

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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February 2024

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General Meeting

Thursday February 1st

Doors Open: 6:30pm

Venice Community Center

Speaker: Alan Koch

Topic: Miniature Cattleyas for a Warm Climate



Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's along with miniature species. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many International Publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Emeritus Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS. He is currently the First Vice President for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance. Alan is also well known for the many AOS auctions he has done.

Alan will have plants for sale.

February Events

**February 1
General Meeting**

**February 3-4
Venice Orchid
Show**

**February 8
Growers Clinic**

**February 23-24
Englewood
Orchid Show**

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Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

VAOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale

Excitement is in the air as we prepare for our annual orchid show and sale next weekend! A key component of our show is the three elaborate displays put in by VAOS, EAOS (Englewood) and SOS (Sarasota). These exhibits are composed of member plants that AOS judges evaluate to award ribbons and trophies for the best orchids. If you have a blooming plant in prime condition during the show weekend please enter your plant. You will help our display team volunteers build a quality display and you may bring home an award for your plant!

Bring your plants to our February 1st (Thursday) monthly meeting or drop them off at the Venice Community Center rear entrance on Friday, February 2nd, between 12pm – 1pm.

All plants must be registered in advance via email between Monday January 29th and Wednesday January 31st.

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. Attach your name and this number to the side of your orchid pot. 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. Pick up your plants on Sunday at 4pm.

Set up: Friday February 2nd, 1pm – 7pm

Show: Saturday February 3rd, 10am – 5pm

Sunday February 4th, 10am – 4pm

Take Down: Sunday February 4th, 4pm

Location: Venice Community Center

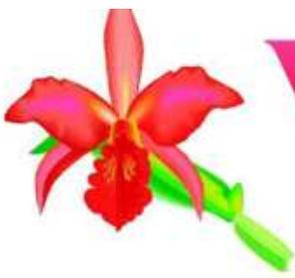


Plant Registration Questions:

Linda Schaller 815-222-0319

Email: PlantReg@VAOS.org





VENICE AREA Orchid Society



Orchid Show & Sale
Venice Area Orchid Society Presents
“Peace, Love & Orchids”
February 3 - 4, 2024
Saturday 10am - 5pm
(displays open at 11am)
Sunday 10am - 4pm
Venice Community Center
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It's Officially "SHOW SEASON"!!!! Congratulations to our Display team as VP of Display Kristln Shaw and her team received the 2nd place ribbon in overall display at the January 6-7 Sarasota Orchid Society annual show.

We also saw so many ribbon winners within our display, including the Best in Show Dendrobium awarded to Irene Bozogan, who also won \$50.00 and turned it back to the society to use toward food for our upcoming show. Thank you, Irene.

Remember folks, we need your blooming orchids to create these amazing shows of orchid art and you could be a winner as well.

Upcoming Social Events: Plans in the making....

- * Member to Member "Show Them Where You Grow Them" tours; Interested members who would like to showcase their orchid growing areas and tips on successful orchid growing in their personal oasis', please sign-up beginning in March for our spring tours.
- * Bus Tour Ramble: after speaking with so many attendees during our last bus trip we are looking at doing an Orchid Ramble by visiting orchid greenhouses with possible stops for other shopping in the comfort of a luxury bus tour. More details to follow our show. 😊
- * Luncheon at Snook Haven during the blooming of the Encyclia Tampensis. Looking to find a relaxing fun atmosphere to enjoy our newly found friends of orchids and those who we have cultivated over the years in orchid growing by lunching with a side of naturalized orchids...

It takes a village to make these and all our events successful but most importantly it takes our members to participate for true success!

Looking forward to meeting some new faces and reconnecting with those we know during our upcoming meeting on Thursday February 1st and during our VAOS show and sale on February 3 & 4, 2024.

Peace, Love & Orchids to all of you,

Denise M Langman, VP Social VAOS



Venice Area Orchid Society

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2024

President Joanna Shaw opened the meeting at 7:04. She welcomed everyone and reminded all that Sarasota was having their show this weekend and that all plants for the Venice Area display were to be dropped off tonight or at very latest 9:00 am tomorrow.

