

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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September 2023

September 2023 General Meeting

Wednesday Sept 6th

Doors Open: 6:30pm

Venice Community Center

Speaker: Jim & Melana Davison

**Topic: Catasetums in
Florida**



Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. In addition to caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Before his recent retirement, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." They are currently preparing a new greenhouse and shade area and have opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids.. Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and five grandchildren. They live in Homestead with their 2 dogs, four of the five grandchildren and 5,000 plus orchids in their own collection, many more in the nursery. They specialize in Catasetinae, Florida natives, and collectable species and hybrids. The "Catasetum" presentation will showcase the diverse and amazing horticulturally Important Catasetinae species and their hybrids. These easy to grow orchids are a wonder to all. They will have plants for sale at this meeting.

September Events

**September 6
General Meeting**

**September 14
Growers Clinic**

Quick Links:

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

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Treasurer's Report

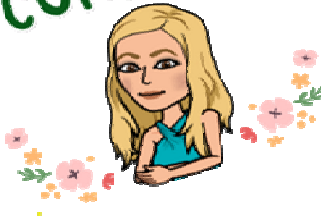
July 31, 2023

OPERATING FUND June 30, 2023	\$6.055.22
+ Income	102.30
- Expenses and Payments	(323.89)
OPERATING FUND July 31, 2023	\$5.833.63
Reserve Account July 31, 2023 - \$39,534.05	
Petty Cash on hand \$75,00	

Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Treasurer

Save the Dates:

VAOS SOCIAL
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September 6, 2023 Monthly Meeting Tailgating Time. Bring your favorite tailgate foods to share for our meeting; everyone who brings an item will receive a free raffle ticket for our raffle table. Please bring your item to Denise to receive your ticket

October 4, 2023 Monthly Meeting Make your own Ice Cream Sundae Social as we welcome & host the Englewood Area Orchid Society.

October 12, 2023 Annual Pot-Luck Dinner in place of the growers clinic. We ask all members who attend to bring their favorite pot-luck dish to share. 5:00pm-9:00pm Dinner and Orchid Bingo with great prizes. Sign up & details are available on our website, Facebook page and via social@vaos.org. Please RSVP so we have a proper headcount for the event.

November 1, 2023 Monthly meeting Bake your favorite holiday type cookie to share with our members. Those who bring a baked item for the meeting will receive a free raffle ticket. Please see Natalia to receive your ticket

November 4, 2023 Krull Smith Bus Trip 7:00am-7:00pm Sign up & details are available on our website, Facebook page and via social@vaos.org. You can also sign up at our growers clinic on September 14 or Monthly meeting October 4th.

December 9, 2023 Holiday Party at Plantation Golf & Country Club 5:00pm-9:00pm Sign up & details will be available beginning at our October Meeting.

Please note: In order for us to make your social experience the best it can be, we need you to sign up, volunteer, participate and enjoy all that the VAOS has to offer.

Respectfully, Denise M Langman; VP Social VAOS

August 2023 Growers Clinic Recap

On Thursday, August 10, Rick Belisle and the Growers Clinic Team offered a program on Growing Cattleyas. Approximately 40 members and guests attended. Many were observed taking copious notes as well as photos of some of the various slides in the presentation. Of particular interest was the slide depicting which of the various Cattleyas, in the Cattleya Alliance, if assembled and grown successfully, can provide you with “Year-Round Color”. An expanded version of that popular slide has been placed on our VAOS Website (www.vaos.org) under VAOS PUBLICATIONS. The Orchid ER was less busy than normal (which is probably a good thing!) Fewer Sick Orchids = More Healthy Plants and Happier Growers! There was some discussion on caring for our ‘chids during this excessive, and abnormal heat! The general recommendations were to feed less often but water more often using the “Bamboo Skewer”, “finger down into the media” or “weight of the pot” methods to determine if/when water is needed. Join us next month for a discussion of those wild and different Catasetums.

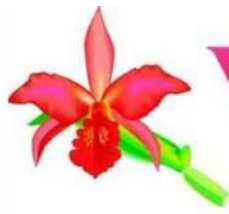
Submitted by Rick Belisle



September Growers Clinic

The September 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! The September presentation will focus on the “**Culture Basics of Catasetums**” and will be led by Vicki Fisher, who, as you may know, is our recognized authority on all things Catasetum!. 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.

Submitted by Rick Belisle



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

WELCOMES THE ENGLEWOOD
AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Build your own
sundae**



Monthly VAOS Meeting
Wednesday October 4, 2023
7:00pm-9:00pm



Fall Festival Potluck

Join us for a fun evening with your fellow orchid lovers.

Thursday October 12, 2023

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Venice Community Center



Sign up to bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, or side dish.
VAOS will provide dessert, water, soda, coffee/tea and place settings.
Members may BYOB beer or wine

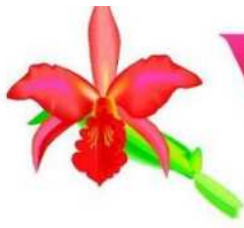
Orchid BINGO: Play to win great gift cards to local orchid growers.

Raffle Table- Blooming plants & Orchid Items.

(Members are welcome & encouraged to bring donations for the raffle table 😊)

Sign up no later than our October 4th meeting or contact Denise by October 8th so that we will have an accurate head count and food list.

Denise M Langman VP Social social@vaos.org



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

VAOS Road Trip to Krull Smith Fall Festival, Apopka, FL

Limited
Seating

Saturday November 4, 2023

Sign Up
NOW

Departs Venice Community Center 7am promptly.

\$40 pp

Includes bus trip, driver tip, snacks, and water. What a deal!

Food trucks are available at the venue.

Bring your own containers for storing your purchases.

Sign up with name and phone # by contacting Denise

Social@VAOS.org

Payments via check please note "bus trip" made out to: VAOS

Sent to: PO Box 443, Venice, FL 34284-0443

or

Pay by Zelle: VAOSMoney@gmail.com

Deadline for all payments is October 25, 2023 firm.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6 - (1st Wednesday) General Meeting, Venice Community Center. Speaker: Jim & Melana Davison Topic: Catasetums in Florida

September 14 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm.
Topic: Catasetum Culture Basics

October 4 - (1st Wednesday) General Meeting, Venice Community Center. Speaker: Bill Nunez Topic: How to Grow Specimen Cattleyas. Joint meeting with EAOS. Ice cream social

October 12 - Potluck Dinner in place of Growers Clinic. Venice Community Center, 5pm- 8pm. See flyer to sign up

SAVE THE DATE

October 12 - Potluck Dinner

November 4 - Krull-Smith Bus Trip

December 9 - Holiday Dinner Party

February 3-4—VAOS Annual Orchid Show

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

**Next meeting:
September 6th**

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