

# VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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October 2024

## October 2024

**General Meeting  
Wednesday  
October 2**

**Doors Open: 6:30pm  
Venice Community  
Center**

**Speaker: Edgar Stehli**

**Topic: Angraecoids**

At Windswept in Time Orchids, we have been growing and selling orchids for over 20 years. Our love for these beautiful flowers began when we received an orchid as a gift and realized how easy it was to care for. Since then, we have been dedicated to providing the highest quality orchids and customer service.

We specialize in growing a wide variety of orchids, including Phalaenopsis, Cattleya, and Dendrobium. All of our orchids are grown in our greenhouse in optimal conditions and are carefully selected for their quality and beauty. We offer both potted orchids and cut flowers.

Edgar will have plants for sale

Windswept In Time Orchids, Broadview Heights, OH

[Windsweptorchids.com](http://Windsweptorchids.com)



## October Events

**October 2  
General Meeting**

**October 10  
Orchtoberfest  
Potluck Dinner**

**No October  
Growers Clinic**

### Quick Links:

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## VAOS General Meeting Minutes September 4, 2024

7:01 VOS President Judy Loeffler welcomed everyone. We have no new members here tonight.

Reminder of the grower's clinic next week September 12, 2024, which will be hosted by Naoki Kawamura and will be on Vandas. This meeting will be held in the side room F. Please enter through the side door from the outside.

Judy requested that members wear their name tags to all meetings.

We are excited to get started on the show coming up in February. She will be starting to set up the volunteers list and she has a need for several people in a variety of positions.

Our society is in need of a person to help on our monthly meetings setting up the microphones and computers. She also needs a person to act as a back up for the newsletter. Anyone interested in doing so please reach out to her.

Orchidwiz is back up and running if anyone is interested in it the fee is \$250.00 a year. They have found out that the older version cannot be run on the new computers.

7:07 Denise Langman gave an update on the potluck coming up on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 please sign up for what you are going to bring at the members table. We will be playing orchid bingo again.

November 16<sup>th</sup> is the Bus trip please sign up for that as soon as you can. If we don't have enough people to fill the bus, we will have to cancel.

Holiday party will be a lunch this year and will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Plantation Gulf and Country Club.

7:09 Judy expanded on the show needs and advised that the dates are going to be set up January 31<sup>st</sup> and show dates February first and second 2025.

7:10 Vicki Fisher introduced Jim Roberts as tonight's speaker and gave a short Bio. Jim is the owner and operator of Florida Suncoast Orchids LLC and will be speaking on Fertilizing your Orchids 101.

7:12 Jim Roberts took the floor.

8:00 Judy advised that we were going to take a short break and reminded everyone to vote for the plants brought in by members.

8:22 Joanna and Kristin went through the plant table and announced the winners. The raffle followed.

8:50 Meeting adjourned.

*Submitted by Michele Baker, Secretary*



**October 10, 2024 Annual Potluck Dinner Orchtoberfest**

Join us from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Venice Community Center for Dinner and Orchid Bingo with great prizes. We ask all members to sign up to attend and bring their favorite pot-luck dish to share.

**November 6, 2024 Monthly Meeting Welcome Back to our Northern Growers**

**November 16, 2024 Annual Fall Bus Trip**

Join us for a fun day of orchid greenhouse hopping to Krull Smith, Orchids in Bloom & Ecuagenera USA greenhouses in Apopka, FL.

**December 15, 2024 Holiday Luncheon & Orchid Auction**

Our end of year event to celebrate our members and to ready ourselves for "Show Season"!!!

Anyone who may be interested in donating items for our Orchid Auction can reply to Denise at [social@vaos.org](mailto:social@vaos.org) by December 1<sup>st</sup> with the type of item and value. Each auction item will be displayed before the auction with a plaque stating the donor and any pertinent information about your donation. What better way to have your orchid plants, photos, paintings, and mounts honored than at an event that is held to support our society and the wonderful educational speakers and events we have each month.

\*\*\*Sign-up for the above social events can be done via email to Denise at [social@vaos.org](mailto:social@vaos.org) or at our October 2, 2024, meeting. All events which require signing up also have deadlines to which we have to abide in order to accommodate the venues. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We look forward to making new orchid memories with each of you!!!

\*\*\* See flyers for more information on each event.

\*Reminder to all who bring a refreshment, THIS MEANS YOU, during our Monthly Meetings, you will receive one coin to turn into the raffle table for your free ticket.

\*\*Don't forget to bring in your blooming plants for your chance to win a ribbon at each of our Monthly Meetings.

\*\*\*Finally, share your divisions/extra plants or orchid related items & potting materials by donating them to our raffle table.

