

# VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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January 2025

**January 2025**

**General Meeting**

**Wednesday January 8th**

**Speaker: Dr. Lawrence Zettler**

**Topic: Orchid Conservation in  
North America**



**Dr. Lawrence W. 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 (1987) and Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from Clemson University (1994). In 1996, he established Illinois College's Orchid Recovery Program that enlisted the help of 100+ undergraduate students to conserve rare orchids throughout the world (e.g., Florida, Hawaii, Cuba, Ecuador). He has collaborated with researchers from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in Madagascar, and is currently studying rare orchids in the Western Pacific (Palau) with researchers from SERC (<https://global.si.edu/projects/palau-orchid-conservation-initiative>). He has authored/co-authored 70+ peer-reviewed scientific publications, three book chapters, and illustrated two books in color including *Dragonflies of North America* (Scientific Publishers, 2000). His research with students has been publicized on media outlets including National Public Radio, Huffington Post, and Radio Havana Cuba. In February 2020, he presented a brief talk at the U.S. Postal Service's unveiling of the Wild Orchid stamp series at A.O.S Headquarters in Coral Gables, Florida. In 2022, he participated in the Chelsea Flower Show in London in a display that presented the late Queen Elizabeth II with a *Vanda* Platinum Jubilee Orchid. In May of 2013 he returned to Chelsea with a team of experts for a Ghost Orchid display that won a silver medal from the Royal Horticultural Society. His latest project involves a book he co-authored (Saving Orchids: Their Future in a Warming World) with Phil Seaton in the UK that they hope to publish in 2024.

This years display at the Chelsea flower show "Orchids in the Wild: The Beauty of Nature — Great Britain, Indian, North America" missed out on a gold medal by 1 point in judging.

## January Events

**January 4-5  
Sarasota Orchid  
Show**

**January 8  
General Meeting**

**January 16  
Growers Clinic**

### Quick Links:

[VAOS Officers](#)

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**Face Book Group**

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



# Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

## Sarasota Orchid Society Show

Our first orchid show of the 2025 season, the annual Sarasota Orchid Society Show and Sale.

**Plant Registration: Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, January 1st**

**Set up: Friday January 3rd, 10am – 4pm**

**Show: Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 5pm and Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 4pm**

**Take Down: Sunday January 5th, 4pm**

Location: Sarasota Municipal Auditorium: 801 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota

Your blooming plants are needed to create our display. We will collect and transport your plants to the show and ensure their safe return to you on Monday following the show.

**Drop them off by Thursday January 2nd by 5pm: Kristin Shaw, 1541 Poinciana Rd., Venice, 484-707-8674 (South Venice)**

**Or call Kristin to arrange pickup 484-707-8674**

**Or bring them to the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on Friday January 3rd before 10am**

**All plants must be registered in advance via email between Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday January 1st**

**Email your plant name with a photo or bloom size and color description to [PlantReq@VAOS.org](mailto:PlantReq@VAOS.org).**

**Look for a return email confirming your plant registration with a number to attach to your plant. This will facilitate display set up at the show.**

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease

Plants should be labeled with the plant name, the owner's name and the plant registration number provided when you register your plant

Flowers should be in prime condition to last through the weekend show. Please water your plants thoroughly and place in a box or container for transport to the show.

Volunteers are needed to transport plants and display materials to and from the Sarasota Show and to help with our display. To volunteer please contact:

Kristin Shaw, VP Displays Email: [disp@VAOS.org](mailto:disp@VAOS.org) 484-707-8674

If you have questions regarding plant registration please contact: Linda Schaller, Plant Registration Chair



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## **2025 VAOS Membership Dues**

Please pay your annual dues by **January 1<sup>st</sup>** to keep your membership active.

Dues are \$20 per household. If you joined or renewed on or after October 1st, 2024, you are paid through 2025.

You may renew at our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting or by mailing 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, send to:

[VAOSMoney@gmail.com](mailto:VAOSMoney@gmail.com)

**Make sure to note “dues” on your payment as well the member name(s)**

If there have been any changes to your contact information – phone and email address – please notify Ian & Karen Kennedy, Membership Chairs, at: [memb@VAOS.org](mailto:memb@VAOS.org)

*Submitted by Ian & Karen Kennedy, VAOS Membership Chairs*



Our Holiday Luncheon was a great success! So many wonderful items donated by our board members and vendors alike. Special thanks to the following for your assistance in preparing for this event. Sara McCartney who is a genuine support of our society. Ian & Karen Kennedy for manning the membership table, managing the payments and overall great cheerleaders! Kudos to Rick Belisle and Stephanie Luberger, our auctioneers! Natalie McKinney, Orchid Envy, Palmers Orchids for their continued support of our society.

