



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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March 2023

March 2023 General Meeting

Wednesday
March 1st

Doors Open: 6:45pm

Venice Community
Center

Speaker: Rafael Romero

Topic: Vandas

Rafael Romero, Plantio La Orquidea, was born in Caracas, Venezuela and graduated as a biologist from the Universidad Simon Bolivar. He began working with orchids in 1986 with his father-in-law, Henrique Graf, owner of Plantio La Orquidea, the largest orchid nursery in Venezuela. Together with his wife Tina, Rafael started the laboratory at Plantio La Orquidea in 1986 where they produce the species and hybrids for which they are known. They moved to Sarasota in 2003 and started their nursery where they established a good sample of the species and hybrids produced in Venezuela as well as adding interesting species and hybrids from around the world. Rafael will be sharing his knowledge and experiences as well as answering questions and will have a great selection of his orchids available for sale. Plantio La Orquidea is one of our fine local growers and is located at 3480 Tallevast Road in Sarasota.

He will be speaking about Vandas and will bring plants for sale



March Events

**March 1
(Wednesday)
General Meeting**

**March 3-4
Englewood Area
Orchid Show**

**March 9
Growers Clinic**

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your blooming
orchids on our Face
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Message from the President



Hi Everyone and welcome!

Congratulations to all of us on a wonderful show and a winning display! We had so many wonderful volunteers, we had such a good time, and the show was fabulous! It was nice to get back to our first “normal” show since Covid.

We are thrilled to have signed up over 150 new members! The VAOS is dedicated to making orchid growing fun and successful for members at all levels of expertise. If you are a new member, Thank you! Please know that we are here for you. We are willing to answer any question and we are here to celebrate your future success in reblooming your plants. There are no stupid question in this orchid society and we are here to enjoy ourselves and grow better plants. Consider attending not only our monthly general meeting, but also our Grower's clinic the second Thursday of every month. The GC is intended to teach basic and intermediate growing skills to all members, especially new ones. Its is also a good opportunity to bring in problem plants and get some one-on-one help.

Thanks to everyone for making this a wonderful orchid society and let's have another fun year!

VAOS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Every year our society holds its annual meeting after our show. We elect new officers and thank those board members who are completing their terms.

This year we will hold our annual election at our April meeting. At our March meeting we will present the nominees and take nominations from the floor for open board positions.

Here are the nominees so far:

Denise Langman, VP Social, to succeed Sharon Kahnoski

Ian Kennedy, assisted by Karen Kennedy, to succeed Suzanne Grimmer, Membership Chair

We are still seeking for a nominee for Recording Secretary, to succeed Kathryn Jeske

Following the election of new officers at our April meeting we will honor retiring board members for their work and contributions to VAOS.

There are many opportunities to become more involved with our society, volunteer positions and current and future board positions. If you are interested, please contact Judy Loeffler for more information.

JudyVAOS@gmail.com

Joanna Shaw, President

ORCHIDS

Englewood Area Orchid Society Presents

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Orchid Show & Sale

Fri. & Sat. March 3 & 4, 2023 10 - 5 pm

\$5 Admission Plenty of Parking!

Over 2,600 Square Feet of Sales & Exhibits

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3460 N. Access Rd.
Englewood, FL 34224



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For Information: www.EAOS.org

Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

Englewood Area Orchid Society Show

Show: Friday March 3 – Saturday March 4 (10am – 5pm both days)

Set up: Thursday March 2, 9am – 5pm

Location: Tringali Community Center, 3460 N. Access Rd., Englewood, FL

EAOS had their show facility cancel due to Hurricane Ian damage and were forced to move to a smaller facility. Many of their members lost their plants to the storm and the subsequent cold spell. We can support our sister orchid society by putting in a nice display at their show. Kristin has a team set up to transport plants and display materials to the show and return them on Saturday. Your blooming plants are needed to create our VAOS display.

Our display will be a 6' x 6' table top. No AOS judging this show but there will be limited ribbon judging.

Bring your plants to our March 1st monthly meeting. We will collect and transport your plants to the show and you may pick them up at takedown on Saturday 5pm.

Plants may be registered in advance. Email your plant name to PlantReg@VAOS.org.

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 484-707-8674



Venice Area Orchid Society Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2023

Joanna Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Joanna welcomed all members to the meeting.

