

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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November 2023

November 2023 General Meeting

Wednesday November 1st

Doors Open: 6:30pm

**Venice Community
Center**

Speaker: Francisco Miranda

Topic: The Dynamic Duo - *Cattleya walkeriana* & *nobilior*

Miranda Orchids started in 1999 and is a nursery specializing in growing mainly selected *Cattleya* alliance species. In a sense, it is a continuation of Boa Vista Orchids, a nursery Francisco ran in Brazil from 1986 until he and his wife Cristina moved to the USA. Many of the plants available are produced in their lab and nursery in Central Florida from their extensive collection of stud plants. The rest are brought from Brazil to increase variety and novelty.

Being native Brazilians, and having had a nursery for many years they know that there is a lot of development in *Cattleya* species being done there. This is mostly because a lot of those species are native from Brazil (including all the bifoliate *cattleyas*) and because these plants are favorites of growers there. Of course, having lived and grown orchids for a long time there, they know most of the growers and what is being produced and they go there several times a year to make sure they are kept up-to-date.

Miranda Orchids also grows other Brazilian species so if you are looking for something in particular, do not hesitate to contact them. Their goal is to be your number one source for selected Brazilian Orchids.

Miranda Orchids will have plants for sale



November Events

**November 1
General Meeting**

**November 9
Growers Clinic**

Quick Links:

[VAOS Officers](#)

[Orchid Resources](#)

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

[https://
www.facebook.co
m/groups/
VAOS.org](https://www.facebook.com/groups/VAOS.org)



Treasurer's Report

September 29, 2023

OPERATING FUND August 30, 2023	\$5,781.76
+ Income	486.22
- Expenses and Payments	(944.63)
OPERATING FUND September 29, 2023	\$5,323.35

Reserve Account September 29, 2023 - \$39,534.69

Petty Cash on hand \$75.00

Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Treasurer



Save the Dates

Recap:

October 12, 2023 Our Annual Pot-Luck Dinner was a great success! We had around 50 members in attendance and such a variety of amazing foods to choose from and enjoy! The Orchid Bingo was a hit for everyone. So many beautiful orchids found their forever homes that evening. Special thanks to Natalie at Orchid Envy for choosing such a versatile array of orchids for our raffle and prize table. Thank you to Sara McCartney for assisting with the centerpieces and table set up that evening!

The multiple members of the social team who assisted with this event Sara, Ian, Karen and Rick you are all such gems! Any members who wish to know more about how this event was, talk to those in attendance or better yet, sign up next year and find out for yourself what a wonderful society we are!

Save the Date:

Mark your calendars now before the season slips away from you!

November 1, 2023 Monthly meeting Bring 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.

November 4, 2023 Saturday, Krull Smith Bus Trip 7:00am-7:00pm Sign up & details are available via attached flyer. Payment is due to Ian Kennedy; Treasurer to save your seat. The bus is filling fast so please sign up NOW! Sign up at Social@VAOS.org , payments must be received by check or Zelle to hold your seat.

December 9, 2023 Saturday, Holiday Party at Plantation Golf & Country Club 5:00pm-9:00pm; Dinner & Orchid Auction. Sign up & details on attached flyer.

Our Annual Pot-Luck Dinner



50 members in attendance and Orchid Bingo was a hit

VENICE AREA ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 4, 2023

President Joanna Shaw opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, welcoming our Englewood Area Orchid Society guests and VAOS members. She invited all to the Ice Cream Social at intermission. Joanna remarked Denise and her volunteers will serve ice cream with a variety of toppings to build your own sundae. She directed attention to the Plant Table, inviting everyone to vote for their favorite orchid. She encouraged everyone to check out the Raffle Table and view the orchids that our speaker, Bill Nunez has for sale.

Announcements:

Joanna Shaw introduced Denise Langman, VP of Social Activities. Denise announced three important upcoming social events. The annual Fall Festival Potluck Dinner will be on October 12th from 5 pm to 9 pm, at the Venice Community Center. Everyone will bring a potluck dish to share. After dinner, we will play Orchid Bingo with great prizes for the winners. Sign up at the front desk or send an email to Denise by October 8th.

