide the final list of all volunteers who have signed up for our show. Please verify your volunteer time slot and committee. If you need to make changes please email Carol and Judy at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto>ShowChair@VAOS.org).

All volunteers should enter the building through the rear entrance. A volunteer will verify your assignment from our list, give you a name tag and provide directions. Only volunteers who have signed up to work will be admitted through the rear entrance of the building. Other members must come through the front door on Saturday and Sunday and pay the \$5 admission fee.

Volunteers are requested to park at the back of the parking lots. No parking is permitted behind the building – loading and unloading only.

The Venice Community Center has strict rules regarding loading and unloading. All show participants may use only the three rear steel doors for loading and unloading – no exceptions! Nothing may be brought in through the lobby or the side glass doors.

All communications with the VCC staff and our show vendors should be through Carol or Judy (to avoid any miscommunications)

Your committee chair will have instructions for your assignment when you arrive. Please review them.

Show attendees are our guests and we are famous for our army of friendly volunteers. Greet our guests with a smile!

Thank you for volunteering for our show!

Please contact Carol Wood and Judy Loeffler if you have any questions at ShowChair@vaos.org

Hospitality Staff

Naoki Kawamura*
503-539-1760

Friday 12:45pm – 4pm

Michelle Conda
X _____

Saturday 7:30am – 11am

Nancy Dettling
Wally Dettling

Saturday 10:45am – 3pm

Kathi Keller
Stephanie Luburger
Janet Keown

Sunday 8am – 11:30am

Michelle Conda
Don Posegate
Kathryn Jeske

Sunday 11:15am – 2pm

Michelle Conda
Sara Nortrup

Road Signage

Judy Loeffler*
485-9569

Angela Hitts
Rich Hitts

Show Hosts

Sharon & John
Kahnoski *
(616-581-9131)

Show Host**Friday 1pm – 4pm**

Tori Weaver
X _____

Friday 4pm – 7pm

X _____
X _____ -

Show Hosts**Saturday 9:45am- 12:15pm:**

Sybil Levien
Bill Casey
Marilee DeCook
Eva Holzer
Bob Blaszczak
Richard Ho

Show Hosts**Saturday 12- 2:45pm:**

Linda Lehman
Doris Wall
Kathy Cone
Kristin Shaw
Carol DeVirgilio
Mimi Andur

Show Hosts**Saturday 2:30-****5pm:**

Ellen Nacinovich
Tony Nacinovich
Wally Dettling
Richard Ho
Peg Fahrenback
Bill Fahrenback

Show Hosts**Sunday 9:45am- 1pm:**

Carolyn Robinette
Dottie Sedlak
Barb Kantorski
Patty Cuddihy
Clare Capossela
Red Capossela

Show Hosts**Sunday 12:45 –****4pm**

Janet Francis
Peg Yoder
Kathy Hanes
Tim Ivins
Barbara Ivins
Richard Ho

Display Team

Kristin Shaw*
(484-707-8674)

Friday (F) Set Up & Sunday Take Down

Bruce Weaver
Jay & Judy Loeffler
Carol Wood
Janet Keown
Sara McCartney (F)
Denise Langman(F)
Steve Baker (F)
Steph Luburger (F)
Joanna Shaw
Steve Keller
Rick Hindman
Plant Registration:
Linda Schaller
Vicki Fisher

Admissions

Elaine Ortt* (485-5313)

Saturday 9:45am - 12:15p:

Michelle Conda
Steve Baker
Pauline Adam
Helen Volonakis

Saturday 12- 2:45pm:

Lucia Shoemaker
Martha Koehnlein
Ed Murphy
Kitty Sadler
Don Posegate

Saturday 2:30- 5pm:

Sherry Beck
Mary Anne DiGrazia
Lou Ortt
Holly Coleman
X _____

Sunday 9:45am- 12:15pm:

Ed Murphy
Steve Vogelhaupt
Marty Keinhofer
Peg Yoder

Sunday 12- 2:45pm:

Don Posegate
Mark Silvermitz
Mary Anne DiGrazia
Helen Volonakis

Sunday 2:30 – 4pm:

Mary Anne DiGrazia
Lou Ortt
Steve Vogelhaupt

Set Up**Friday 11 a.m. -2pm****Jerry Daenzer***

(284-5001)