Next Thursday we welcome you to join the Grower's Clinic presented by Rick Belisle. The topic is Orchid ABC's and designed for beginner growers.

Joanna sent out a special welcome greeting to several VIPs in town for the VAOS Orchid Show. Each person was greeted with excitement and applause. These Rock Stars of our Orchid Community included the following:

Jimmy Thomas, a VAOS member who gave many of the VAOS Educational Grower's Clinic Seminars.

Ted Kellogg, a VAOS past president and past AOS Judge.

Allen Black, a favorite monthly meeting guest speaker and hybridizer of Brassavolas from Virginia.

John Masters, a VAOS past president.

Richard Ho, a past president of a New Jersey orchid society and active with the AOS, as well as a big help during our Show.

Karen Mann, chair of the Orchid Boutique for our Show was welcomed to the podium. She encouraged members to donate greens from their gardens for use in the Orchid Boutique arrangements. Please drop off by noon on Friday or Saturday.

Judy Loeffler and Carol Wood, Show Co-Chairs, were welcomed to the podium to discuss Show business.

It's Show Time! Members showed their excitement with applause. We are looking forward to great attendance of our Show.

The street signs are up advertising our Show this weekend.

Show volunteers should come in thru the rear doors to check in, get your t-shirt and instructions.

Bring your donations of food to the Show kitchen by 9:30 on Friday and Saturday.

Leave your registered plants here tonight and we will secure them in the judging room. Bring all other registered orchids to the Community Center by 11:00 on Friday. Linda Schaller oversees plant registration.

Arts and Crafts Table: Bring your Arts and Crafts in on Friday between 2-4 pm. Noreen will help you get registered and set up.

Old AOS magazine donations are appreciated and are sold during the Show.

Thank you to Naoki for stepping up as our Hospitality Chair. He asked all kitchen volunteers to please wear enclosed shoes with tread for safety while working in the kitchen.

Mary Anne Di Grazia of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was welcomed to the podium and spoke about their March 3rd and 4th Show. The Show will be in a new location this year, Tringali Community Center, 3460 N. Access Road, Englewood. She encouraged everyone to come and enjoy their Show.

Joanna Shaw ended the business portion of the meeting with an announcement concerning the upcoming nominations and elections for new Board Members. Typically, February is the month we nominate members for open board positions with elections taking place at our March Meeting. This year we will delay these proceedings for a month to finalize the nominations.

Vicki Fisher was welcomed to the front to introduce our speaker for the evening, Tatiana Arias. Topic: New Research and Conservation of Florida Orchids. Members welcomed her to the front with applause following a short bio of her many accomplishments and some history about what she and Selby Gardens are doing for orchids here in Florida.

After celebrating Sharon Kahnoski's 80th birthday with song and well wishes the plentiful Plant Table was presented by Joanna Shaw with an assist by Vicki Fisher. So many glorious orchids headed for our Show display were enjoyed by everyone.

John Kahnoski and Janet Keown presented the Raffle Table filled with many beautiful orchids, pots, and driftwood.

Submitted by Kathryn Jeske, Recording Secretary

Great Job Venice!

A big thank you to all of our members who contributed to a very successful show and sale! We had a great turnout with 3700 attendees and our profit from the show will help to cover our expenses for the coming year. We have sent out thank you notes to all of our vendors and received very positive feedback. Many of the comments reflected on the floor layout that increased the space between sales booth and of course for our member volunteers – “friendly and helpful”.

We would like to thank Jerry Daenzer and his team who worked to clear and then set up the ballroom along with our new backdrops following the end of the SILLs lecture. Thanks to our volunteers who came in Sunday afternoon for takedown and clean up. By 6pm, the hall was empty and broom swept clean.

Elaine Ortt and her 20 volunteers sold admission tickets to 3700 show attendees Saturday and Sunday with a smile. Thank you!

Our hospitality team led by Naoki Kawamura managed the kitchen throughout the weekend. They purchased and brought in the food and drinks, set up and managed the adjacent dining area. Thank you! Rumor has it they are already planning next year menu.

Sharon and John Kahnoski and their 28 volunteers did a great job as our show hosts ensuring a smooth operation and receiving many compliments from our vendors – thank you!

Congratulations to Kristen Shaw, Jay Loeffler, and Bruce Weaver and team for creating a beautiful, 10' x 10' display below the stage. This beauty won the AOS and First Place trophy. Everyone raved about it – well done!