Joanna then pointed out the table of orchids that had been brought in for judging and encouraged everyone to please vote during the break.

Next, she introduced Natalee McKinney from Orchid Envy and reminded everyone she is located on Venice Ave and that she had brought a mixture of plants at the back table for purchase.

Joanna then turned the floor over to Rick Belisle:

Rick reminded everyone of the growers clinic being held on January 11, 2024, on Dendrobiums. He stated that it would be held from 7-9 pm at the Venice Community Center and that we would do an orchid ER that night as well and if anyone had any plants that they were concerned about to bring them in. Rick also reminded the Society members to please wear their name tags to help guests know who the members are.

Rick then turned the floor over to Natasha Romero:

Natasha reminded everyone how important it is to bring in items for the raffle table. She advised that more donations are needed to keep it fun for everyone and to help raise money for our society. She also encouraged everyone to buy raffle tickets.

Joanna took the floor back to remind everyone to also bring in plants for plant table judging as well. She then introduced Judy Loeffler:

Judy made the announcement that the membership dues are due and that you could pay them at the front table where you came in. She then spoke of our upcoming show on February 3 and 4th and asked everyone to please pick up the postcards at the front table and pass them out to friends and family. She also reminded everyone that more volunteers are needed. She asked that everyone remember that we are known for our good food and that we need more people to sign up to bring food for both days.

Judy stated that we have openings for show host volunteers on Sunday and Friday. She reminded everyone that the community center had just put in a new floor so we would need to take extra care not to drag anything. She went over other needs for volunteers for the show and then spoke on the attire of the show being tie-dye. Judy then introduced Karen Mann to explain the Orchid Boutique.

Karen explained that the Orchid Boutique is made up of volunteers that create orchid floral arrangements to be sold. They also put together bouquets that are given away to handicapped people during the show days. She spoke of the fact that they still needed a few more to help.

Judy took back the floor and spoke about what clerking is and that there would be a training class for clerk volunteers on Thursday the 1st of February at 5:30.

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Vicki Fisher then introduced tonight's speaker Dr. Lawrence Zettler. Dr Zettler is a professor of biology at Illinois College and a research associate at the Chicago Botanic Garden. He earned his B.S. degree from the University of Florida and PH. D in plant Physiology from Clemson University.

Dr Zettler took the floor and stated that we are the largest Orchid Society he has ever spoken in front of. He spoke on the Ghost Orchid and even mentioned that our own Jay Loeffler was working with the fungus required by the Ghost Orchid to survive.

8:04 Joanna took the floor back and said to break for intermission.

8:28 Joanna called us back to our seats and said we were going to skip the plant table and turned the floor over to Natasha for the raffle. Natasha called the blue raffle tickets, with a thank you to all who had donated that night. She made a special thank you to Natalee from Orchid Envy for the plants she donated.

8:40 The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Michele Baker, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2023

OPERATING FUND November 30, 2023	\$8,452.96
+ Income	4,243.88
- Expenses and Payments	(5,073.82)
OPERATING FUND December 29, 2023	\$7,623.02

Reserve Account December 29, 2023 - \$39,535.66

Petty Cash on hand \$75.00

Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Treasurer

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. (Emails only please)

All volunteers should enter through the rear entrance. A volunteer will verify your assignment from our list, give you a name tag and provide directions.

Your committee chair will have **instructions** for your assignment when you arrive. Please review them. Show **t-shirts** will be distributed from the Membership Table to active VAOS show volunteers (Please be sure your membership is up to date).

All show volunteers and those donating food receive **free admission** to the show. All others must enter through the front door Saturday and Sunday and pay admission.

Quiet The Sarasota SILLs lecture will take place 10am – 12pm in the ballroom. Please – no noise, no loud talking during the lecture.

ParkingVolunteers are requested to park at the back of the parking lots on either side of the building. **No parking is permitted behind the building** – loading and unloading only.

Use only the three rear steel doors for loading and unloading – nothing may be brought in through the lobby or the side glass doors. New restrictions are in place to protect the **new flooring and walls**: rubber wheel carts only; do not drag tables or chairs across floor; nothing on walls.