Pat Kerney

Diane Kerney

Lucia Shoemaker

Martha Koehnlein

Sybil Levien

Sharon Kahnoski

John Kahnoski

Mike Mayer

Helen Volonakis

Richard Ho

Rick Hindman

Sunday Take**Down 3:45pm -6pm****Carol Wood ***

(497-4995)

Irene Bozogan

John Bozogan

Judy Chisholm

Joanna Shaw

Richard Ho

Gregg Fisher

Peg Yoder

Marty Keinhofer

Steve Baker

Wally Dettling

Orchid Boutique**Karen Mann***

(496-8385)

Toni Marie (Hoffer)

Beth DeBruin

Don Stoecker

Pat Stoecker

Ingrid Lehman

Kate Harrigan

Sybil Levien Noreen

Chervinski Irene

Thimm

Janet Kral

Mike Mayer

John Bozogan

Irene Bozogan Linda

Lehman

Julie McGarr

Diane Lerigo

Joyce Hannah Norma

Lee Rhines

Clerks**Mary Anne DiGrazia***

(697-9237)

Saturday 7:30 –**10:30am**

Denise Langman

Donald Posegate

Ginny Thompson

Tracie Cady

Steve Weiner

Gina Feinstein

Judy Mulligan

Sharon Kahnoski

Ed Murphy

Mike Mayer

Sue Seidenfeld

Diane Kearney

Jeanette Davis

Nancy Davis

Kitty Saddler

Peg Yoder

Sara McCartney

Steve Baker

Linda Schaller

Membership Table**Sue Grimmer***

(493-7861)

Saturday 9:45am-1pm

Cathy Adair

Jennifer Howell

Saturday 1 – 5pm

Judy Chisholm

Steve Keller

Sunday 9:45am – 1pm

Ginny Thompson

Rick Hindman

Sunday 1 – 4pm

Denise Langman

Cynthia Vance

Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

VAOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale

Show: Saturday February 4th and Sunday February 5th

Set up: Friday February 3rd, 1pm – 7pm

Location: Venice Community Center 326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice, FL 34285

Our 56th annual VAOS Show and Sale. Show hours are Saturday 10am - 5pm and Sunday 10am -4pm. Take down is Sunday 4pm.

Your blooming plants are needed to create a winning display! **Bring your plants to our February 2nd (Thursday) monthly meeting or drop them off at the Venice Community Center rear entrance on Friday, February 3rd, by 11am.**

All plants must be registered in advance via email between Sunday January 29th and Wednesday February 1st.

Email your plant name with a photo of the flower or color description and flower size 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.

Display Questions: Contact Kristin Shaw, VP Displays 484-707-8674

Email: disp@VAOS.org

Plant Registration Questions: Linda Schaller 815-222-0319

Email: PlantReg@VAOS.org

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PLANT FOR THE SHOW

Groom Your Plant

Remove dead or brown leaves and pseudobulbs from the plant. Clean the pseudobulbs and leaves (water helps to soften the dry papery covering around pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off). Trim dead areas from leaves. Cut following the basic shape of the natural leaf ending if possible.

Wipe the top of the leaves (vinegar, lemon juice, sprite, 7 up, etc.) to remove residue. Do not use commercial spray to shine the leaves.

Make sure the media in the container is clean. Remove trash, debris, dead leaves or stems and weeds from the pot.

Pests or Diseases

While prepping orchids for a display, check for pests and disease. Check the leaves and pseudobulbs for a white cottony substance, an indication of mealybugs. Hard, whitish bumps may mean scale and if any are found remove them with alcohol and a Q-tip. If there is a bad infestation, do not bring the plant to the show. Check for other pests such as snails, slugs and ants. Inspect the flowers for thrips and other damage. If a flower is marred by the spots it is better to leave the plant at home.

Stakes

Carefully stake the spike that will present the flowers to their best advantage. If you can plan ahead of time, it is best to stake the spike as it emerges; an older spike is harder and can break off easier. Stakes are often needed to support the flower spike but should not distract the eye. Keep them looking as natural as possible. Stakes should not protrude beyond the top of the last bloom flower, but should allow the flowers to be kept away from the foliage. It may also protect the flower spike from damage during travel to the show.

Remove any wire hangers, hoops, etc. Water each plant thoroughly before bringing to the show. If the plant is in a plastic pot, drop it into a clay pot for stability. Place each plant carefully in a large box or container for transport. To keep the plants from moving around you can put rolled newspapers around the pots.

Labels

Ensure your plant has it's name tag. Also tape a piece of masking tape with your name on it to the side of pot. This is how the Team knows the plant owner so it will be returned to you.