Thank you Angela and Rich Hitts for placing the show signs around town to guide them to the VCC.

Special thanks to Rick Belisle who managed the front lobby admissions area. Also taught our free Orchid Classes and served as emcee. Thank you!

Thank you all who contributed to our show! You are amazing people and we are proud to be part of VAOS!

Submitted by Judy Loeffler

VAOS SHOW DISPLAY TEAM KNOCKS IT OUT OF THE PARK AGAIN!

Well, my favorite weekend of the year has come and gone, but what a fun weekend it was! My second time out as VP displays, and my first at our home show, we've done it again. Another first place and show trophy. And once again, I can't stress enough that it isn't just one person, but the whole team. Without everyone's contributions, be it another set of eyes, brute strength, height to place the higher plants, or just plain silliness, every single person's help was invaluable.

The judges described it as: Beautiful display of a 10 ft x 10 ft area showing beautiful color flow of white on top descending through: pink lavender and purple on the left, yellow orange and red on the right, greens and earth tones through the middle. Plants of interest include a large specimen Rth. Fuch's Orange Nugget, a three flower Rlc. Drew Simons Smith AM/AOS and a nice size Ctt. Jamie Hollingsworth 'Sun Bulb' HCC/AOS. Exhibit is commended for numerous quality plants, and use of color flow.

I hope the whole team had as much fun as I did, and everyone else enjoyed it as well.

But now, on to Englewood! We will once again be asking for your blooming plants for our sister society's annual show. This one is going to be a little different. There will be no AOS judges, and it will be a tabletop display. Their annual show and sale will be held March 3rd and 4th at Tringali Community Center, 3460 Access Rd, Englewood FL. Set up will be 9 to 5 on March 2nd and take down will be 5 to 6 March 4th. Watch your emails for instructions for registering plants.

Once again, thank you to everyone who made our display, and our whole show a success

Submitted by Kristin Shaw



VAOS MEMBERS TAKE SEVEN TROPHIES and 48 RIBBONS

Congratulations to our VAOS member exhibitors who took a total of 48 ribbons and seven trophies. Fifty – eight (58) plants and artwork were registered by 24 VAOS members. Here is a summary of ribbon and trophy winners:

Our Display

AOS Trophy and blue ribbon for 1st place

Plants

Toni Aden – 1 red ribbon

Steve Baker – 1 blue and 1 red ribbon

Rick Belisle – 2 red ribbons

Irene Bozogan – 3 blue ribbons and 3 trophies - Best Specimen, Best Small Cattleya and Best VAOS Member Plant

Jerry Daenzer – 1 red ribbon

Vicki Fisher – 4 blue and 1 red ribbon and VAOS Trophy – Best Diversified Genera

Rick Hindman – 3 blue and 1 red ribbon

Naoki Kawamura – 1 blue ribbon

Steve Keller – 2 blue and 2 red ribbons

Ian Kennedy – 1 red ribbon

Denise Langman – 1 blue ribbon

Stephanie Luburger – 1 blue ribbon

Michael Mayers – 1 yellow ribbon

Tony Nachinovich – 1 blue, 1 red and 2 yellow ribbons

Natasha Romero – 1 blue and 2 red ribbons

Linda Schaller – 1 blue and VAOS Trophy - Best Large Cattleya

Joanna Shaw – 1 blue, 2 red and 1 yellow ribbon

Irene Thimm – 1 blue, 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon

Arts & Crafts

Noreen Chervinski – 1 blue ribbon

Vicki Fisher – 1 blue ribbon

Tony Nacinovich – 1 red ribbon

Natasha Romero – 2 blue and 1 red ribbon and Trophy - Best Arts & Crafts

Congratulations to our ribbon and trophy winners and to all who entered their plants to ocreate a beautiful exhibit for VAOS!

The collage consists of 15 individual photographs. At the top center is a sign that reads "MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION". Below it, a man in a blue shirt and a woman in a blue shirt are smiling. To the right, a woman in a blue shirt is holding a small orchid. In the center, a large yellow orchid is prominently displayed. To the left, a woman in a blue shirt is holding a small orchid. Below the yellow orchid, a man in an orange shirt is standing next to a small dog. To the right, a woman in a blue shirt is holding a small orchid. In the bottom center, a man in a blue shirt and a woman in a blue shirt are smiling. To the right, a woman in a blue shirt is holding a small orchid. In the bottom right, a woman in a blue shirt is holding a small orchid. The collage also features a sign for the "Orchid Show & Sale" and a "GALACTIC" sign.