Denise discussed the bus trip to the Krull Smith greenhouses on November 4, 2023. Orchid vendors, food trucks, and other vendors will be there. The trip will be from 7 am to 7 pm. Cost is \$40 per person. Snacks and water will be provided. Sign-ups and payment must be made by October 25th. Checks should go to Ian Kennedy, VAOS Treasurer.

The third event is our December 9th Holiday Party at Plantation Golf and Country Club. We will have an orchid-related auction after dinner. The deadline for sign-up and payment is December 1, 2023. Send an email to Denise Langman and checks to Ian Kennedy.

Denise Langman provided detailed information for each event. Colorful flyers were available at the front desk and posters illustrating each event were displayed. She added that detailed information is also in the Newsletter, on Facebook, and in an email blast.

Joanna Shaw thanked Denise for her presentation. She then directed attention to the unique wooden baskets for sale by Patrick. Joanna announced that Allen Black donated seedlings to the Raffle Table. He is a nationally recognized hybridizer of brassavolas. She also noted tonight's speaker, Bill Nunez, donated the beautiful blooming plants on the Raffle Table. Bruce Weaver, VAOS Director at Large, announced he brought in numerous hand-crafted bamboo orchid mounts. Bruce generously gave these mounts to attendees for free.

Program

Vicki Fisher introduced our speaker Bill Nunez, also known as the "Rhizome Cowboy." Vicki described Bill's home as an 1800-acre family ranch. Bill has been growing orchids most of his life. He gets great satisfaction from receiving AOS awards for his own hybrids. His current hybrids are mostly in the Cattleya Alliance.

Bill Nunez's presentation was titled "How to Grow Specimen Cattleyas". He gave a PowerPoint presentation showing many interesting pictures of huge, beautiful specimen orchids. Some of his specimen orchids remain in their pots for six or seven years. Bill discussed how he overpots orchids, using mostly inorganic media. He includes about 20% bark chips and some tree fern strands. Bill recommended using fast-draining, slow-decomposing media. He cited the importance of flushing orchid pots regularly. Questions were answered before intermission.

Vicki Fisher presented the Plant Table and discussed the culture for growing some of the orchids. Joanna Shaw managed the Raffle Table and called out the numbers.

Submitted by Peggy Fahrenback, Recording Secretary



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



www.vaos.org



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Annual Holiday Dinner

Plantation Golf & Country Club
500 Rockley Blvd., Venice, FL 34293
(Off Rt 41 midway between Jacaranda & River Rd.)

Saturday December 9, 2023

5:00pm-9:00pm

Join your friends from VAOS for our annual holiday get together. Enjoy Dinner, Orchid related Auction and memories in the making!

\$35 per person

Dinner Buffet with Dessert,
Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea.

Cash Bar

Payment must be received by
December 1, 2023 to secure your reservation.

Zelle: VAOSMoney@gmail.com

or Mail your check noting Holiday Party to:

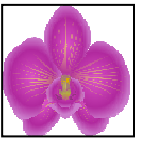
VAOS, PO Box 443, Venice, FL 34284-0443

Include names of attendees with payment.

RSVP by Dec. 1, 2023 to Denise
social@vaos.org



Monthly Quick Tip from Your Growers Clinic Team



NOVEMBER

- Prepare plants for cold.
- Reduce fertilizing.
- Supplement potassium and magnesium for winter health.
- Place dormant plants in dry area.

And, of course, cleaning up your growing area and plants by removing dead leaves helps keep your plants healthy. This should be done throughout the year as needed.

For more detailed information consult the [Florida Orchid Growing: Month-by-Month](#) book by Martin Motes, PhD.



Growers Clinic – November

If you've looked at your calendar, or been in some of the "big box" stores lately, you'll see that we're creeping on that time of year again. Yep, two "seasons" are just around the corner. Those being Winter (Ewwww!!!) and the Orchid Shows (Yayyyy)! So, in preparation for both, on Thursday, November 9, the Growers Clinic Team will discuss **tips and tricks for protecting your orchids from the cold weather** as well as what to do and how to **prepare them for the upcoming shows**. And, of course, the meeting will offer our Orchid ER. As usual, the meeting will begin at 7:00pm in Room F of the Venice Community Center. You can park on the left side of the building and enter through the side door, if you want.

