



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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May 2023

May 2023 General Meeting

Wednesday
May 3rd

Doors Open: 6:45pm

Venice Community
Center

Speaker: Elfi Espino

Topic: Hard Cane Dendrobiums

Elfi Espino, formally of Palmer Orchids, is the owner/operator of All Around Orchids which been open since 2019 and offers a wide variety of orchids and tropical plants grown and taken care of locally in Arcadia, Florida. Every Saturday, she brings the best selection of "just blooming" orchids to the Sarasota Farmers Market and at the store location in downtown Sarasota. Follow her on Instagram for updates @allaroundorchids or email us at allaroundorchids@outlook.com. "

Elfi will have plants for sale.



May Events

May 3
(Wednesday)
General Meeting

May 11
Growers Clinic

May 19-21
Redland Orchid
Festival

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Venice Area Orchid Society Meeting Minutes

Date: April 5, 2023

Joanna Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She welcomed all members and explained the process of our meeting. She drew attention to the plant table, encouraging everyone to vote for their favorite orchid. Joanna encouraged members to check out the Raffle Table. One of the prizes is two tickets for a special event at the Redland Show; tickets are valued at \$60 each. Joanna presented a change for the use of name tags. Members will take name tags home and keep them to wear at the next meeting. Paper nametags are available at the desk.

Announcements: Joanna welcomed Rick Belisle, Director of Education and Coordinator of the Mentor Program, to the podium. Rick explained the Mentor Program was created by Peggy Fahrenback during 2012 to help newer growers learn more about orchids. Each Mentor is a member who is comfortable with growing orchids. A Mentee is a beginning grower, or one who is having an issue with growing orchids. Mentees are expected to attend at least two Growers Clinics before applying. VAOS is one of only four orchid growing clubs in Florida that have a Mentor program. Each Mentee is assigned to a Mentor; together they enjoy learning about and appreciating orchids. One hundred VAOS members have graduated from the program. Currently we have 9 VAOS mentees. Our Mentors are: Carol Wood, Ed Murphy, Steve Vogelhaupt, Steve Wiener, Tony Nacinovich Ian Kennedy, Jimmy Thomas, Don Smart, Gunther Lobisch. and Rick Belisle. Applications for both Mentors and Mentees are available at the desk and on the VAOS website. We need more Mentors for the program.

Rick introduced 5 graduating Mentees, Peg Yoder, Eva Holtzer, Diane & Pat Kearney and Mike Mayers, calling them to the front of the auditorium for graduation. Each Mentee was proudly honored with VAOS pins, given as a symbol of graduation.

Joanna announced there will be a VAOS Plant Sale on April 29 at Blalock Park in Venice. Hours are from 9am to 12 noon. Orchids, orchid supplies and other plants may be sold. Participants bring their own tables and chairs. Please notify Denise Langman if you plan to have a table for selling. Printed information is available at the back table.

Judy Loeffler discussed plans for the February, 2024 VAOS Orchid Show. The theme will be "Peace Love Orchids." Participants may dress in 1960's attire, having fun wearing poodle skirts, bell bottom pants, etc. Judy said many volunteers will be needed for the Show.

Annual Meeting and Election of VAOS Directors

Joanna Shaw led the annual meeting and election. She introduced and thanked the outgoing officers for their contributions to VAOS: Sue Grimmer (Membership), Sharon Kahnoski (VP Social) and Kathryn Jeske (Recording Secretary). Enthusiastic applause erupted. Joanna presented the nominees for each of these positions: Karen Kennedy, Ian Kennedy (Membership), Denise Langman (VP Social), and Peggy Fahrenback (Recording Secretary). Members unanimously voted for all nominees to be directors and applauded.

Vicki Fisher introduced tonight's speaker Ti, of Florida Orchid House in Myakka City, FL. Ti and her husband Henry began growing orchids as a hobby, but it eventually became a business. Their goal is to grow exotic beautiful plants that are accessible to both hobbyists and growers across the country. Their topic was Soft Cane Dendrobiums. Henry brought a huge, beautiful soft cane Dendrobium orchid to display as an example.

Monthly Meeting Minutes Continued

Richard Ho presented the Plant Table, describing many aspects of each beautiful orchid. Some of the orchids were good examples of soft cane dendrobiums. Volunteers Cynthia Vance and Sue Grimmer took pictures of the winners.

Natasha Romero presented the Raffle Table, calling the winning numbers for each plant.

Submitted by Peggy Fahrenback, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2023

OPERATING FUND February 28, 2023	\$12, 452.77
+ Income	615.00
- Expenses and Payments	(2,314.83)
- Transfer to Reserve Fund	(0.00)
+ Petty cash on hand	75.00
OPERATING FUND March 31, 2023	\$10,827.94

Reserve Account March 31, 2023 - \$49,332.67

Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Treasurer

April Growers Clinic Follow Up

On Thursday, April 13, the Growers Clinic featured the ever-popular Dividing and Repotting Class. 65+ members attended...it was literally, Standing Room Only! Rick Belisle reviewed the basics. A "Cheat-Sheet" of the process was handed out to each "student", and Stephanie Luburger brought in one of her wonderful plants and explained her thoughts on why and where it should be divided. After some discussion, and some show-and-tell with the class, the division was made, the re-potting accomplished, and the class was "off to the proverbial races!!" Great questions, some really wonderful plants, a few were mounted, and, as a final result, lots of fun and learning!

Submitted by Rick Belise



May Growers Clinic May 11th Orchid Pests

The May Growers Clinic will of course have 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! This month we will highlight a slide presentation on "Orchid Pests". Learn to identify common pests and how to treat them. 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.

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ORCHID FESTIVAL

MAY 19-21 2023

Spring VAOS Member plant sale!

Those interested in participating:

Bring your plants or divisions you want to sell. Bring your own table, chair and beverages!

VAOS will have greenery from our show available for purchase

Mini Demonstrations:

Repotting (Rick Belisle)

Mounting (John Masters)

??Ask the Orchid Experts??

Blalock Park is home to many of the orchids established there by our Venice Orchid Project. Bruce Weaver, who leads this project, is always looking for plant donations – encyclias, cattleyas and dendrobiums are perfect.



***West Blalock Park on the Island
(Behind Venice Community Center)
401 Pensacola Road
Venice, FL 34285
Hours: 9:00AM- 12:00 PM
Saturday April 29, 2023***

***If planning on participating with a table,
Contact Denise @ Social@VAOS.org***



AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY, INC.
FLORIDA NORTH CENTRAL JUDGING CENTER
TAMPA & ORLANDO, FLORIDA



4/7/2023

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Dear Joanna,

On behalf of the Florida North-Central Judging Center I want to express our thanks to Venice Area Orchid Society for its recent contribution of \$2000.00 to help support our Judging Center in 2023. Please express our thanks to the VAOS membership. We look forward to judging at your next show. Please remind your members that they are always welcome to bring in their orchids for consideration at our Tampa & Orlando center monthly judging.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Reinoso, Treasurer
Cc: Julio Hector, Chair

Visit our website:

<https://aosfncjc.wixsite.com/aos-florida-north-ce/>

We are also on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fncjc>

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 - (Wednesday) - General Meeting,
Venice Community Center. Speaker: Elfi
Espino Topic: Hard Cane Dendrobiums

May 11 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic,
Venice Community Center, 7pm.
Topic: Orchid Pests

May 19—21 - Redland International Orchid
Festival Info: www.redlandorchidfestival.com

June 7 - General Meeting, Venice Community
Center . Speaker: Bret Ullrey Topic:
Schomburgkias

June 15 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic,
Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Orchid
Diseases

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:
May 3rd

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