*Respectfully Submitted, Denise M Langman, VP Social VAOS*

# VAOS ORCHTOBERFEST POTLUCK 2024



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

Thursday October 10, 2024

5:00 - 9:00 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 orchids & orchid related items, Raffle Table-  
Blooming plants & Orchid Items.

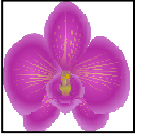
Sign up no later than our October 2nd meeting or contact Denise by October 6<sup>th</sup> so  
that we will have an accurate head count and food list

CONTACT - DENISE M LANGMAN, VP SOCIAL

[SOCIAL@VAOS.ORG](mailto:SOCIAL@VAOS.ORG)



## Monthly Quick Tip from Your Growers Clinic Team



### OCTOBER

- Water as early in the day as possible.
- Watch dormant plants (Catasetums, Soft-caned Dens, etc.) and begin moving to dry locations.
- Reduce fertilizing as growing season slows.
- Supplement magnesium and potassium for winter health.

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.

*Submitted by Rick Belisle, Director, Training & Education*

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## Treasurer's Report

August 30, 2024

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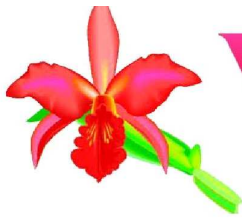
<b>OPERATING FUND</b> July 31, 2024	\$5,570.89
+ Income	320.00
- Expenses and Payments	(1,342.90)
<b>OPERATING FUND</b> August 30, 2024	<b>\$4,547.99</b>

**Reserve Account** August 30, 2024 - \$40,538.55

Petty Cash on hand \$75.00

*Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Treasurer*





# VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Limited  
Seating

VAOS Road Trip to Krull Smith, Ecuagenera US & Orchids in  
Bloom, Apopka, FL

Sign Up  
NOW

Saturday November 16, 2024

Departs Venice Community Center 7am promptly.

**\$40 pp**

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

Bring your own containers for storing your purchases.

Sign up with name and phone # by contacting Denise

[Social@VAOS.org](mailto:Social@VAOS.org)

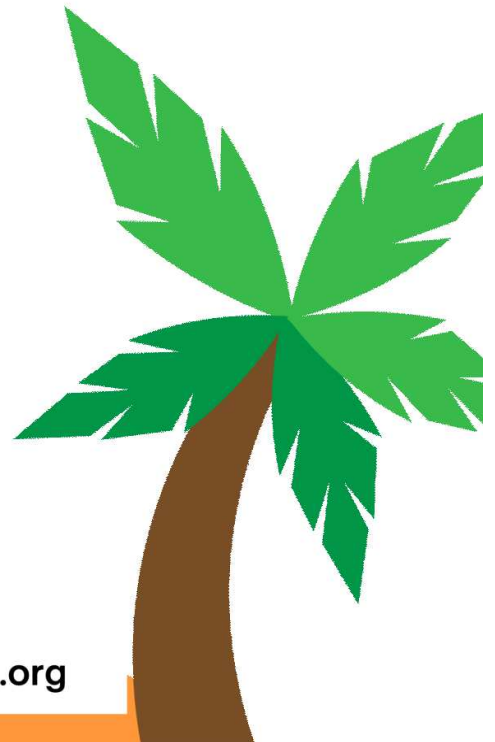
Payments via check please note "bus trip" made out to: VAOS Sent to:

PO Box 443, Venice, FL 34284-0443

or

Pay by Zelle: [VAOSMoney@gmail.com](mailto:VAOSMoney@gmail.com)

Deadline for all payments is November 6, 2024 firm.



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[social@vaos.org](mailto:social@vaos.org)

## September Growers Clinic Recap

Thursday night, September 12, we were treated to a wonderful and detailed presentation by our very own “Guru of Vandas”, Naoki Kawamura. Naoki brought in an example of one of his beautiful plants to show the various parts of the plant and how to grow them successfully using the same techniques he uses. Approximately 40 members attended. Many great and poignant questions were asked and answered. From the comments at the meeting and those ensuing from our Facebook page, much learning was done and a great time was had by all!

On another note, interestingly, as has occurred in the last few Growers Clinics, the Orchid ER had only a few patients. Might it be that our members are becoming more comfortable with self-diagnosing issues, or potential issues, and taking the proper corrective action? Time will tell!

NOTE: Remember, there will be NO GROWERS CLINIC in October! Instead, we have our Orchtobefest potluck dinner! The next Growers Clinic will be on November 13. Topics will be Preparing your Orchids for Winter and Preparing your Orchids for Up-Coming Shows.