UPDATE ON EAOS ANNUAL SHOW MARCH 3-4

The hurricane has dealt us another blow that we were not expecting. I had spoken to the people at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park in December and was assured that we would be able to have our show there as planned. The facility was being used as a Red Cross Shelter through December.

The problem now is that the county is waiting on the Red Cross and the insurance company to repair the damage to the facility. They had over 70 people living there for over 3 months, so you can imagine the condition that it was in. They now project that they will not have use of the gym till April or after.

We have now secured a new location:

Tringali Community Center
3460 N Access Rd
Englewood, Fl. 34224

(Going south on 776, pass WalMart, the light at Winchester, the light at Gulfstream, take the second turn lane on the street at the Tringali complex.)

Unfortunately, where we had over 9,000 sq. ft., we now have a little over 2,600, which is quite a difference. This is not going to give us as much room as we would like, but at the time, it is the best that we can do. I am sure it will all work out and we'll have a great show, non the less.

I am really sorry about this change but we'll all do the best we can and put on a great show.

Mary Anne Digrazia, President, Englewood Area Orchid Society

Note: We will provide an update on the EAOS Show venue and VAOS plant registration instructions in February.

Venice Area Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 4, 2023

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

Announcements:

This weekend is the Sarasota Orchid Show. Please register your blooming plants for the Show. She invited all members to join in and help at the Show.

The next Grower's Clinic is January 12th. Rick Belise will be speaking on dendrobiums.

VAOS Show Announcements:

Judy Loeffler and Carol Wood, Co-chairs for the Show, were welcomed to the podium to speak about the upcoming Venice Area Orchid Show.

Our Orchid Show is on February 4th and 5th. We are expecting 4,000 people to attend. Please take some postcards advertising the show to share with family and friends.

Volunteers needed for the signage placement around Venice. We need 2 volunteers to help with this. We also need volunteers to assist with the food for the volunteers and vendors. We have many mouths to feed during the Show weekend and we encourage you to assist by donations of prepared foods. Signup sheets are on the back table.

Vicki Fisher was welcomed to the podium and introduced our speaker for the evening John Budree. Topic for the evening is Bulbophyllums. Vicki gave a short biography of his history with orchids and members welcomed him with applause.

The Plant Table was filled with beautiful orchids, many headed to the Sarasota Orchid Show for our display. Vicki Fisher presented the plant table with an assist from Joanna Shaw.

John Kahnoski and Janet Keown presented the abundant Raffle Table.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

December 30, 2022

OPERATING FUND November 30, 2022	\$44,685.21
+ Income	4,937.00
- Payments	5,696.42
+ Interest	.28
+ Petty cash on hand	75.00
OPERATING FUND December 30, 2022	\$44,001.07

2023 VAOS Membership Dues

Please pay your annual dues now to keep your membership active.

Dues are \$20 per household. If you joined or renewed on or after October 1st, 2022, you are paid through 2023. Mail your check, payable to VAOS, to:

VAOS
P.O. Box 443
Venice, FL 34284-0443

You may also renew using **Zelle** from your online bank account:

VAOS Treasurer
VAOSMoney@gmail.com

Make sure to describe the purpose of your payment in the memo field.

This is also the time to make sure we have your current contact information - address, phone and email address. If your contact information has changed, please notify Sue Grimmer, Membership Chair, at: memb@VAOS.org

Submitted by Sue Grimmer, VAOS Membership Chair

SARASOTA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW RECAP

Well, once again, show season is upon us! Finally getting back to some semblance of normal, and what a beginning we have had! Not only did our display team take first place, but we won the American Orchid Society show trophy with a score of 84 points out of a possible 100!

I may be the head of the display team, but it takes a small army of wonderful volunteers to put it together. The trophy belongs to all of us. Thank you to Jay and Judy Loeffler, Bruce Weaver, Sharon and John Kahnoski, Sara McCartney, Naoki Kawamura, Janet Keown, Rick Hindman and Denise Langman. Not to forget the tag team (labeling), Linda Schaller, Vicki Fisher, Carol Wood, and Joanna Shaw. Thanks to all of you for making a beautiful display!