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

Please enjoy food and drink in our kitchen throughout the show weekend.

Show attendees are our guests and we are famous for our army of friendly volunteers. Greet our guests with a smile! Refer any questions to the Membership Table.

Thank you for volunteering for our show!

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

VAOS Annual Show 2024 Committee Volunteers List

Contact Judy & Carol at ShowChair@VAOS.org to sign up or make changes

<p><u>Hospitality Staff</u> Naoki Kawamura* (503-539-1760)</p> <p><u>Friday 10am – 4pm</u> <u>Saturday 7:30am – 3pm</u> <u>Sunday 8am – 2pm</u> Janet Keown Don Posegate Lisa Adler (Sunday)</p> <p><u>Road Signage</u> Judy Loeffler* (485-9569) K.C. Jones</p> <p><u>Show Set Up</u> Jerry Daenzer* (284-5001)</p> <p><u>Friday 11:30 a.m. - 2pm</u> Mike Mayers Rick Hindman Avram White-Rogers Patrick Phillips Doris Wall Gail Bond Beata Hulliger Irene Bozogan John Bozogan Toni Aden</p>	<p><u>Show Hosts</u> Steve & Michele Baker *(468-5903)</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> <u>Friday 1pm – 4pm</u> X _____ X _____</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> <u>Friday 4pm – 7pm</u> Paul Gillespie X _____</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> <u>Saturday 9:45am- 12:15pm:</u> Bill Casey Bob Blaszczak Carol DeVirgilio Patricia Cuddihy Mary Baker Lori Straits X _____</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> <u>Saturday 12-2:45pm:</u> Walter Dettling Mary Keating Ginny Thompson Barb Kantorski Barb Ivins Tim Ivins</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> <u>Saturday 2:30-5pm:</u> Ellen Nacinovich Tony Nacinovich Bridget Kleindienst Rick Hindman Kristin Shaw Darell Placek</p>	<p><u>Show Hosts</u> <u>Sunday 9:45am- 1pm:</u> Bridet Kleindienst Clare Capossela Charlene Capossela Mary Baker Ken Charuk</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> <u>Sunday 12:45 – 4:30pm</u> Sara Northup Bill Fahrenback Rick Hindman Darell Placek David Bates</p> <p><u>Show Take Down</u> <u>Sunday 3:45pm - 6pm</u> Jerry Daenzer* (284-5001)</p> <p>Irene Bozogan John Bozogan Mike Mayers Lisa Ader Doris Wall Beata Hulliger Melissa Marggraff Patrick Phillips X _____ X _____</p>	<p><u>Admissions</u> Elaine Ortt* (485-5313) <u>Saturday 9:45am -12:15p:</u> Scott Gardner Jennifer Gardner Pauline Adam Bridget Kleindienst Helen Volonakis</p> <p><u>Saturday 12- 2:45pm:</u> Pam Hindman Stephanie Riotto Peg Yoder Martha Koehnlein Sara Gill</p> <p><u>Saturday 2:30- 5pm:</u> Kathy Keller Steve Keller Sybil Levien Sherry Beck Gail Bond</p> <p><u>Sunday 9:45am- 12:00pm:</u> Toni Aden Helen Volonakis Ginny Thompson Darell Placek Patty Cuddihy</p> <p><u>Sunday 11:45am – 2:30pm</u> Toni Aden Sherry Beck Gloria Markiewicz Holly Coleman X _____</p> <p><u>Sunday 2:15 – 4pm:</u> Mark Silvermintz Helen Volonakis Sherry Beck Lou Ortt Mary Anne DiGrazia</p>
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<p><u>Registrar</u> Richard Ho* (973-964-4871) Ted Kellogg</p> <p><u>Display Team</u> Kristin Shaw* (484-707-8674)</p> <p>Plant Registration: Linda Schaller Vicki Fisher</p> <p>Friday Display Set Up 12 – 7pm Rick Hindman Jennifer Howell Vicki Fisher Bruce Weaver De- nise Langman Sara McCartney Joanna Shaw Irene Bozogan John Bozogan Gunther Lobisch Jay Loeffler Ian Kennedy</p> <p>Sunday Display Take Down 4 – 6pm Vicki Fisher Bruce Weaver Stephanie Luburger Rick Hindman Joanna Shaw Irene Bozogan John Bozogan Darell Placek</p>	<p><u>Orchid Boutique</u> Karen Mann* (496-8385)</p> <p>Don Stoecker Pat Stoecker Sybil Levien Noreen Chervinski Irene Thimm Janet Kral Mike Mayer Diane Lerigo Joyce Hannah Norma Lee Rhines Deborah Bauder Jim Bauder Beth DeBruin Kathy Cone Yolanda Goll Sybil Levien Susan Mather Marie Rivest Dottie Sedlack Dini Stewart Irene Timm</p>	<p><u>Clerks</u> Mary Anne Di- Grazia* (697-9237) <u>Saturday 7:30 – 10:30am</u> Tracie Cady Gina Feinstein Judy Mulligan Mike Mayers Linda Schaller Irene Bozogan Steve Wiener Diane Kearney Paul Gillespie Mary Keating-Scott Sue Seidenfelf Craig Black Natasha Romero Cathy Adair Denise Langman Sara McCartney Sybil Levien Martha Everson Debbie Robbins</p> <p><u>Arts & Crafts</u> Noreen Chervinski</p>	<p><u>Membership Table</u> Ian & Karen Kennedy* (203) 241-4793</p> <p><u>Saturday 9:45am-1pm</u> Jennifer Howell Camille Rutan Richard Ho Sue Grimmer</p> <p><u>Saturday 1 – 5pm</u> Steve Wiener Natasha Romero Jimmy Thomas Sue Grimmer</p> <p><u>Sunday 9:45am – 1pm</u> Cynthia Vance Natasha Romero Sue Grimmer</p> <p><u>Sunday 1 – 4pm</u> Peg Fahrenback Bridget Kleindienst Sue Grimmer</p>
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VAOS SHOW ARTS & CRAFTS ENTRIES