VAOS' GOT TALENT!

We are fortunate to have many talented artists in our society. These members can not only grow beautiful orchids, but they also create beautiful paintings, photos, ceramics, jewelry and other artwork and crafts reflecting their love of orchids.

We invite our talented members to share and display their artwork at our annual show February 3-4, 2024. Eligible for AOS trophy and ribbon judging, the categories include:

- Needlework
- Painting - Oils
- Painting - Acrylics
- Painting – Watercolors
- Sculpture
- Ceramics
- Jewelry
- Photography (includes digital modifications)
- Printing
- Other

The rules: Orchids must be the dominant subject of all items submitted. Each item should be properly prepared for exhibition (framed, mounted, etc.). Contributors must be members of VAOS or a member of an orchid society participating in this show. Submissions will be screened prior to display and trophy or ribbons may be awarded at the judges' discretion. Art pieces previously winning prizes at a VAOS show are welcome to be displayed in exhibit but will not be judged. Judges may redefine classes based on entries submitted.

So, a heads up to get your favorite artistic creations ready for the show! Contact Carol at ShowChair@VAOS.org for instructions if you are interested.

Member Sales at Growers Clinic and FB Group

Members are invited to sell their plants, divisions, pots and mounts at our Growers Clinic held the first Thursday of the month in Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm – 9pm. You do not need to register but must be a VAOS member.

Member sales at our monthly meetings will not be permitted due to space limitations and to avoid competition with our speaker sales and raffle table.

Members may offer their plants, divisions, pots and mounts for sale or trade on our Face Book Group www.facebook.com/groups/VAOS.org following FB and VAOS rules that include: no prices, use PM for communications, limit to two advertisements a month and must be a VAOS member. Contact Stephanie, Csec@VAOS.org for info.

VAOS 2024 SHOW TEAM UPDATE

Our 2024 VAOS Annual Show will take place in February. We depend on our army of volunteers to ensure a successful show. We started signing up volunteers in October and will need to fill 130 volunteer slots in the following show committees:

- Facility set up and take down
- Front door admissions
- Show hosts
- Judging Clerks
- Hospitality
- Food donations
- Orchid Boutique
- VAOS Exhibit
- Membership Table
- Signage

In particular, we will need some strong backs to set up display back drops and to place large palm trees around the building during set up on Friday and again at take down on Sunday. Short term volunteer slots but strength required.

Please save the dates:

- Friday show set up February 2nd – 1 – 7pm
- Saturday show February 3rd – 10am – 5pm
- Sunday show February 4th – 10am – 4pm
- Sunday show take down February 4th – 4pm

Judy Loeffler & Carol Wood, Show Co-chairs

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 - (1st Wednesday) General Meeting, Venice Community Center. Speaker: Francisco Miranda Topic: Cattleyas walkeriana & nobilior

November 3-4 - International Vanda & Slipper Orchid Symposium, Krull-Smith, Apopka, FL
www.slippersymposium.com

November 4– Krull Smith Bus Trip. See flyer to sign up

November 9 - (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Preparing Orchids for Winter. Preparing Orchids for Shows

November 17-19 - Palmer Orchids Fall Open House www.Palmerorchids.com

No December monthly meeting or growers clinic

December 9 - Annual Holiday Dinner Party. See flyer this newsletter to sign up

SAVE THE DATE

December 9 - Holiday Dinner Party

January 6-7 - SOS Annual Orchid Show

February 3-4 - VAOS Annual Orchid Show

February 23-24- EAOS Annual Orchid Show

Mentor Program: help for new growers, contact Rick Belisle Mentor@vaos.org

AOS JUDGING

AOS Orchid Judging—Florida North Central Judging Center . Info : [https ://aosfncjc . wixsite.com/aos-florida-north-ce](https://aosfncjc.wixsite.com/aos-florida-north-ce)

Next meeting:
November 1st

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