From the AOS: An 18' by 6' triangular display showcasing more than ten subtribes of orchids, display anchored by a rustic arbor surrounded by lush tropical foliage and white phalaenopsis arched Rhynchostylis, and Brassavola hybrids, to the right of the exhibit flows white Cattleya with varying degrees of stunning velvety purple lips, cascading into purples in the right corner, earth tones surround the center, with a jewel toned AOS-awarded Vanda Naoki Kawamura in the center, the left side of the display is anchored with a specimen sized Bc. Yellow Bird, flowing into yellow Oncidiinae, mixture of species and hybrids is excellent, flower quality is very good, labelling is clear and unobtrusive, a sign welcomes viewers of the exhibit to paradise while they enjoy the exhibit, a white tropical heron accents the display on the left, in keeping with the theme of Orchids in Paradise.

So once again, thank you all, and lets do it again on our home turf!!!

Submitted by

Kristin Shaw





VAOS DISPLAY TAKES AOS TROPHY AND FIRST PLACE

AT SARASOTA ORCHID SHOW!

Congratulations to Kristin Shaw and TEAM VAOS for taking the AOS trophy and First Place Display award at the annual Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS) Show and Sale January 7-8. Four displays were exhibited at the SOS show. SOS exhibit took 2nd place and Englewood exhibit took 3rd place. Commercial vendors contributed plants for a beautiful combined display.

42 plants were entered by 16 VAOS members and their plants were awarded 31 ribbons, 1 trophy and 1 AOS certificate. Ribbon and trophy winners were:

Naoki Kawamura – 2 blue and 1 red ribbon and AM/AOS Award 84 pts. for Pda. Naoki Kawamura

Joanna Shaw – 4 blue, 1 red, 2 yellow ribbons and Best in Phalaenopsis Trophy for Phal. Cornu-cervi

Jerry Daenzer – 1 blue ribbon

Vicki Fisher – 1 blue, 1 red and 2 yellow ribbons

Judy Loeffler – 2 blue, 1 red and 2 yellow ribbons

Natasha Romero – 1 blue ribbon

Sharon Kahnoski – 1 yellow ribbon

Steve Wiener – 1 red ribbon

Tony Nacinovich - 1 blue and 1 red ribbon

Gunther Lobisch – 1 blue and 1 red ribbon

Irene Bozogan – 1 blue ribbon

James Thomas – 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon

Janet Keown – 1 yellow ribbon

The VAOS display was awarded the blue ribbon and AOS Trophy for Best Display

Congratulations! Entering your plants in orchid shows is a great way to support our society and those who work so hard to create a winning display. Thanks to all who participated!

GROWERS CLINIC RECAP

January 12, 2023

On Thursday, January 12, the Monthly Growers Clinic was held at the Venice Community Center. A total of 36 orchid lovers, including several new members and a few guests (read: prospective members!) attended to hear Rick and the Team address the subjects of identification, care and feeding of Dendrobiums! Also, as usual, the Orchid ER was quite busy with approximately 20 plants in various stages of stress. Many great questions were asked resulting in some lively discussions! Thankfully, Naoki Kamaruwa, Janet Keown, who was kind enough to bring in several cuttings of a recently-divided *Oncidium Spatulatum* “free for the taking” (Thank You, Janet!), and Jay Loeffler were there to lend their expertise and share their knowledge. Vickie Fisher actually performed a successful, and unexpected, “surgery” on a *Catasetum* that was brought in to the ER! The next clinic, scheduled for February 9, will be after the VAOS Show & Sale where we usually sign up many new members. “Basic Orchids 101” will be presented for all of those “Budding” new orchidists (pun intended!)

Submitted by Rick Belise

February 9th Growers Clinic

Orchids 101 Basic Orchid Care

The February 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! Then, since our VAOS Show and Sale will be over and we'll have new members who have probably thought, after buying their first orchids, “NOW what do I DO with it???” , Rick (who'll be celebrating the 31st anniversary of his 40th Birthday) and the GC Team will present “Orchids 101: Basic Orchid Care”. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2 - (Thursday) - General Meeting, Venice Community Center Speaker: Tatiana Arias Topic: New Research & Conservation of Florida Orchids.

February 4-5 - VAOS Show. See articles in this newsletter

February 9 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Orchids 101—Basic Orchid Care

March 1 - (Wednesday) - General Meeting, Venice Community Center. Speaker: Rafael Romero Topic: Vandas

March 3-4 - EAOS Annual Show & Sale. See article this newsletter

March 4-5 - Tampa Bay Orchid Society's Show. Info: tampabayorchidsociety@gmail.com

March 9 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Orchid Basics - Pots, Media, Repotting, Tools

ONGOING

Mentor Program: help for new 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:
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(Thursday)

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