VAOS, SOS and EAOS members are invited to enter and display their artwork at our annual show February 3-4, 2024. Eligible for AOS ribbon judging and a trophy, 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 awards at a VAOS show are welcome to be displayed in exhibit but will not be judged. Judges may redefine classes based on entries submitted.

Bring your artwork to the Venice Community Center on Friday, February 2nd, between 2 and 4pm. Enter through the rear door for check in. Noreen Chervinski, Arts & Crafts Committee Chair, will assist you in registering your artwork. The display is located on the left side of the stage. If your artwork requires a stand or tri-pod please put your name on it and bring it in. You may sell your artwork during the show but it may not be removed from the exhibit until the show closes on Sunday. Pick up your artwork at 4pm on Sunday February 4th.

Any questions? Please contact Carol & Judy ShowChair@VAOS.org

We are collecting old AOS Orchid Magazines that members wish to donate to sell at our annual show. Bring them to our Thursday February 1st meeting or Friday afternoon to the Membership Table.



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February Growers Clinic – Orchids 101 Basic Orchid Care

February 8th

The February Growers Clinic will 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! 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 and the GC Team will present "Orchids 101: Basic Orchid Care"**.

Members should remember to wear their VAOS Name Tags, please. There will be a Sign-in Sheet for guests. 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, Director, Training & Education

2024 VAOS Membership Dues

Please pay your annual dues by **February 1st** to keep your membership active.

Dues are \$20 per household. If you joined or renewed on or after October 1st, 2023 you are paid through 2024. 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 - phone and email address. If your contact information has changed, please notify Ian & Karen Kennedy, Membership Chairs, at:

memb@VAOS.org

Submitted by Ian & Karen Kennedy, VAOS Membership Chairs



Monthly Quick Tip from Your Growers Clinic Team



FEBRUARY

Light Watering should be done in the morning hours.

Caution, not out of the cold yet!

Treat with recommended fungicide.

Look for plants needing repotting.

And, of course, cleaning up your growing area and plants by remove dead leaves helps keeping 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.