*Submitted by Rick Belisle, Director, Training & Education*

## October Culture Tip

They're BAAAck!!!! And by that, I mean the cooler evenings and mornings that preclude the shutting down of our A/C systems and the opening of our sliders! Catasetums and the like are in full-growth mode and some may even be preparing for their winter rest. Nobile dendrobiums should be separated from other plants and placed under cover so they are allowed to dry out and begin the process of resting before producing their new buds in January and February.

For your other plants that might still be growing, albeit more slowly, you might want to add a Tbsp of Dynamite (Red Can!) to each plant. Also, if you had to deal with insects or excessive dampness, now's a good time to give one last spraying of insecticide and/or fungicide.

*Submitted by Rick Belisle, Director, Training & Education*



# Annual Holiday Luncheon

Plantation Golf & Country Club

500 Rockley Blvd., Venice, FL 34293

(Off Rt 41 midway between Jacaranda & River Rd.)

Saturday December 15, 2024

11:00AM -3:00PM

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

\$25.00 per person

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

Cash Bar

Payment must be received by

December 6, 2024 to secure your reservation.

Zelle: [VAOSMoney@gmail.com](mailto: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. 2, 2024 to Denise [social@vaos.org](mailto:social@vaos.org)



# 2025 ORCHID SHOW SEASON

The 2025 show season is rapidly approaching, our busiest time of the year!

## Sarasota Orchid Society Show & Sale

January 4-5

Set up Friday January 3

## VAOS Show & Sale

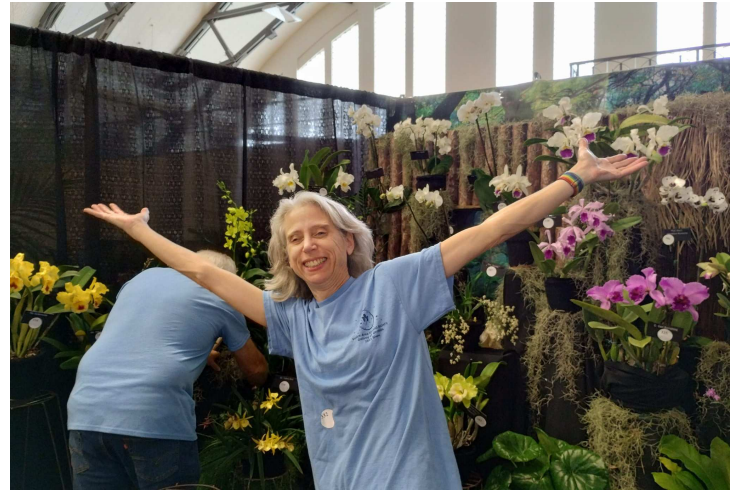
February 1-2

Set up Friday January 31

## Englewood Area Orchid Society Show & Sale

April 5 - 6

Set up Friday April 4



**VAOS Show:** We will start signing up volunteers for our show at our October 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting . We will have about 120 volunteer slots to fill and we encourage all of our members who are able to participate.

We'll need help with:

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



We will have more information as our show date approaches and we look forward to working with all of you!



*Judy Loeffler & Carol Wood*  
VAOS Show Co-chairs  
[showchair@vaos.org](mailto:showchair@vaos.org)





# **Orchid Show & Sale**

**Venice Area Orchid Society Presents**

*Orchids In Living Color*

**February 1 - 2, 2025**

**Saturday 10am - 5pm**

(displays open at 11am)

**Sunday 10am - 4pm**

**Venice Community Center**

326 S. Nokomis Ave.

Venice, Florida

**Admission \$5**

(under 10 free)

**[www.vaos.org](http://www.vaos.org)**

**Thousands of Blooming Orchids,  
Orchid Classes, Orchid Art & Supplies**

## Culture Tip: Phalaenopsis - Where do I cut the flower spike when it is finished?

**Phalaenopsis will often produce a secondary flush of flowers from a node on the inflorescence.**

Of all of the more commonly available orchids, only *Phalaenopsis* (the moth orchid) will re-bloom from its old spike. *Phalaenopsis* will generally re-bloom given a little extra care. When the last flower fades, you can leave the spike (stem) on and it will still continue flowering but the stem gets very ungainly and the flowers get smaller. Some people believe it is best to cut off the stem entirely at the base where it comes out of the leaves, and it will bloom again in several months. You can also cut off the stem leaving two nodes (those little brown lines on the stem below where the flowers were) on the stem. One of these nodes will then initiate and generally produce flowers within eight to 12 weeks. NOTE: Younger or weaker plants may not rebloom and some *Phalaenopsis* are genetically incapable of reblooming from the old spike. These are usually those that flower with branched spikes. It's always worth a try. Orchids, like animals, are susceptible to viruses, so whenever cutting an orchid plant always use a sterile tool to prevent the spread of virus. A straight edged razor blade is a good tool to use for cutting flower spikes. Good Growing!