Treasurer's Report


January 31, 2023



OPERATING FUND December 30, 2022	\$43,926.07
+ Income	3,605.00
- Payments	7,551.79
+ Interest	.29
+ Petty cash on hand	75.00
OPERATING FUND January 31, 2023	\$40,054.57


At every VAOS Show our volunteers present an orchid bouquet, specially made by our Orchid Boutique Team, to show attendees in wheelchairs or motorized scooters. Here is the response we received from one of our show guests, after Judy Loeffler presented her with a bouquet of cut orchids.


Kellie Walker Dietz
Congratulations!
I wanted to share a photo of my 103 year old grandmother, she loves orchids so I took her to the show today. While there one of the club members gave her a beautiful bouquet of orchids! We wanted to thank the Venice Area Orchid Society as it made her day!

Love Reply 1w  2

 Vicki Fisher
Kellie Walker Dietz you are so very welcome. I'm glad both you and your grandmother enjoyed the show. All of the members work diligently to put on a great display and it's a labor of love for all of us.

Like Reply 1w   2

 Kellie Walker Dietz
Vicki Fisher please share with your fellow members. You all deserve a round of applause 🍷

Love Reply 1w  2

Kellie Walker Dietz



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February Growers Clinic Recap

On Thursday, February 9, the Growers Clinic featured Basic Orchids – 101. Approximately 60 people, mostly new members, and many of them having joined at the VAOS Show and Sale the previous weekend, listened, and took an active part, in the discussion. Many of the issues raised during the Orchid ER session transitioned nicely into the Basic Orchid class. As a result, with input from the team, as well as analysis and suggestions from “uber-experienced” members Richard Ho and John Masters (Thank you, gentlemen!), our “budding orchidists” left with a much better and more clear understanding of what’s involved in graduating from being “Orchid Buyers” to “Orchid Growers”. We look forward to seeing them, and their plants, “blossom” in the future!

Submitted by Rick Belise



March Growers Clinic

March 9th

Orchids 201

The March 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 last month the team presented “Orchids 101 – Basic Orchid Care”, this month, it’s the follow-up! Rick & the team will present “Orchids – 201” and will get into specifics on Pots, Media, Repotting & Tools required for a successful repotting project. Guests are welcome. 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.

SPRING ORCHID SALE

Friday and Saturday | February 24 and 25, 2023 | 9 AM to 4 PM



- .- Browse through 10000+ sq ft of Orchids.
- .- Thousands of Orchids, species and hybrids to choose from.
- .- Advice on Orchid Growing from Experts. Free Parking.

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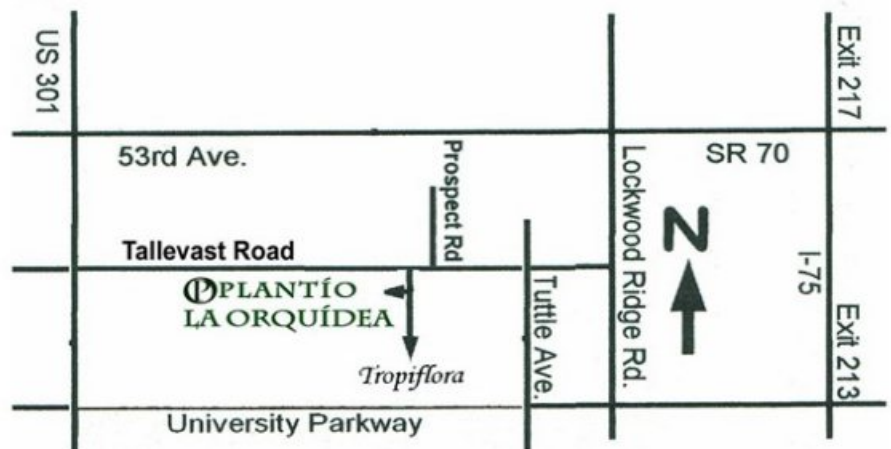
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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:
Orchids 201 - Pots, Media, Repotting, Tools

April 5 - General Meeting, Venice Community
Center . Speaker: Florida Orchid House Topic:
Soft Cane Dendrobiums

April 13 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic,
Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic:
Dividing & Repotting

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:
March 1st

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