January 2024 Growers Clinic Report

On a dark, stormy and cold night approximately 38 hearty souls attended our Growers Clinic featuring a discussion, led by Rick Belisle, on the large genus of **Dendrobiums**! Several live plants were brought in as examples of this varied group. An unexpected surprise was the simply outstanding Dendrobium Spatulata brought in by Irene Bozogan, fresh from its recent Sarasota Orchid Society “Best in Show – Dendrobium” award. Justifiably, it generated lots of “oohs & aahs”! (Hint: If you missed the show, and want to see a photo of this wonderful plant, visit our VAOS Facebook site and scroll through to Denise Langman’s posts regarding the meeting.) Upon being presented with her monetary award from the SOS, Irene graciously signed it over to the VAOS to help defray some of the costs of our upcoming show & sale. Thank you, and again, Congratulations, Irene!

The Orchid ER had a slow night with only a few “patients”. One that generated some interesting discussion was a good-sized Dendrobium Anosmum that had only one leaf. As it is currently in its “dormant” stage, it’ll be interesting to see it morph into a gorgeous plant with its cascading flowers when it awakes! Mark your calendars and join us for our next Growers Clinic, February 8, 2024, for our “Basic Orchids – 101” class.



VAOS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

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

This year we will hold our annual election at our March meeting. At our February meeting we will present the nominee and take nominations from the floor for the open board position.

Judy Loeffler, currently Show Co-Chair, is nominated to succeed Joanna Shaw as President. Judy has previously served as Membership Chair and Treasurer for VAOS.

The following officers have agreed to serve another two year term:

Stephanie Luburger, Communications Director

Vicki Fisher, Vice-President – Programs

Kristin Shaw, Vice-President – Displays

Ian Kennedy, Treasurer

Michele Baker has joined the Board as Recording Secretary, replacing Peggy Fahrenback who resigned because of her move out of the area.

There are many opportunities to become involved with our society, volunteer positions and current and future board positions. If you are interested, please contact Ian Kennedy, Treasurer and Membership Chair for more information (lankennedytreasurer@gmail.com)

Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Nominating Committee Chair



SARASOTA ORCHID SHOW RECAP

Show season has officially begun! The Sarasota orchid show with its theme "Orchids in Paradise" kicked off our season with a good time, and a beautiful display. I chose to go with a tropical island theme, and I think we did pretty well. This year's set up team consisted of myself, Rick Hindman, Sara McCartney, Bruce Weaver, Irene and John Bozogan, Ian Kennedy (and donuts), Walter Dettling, Carol Wood, and I cannot forget the plant registration and labeling team, Linda Schaller, Vicki Fisher, and Joanna Shaw.

The most difficult part is deciding where to start. We put up a wall suggesting a tiki hut, and had some well placed tiki type statues and torches as accents. The focal and starting point was 4 white phalaenopsis. The right saw the pinks leading down to the purples while the left had the yellows and greens leading down to oranges and reds. Driftwood and shells completed the look. We placed second, which while a little disappointing, showed us what we can improve upon going forward.

Thirteen VAOS members entered a total of 43 plants winning 21 ribbons and one trophy as follows:

#301 Jean Phillips – 1 Blue

#302 Bibiche Knauf – 1 Blue

#304 Steve Keller – 1 Blue, 1 Red

#305 Stephen Wiener – 1 Red

#306 Rick Belisle – 1 Yellow

#307 Irene Bozogan - 1 Blue, Trophy: Best Dendrobium (**Congrats Irene!**)

#308 Linda Schaller – 3 Blue

#309 Joanna Shaw – 2 Blue, 1 Red, 1 Yellow

#310 Mike Mayers – 2 Blue, 1 Red

#311 Vicki Fisher – 1 Blue, 1 Red

#312 Maria Ruano – 2 Red

The most important thing is, we all had fun. It might be my name as the VP displays, but every single person I mentioned was extremely important to the whole process. It was truly a group effort. So to that group, I say thank you so much, and let's do it again on our home turf!