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# Special Drawing for a VAOS Member

Submitted by: Jay Loeffler



At our September 4<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting, Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids gave his presentation on “Fertilizing your Orchids”.

After Jim gave his presentation, he had one more special for the evening. Jim donated to the raffle an orchid cross he had made. Just before the ticket was pulled for this orchid, Jim stated there was something special about this orchid. The winning ticket was drawn and our member Donna Phillips was the winner. Jim then took the microphone and told Donna that this was the first bloom of this cross. With this being the first bloom, Jim was allowing Donna Phillips to name this cross.

**This orchid is now registered with the Royal Horticultural Society as:**

Donna Phillips SunCoast *Ryc. [Blc.] Dubious George* × *E. [Epi.] phoenicea*

Florida SunCoast Orchids

		
<b>REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION/INVOICE</b>		
Florida SunCoast Orchids, Inc., USA, Registrations, 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Our Ref: P. 40587)		
<small>To save resources the Registration Authority now confirms acceptance of registrations by supplying a print out from the database. Please check the spelling of your grex epithets carefully, as this is how they will appear in print. Supplied by the Royal Horticultural Society as International Cultivar Registration Authority for Orchid Hybrids</small>		
<small>NAME</small>	<small>PARENTAGE</small>	<small>REGISTERED BY</small>
<i>Appletonara</i> Donna Phillips SunCoast	<i>Ryc. [Blc.] Dubious George</i> × <i>E. [Epi.] phoenicea</i>	Florida SunCoast Orchids (Jim Roberts)
		
Accepted by <i>Julian Shaw</i> RHS Registrar		
<small><b>Julian Shaw</b> Orchid Registrar orcereg@rhs.org.uk</small>	<small><b>Clare Pritchard</b> International Cultivated Plant Registrar (Orchids) clarepritchard@rhs.org.uk</small>	<small><b>Hannah Griffiths</b> Assistant to Orchid Registrar hannahgriffits@rhs.org.uk</small>

# Jay Loeffler Photo Composition Tips

## Continued from Last Month

### Photo Composition Tip 8: Creative with colors

Bright colors really attract the eye, especially when they're contrasted with a complementary hue. But there are other ways of creating color contrasts – by including a bright splash of color against a monochromatic background, for example. You don't need strong color contrasts to create striking pictures. The key is to be really selective about how you isolate and frame your subjects to exclude unwanted colors.



### Photo Composition Tip 9: Breaking the rules

Photo composition is like a visual language – you can use it to make your pictures pass on a specific message. Just as we use written words to create a jarring effect, we can do the same with photos by breaking with the composition rules.

Doing it by accident doesn't count, though! It's when you understand the rules of composition and then break them on purpose that things start to get interesting. It's often best to break one rule at time.

Just remember: for every rule suggested, somewhere out there is a great picture that proves you can disregard it and still produce a fantastic image!.....

Not orchid related





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 2** (1st Wednesday) General Meeting, Venice Community Center. Speaker: Edgar Stehli Topic: Angraecoids

**October 10** (2nd Thursday) Annual Orchtobberfest Potluck Dinner. Venice Community Center, 5 - 9pm See flyer this newsletter. (**No Growers Clinic in October**)

**November 1-3** Krull-Smith Fall Orchid Festival  
Info: [www.krullsmith.com](http://www.krullsmith.com)

**November 6** (1st Wednesday) General Meeting, Venice Community Center. Speaker: Mac Rivenbark Topic: Orchid Growing Outside of a Pot

**November 13** (2nd Thursday) Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Preparing Orchids For Winter and Upcoming Shows

**November 16** *Member Fall Bus Trip* to Krull Smith, Orchids in Bloom & Ecuagenera USA greenhouses in Apopka, FL. See flyer

**December 15** *Holiday Luncheon & Orchid Auction* Plantation Golf & Country Club 11am—3pm. See flyer

### **Save the Date**

. **February 1-2 VAOS Annual Orchid Show.**  
Set up Friday January 31.

### ONGOING

**Mentor Program**: help for new growers, contact Rick Belisle [Mentor@vaos.org](mailto:Mentor@vaos.org)

### AOS JUDGING

**AOS Orchid Judging—Florida North Central Judging Center.** Check Website for Schedule:  
<https://aosfncjc.wixsite.com/aos-florida-north-ce>

**Next meeting:  
October 2nd**

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