Submitted by Kristin Shaw, VP Displays



ORCHIDS

Englewood Area Orchid Society Presents

ORCHIDS BY THE SEA

Orchid Show & Sale

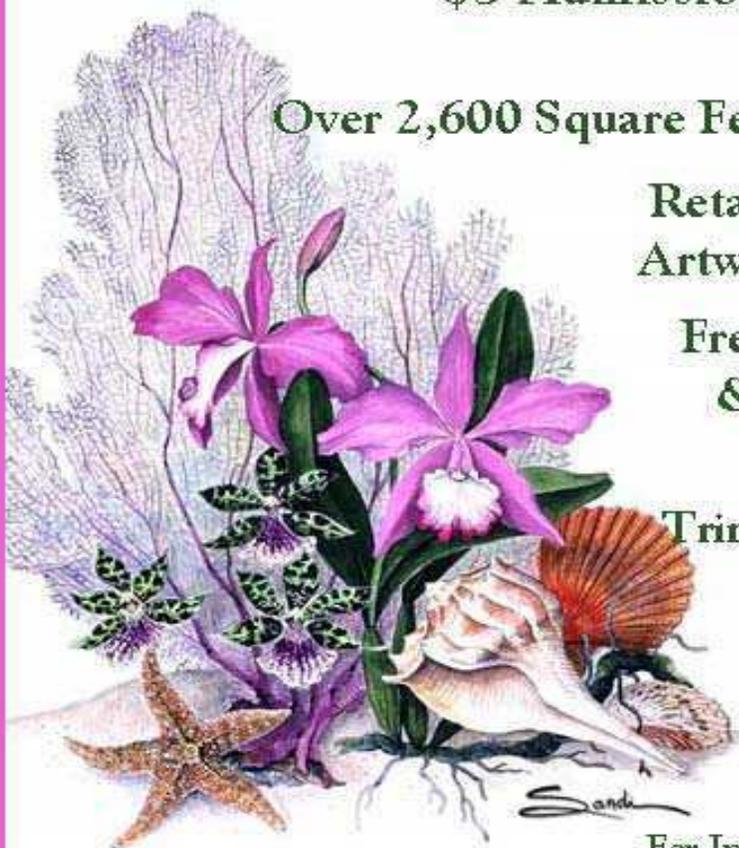
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ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW & SALE

February 23-24

VAOS PLANT ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

The EAOS show is normally held in March each year at the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Center in Englewood. Hurricane Ian damage repair delays have forced a venue and date change this year:

Set up: Thursday February 22nd, 10am – 5:30pm

Show: Friday February 23rd, 10am – 5pm

Show: Saturday February 24th, 10am – 5pm

Take Down: Saturday February 24th, 5pm – 6:30pm

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

Because this is a much smaller facility, EAOS, SOS and VAOS will put in 6' x 5' table top displays this year and there will be no AOS judging. EAOS hopes to return to their larger venue next year.

VAOS members are encouraged to enter their blooming plants to support our sister society and to help our VAOS display team put in a quality display. While plant registration is not required, we do request that you submit your plant name via email so that we can prepare a display label for your plant.

Email your plant name in advance between February 19 – 21 to PlantReg@VAOS.org

Bring your plants to the Tringali Community Center on Thursday, February 22nd, by 10am

Alternatively, you may drop off your plants by Wednesday February 21st 6pm: Kristin Shaw, 1541 Poinciana Rd., Venice 34293. Leave by front door.

We will delivery your plants to the show and return them to you on Sunday or you can pick your plants at the show site Saturday at 5pm. Contact Kristin to coordinate.

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.

If you are able to help with display set up on Thursday or take down on Saturday please contact Kristin Shaw, VP Displays email: disp@VAOS.org 484-707-8674

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1 (Thursday) General Meeting, Venice Community Center. Speaker: Alan Koch Topic: Miniature Cattleyas for A Warmer Climate

February 3-4 VAOS Annual Show & Sale. See information in this newsletter

February 8 (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Orchids 101 Basic Orchid Care

February 23-24 EAOS Annual Orchid Show. See article this newsletter

March 2-3 Tampa Bay Orchid Show Info: fafie328@aol.com

March 6 (1st Wednesday) General Meeting, Venice Community Center. Speaker: Rick Belisle Topic: Welcome to VAOS

March 8-10 Palmer Orchids Open House

March 14 (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: 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: <https://aosfncjc.wixsite.com/aos-florida-north-ce>

**Next meeting:
February 1st**

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