A picture is worth a thousand words so allow these photos to speak for themselves.

I would personally like to wish each member of VAOS a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! Your time and assistance are greatly appreciated for the many events we host for our members. Your feedback and advice is always appreciated but your hands-on assistance is priceless. Thank you to all our members who dedicate their time to insure we can all benefit from their knowledge of all things "ORCHID". Our board members work diligently behind the scenes to help our society grow and prosper but your participation is the reason we strive every day to grow and bloom.

Welcome to our newest members & our friends from afar! The very best way to get the most out of your growing experience is to meet fellow orchid lovers! Our show season is a fabulous way to do just that. Don't forget to sign up for our show and sale!!! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Judy & Carol at ShowChair@VAOS.org.

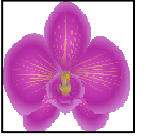
We look forward to 2025, our annual Show and Sale on February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, as well as many wonderful events for the new year to come. Stay tuned for 2025... The Best is yet to come!

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





## Monthly Quick Tip from Your Growers Clinic Team



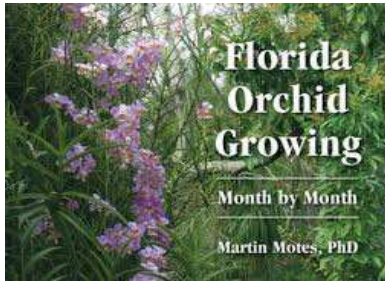
### JANUARY

- Light Watering should be done in the morning hours.
- Keep plants on the dry side.
- Be prepared for cold protection.
- Spray for mites, then spray again in 7-10 days.



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

For more information consult the [Florida Orchid Growing: Month-by-Month](#) book by Martin Motes, PhD. Available for sale at monthly VAOS meetings and annual VAOS show.



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

November 29, 2024



## Treasurer's Report



<b>OPERATING FUND</b> October 31, 2024	\$2,453.94
+ Income	6,940.00
+ Transfers from Reserve Account	3,000.00
- Expenses and Payments	(4,430.59)
<b>OPERATING FUND</b> November 29, 2024	<b>\$7,963.35</b>

**Reserve Account** November 29, 2024 - \$31,539.41

Petty Cash on hand \$75.00



## **We have 42 volunteer slots left to fill before our February annual show**

Members can sign up to volunteer for 2-3 hour time slots Friday, Saturday and Sunday and there is something for everyone. Here is where we need help:

**Front door admissions – 6 needed on Sunday**

**Show hosts – Need 16**

**Judging Clerks – 8 more needed**

**Orchid Boutique – 12 needed**

**SELL ADMISSION TICKETS** – 2.5 hr time slots Saturday & Sunday. Cashier skills required. A sit down job.

**CLERKS** - Work with AOS judges finding and pointing out plants in the exhibits and placing ribbons. A great learning experience! Saturday 7:30am – 10:30am

**ORCHID BOUTIQUE** - Sell orchid floral arrangements and accessories; sell raffle tickets; assemble floral arrangements and bouquets. 3-4 hr time slots Saturday & Sunday

**SHOW HOSTS** – Welcome attendees. Answer questions. Monitor entrances, exits & displays. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Some sit down jobs.

All members who volunteer their time receive free admission to the show, a special edition show t-shirt, great food, great camaraderie, and working in a room filled with 1000's of fragrant blooming orchids!

**We also need food donations to feed our judges, vendors and volunteers.** Bring your favorite dish Saturday or Sunday: hot or cold main dishes, casseroles, pastries, platters, desserts, etc. Bring to kitchen by 11am each day. Sign up your dish and what day.

If you would like to volunteer or sign up for additional time slots please contact Judy & Carol at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto:ShowChair@VAOS.org) or call Judy 941-488-4545 or sign up at our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. .

Please note your volunteer time slot on your calendar. We will distribute the final volunteer sign up list just prior to our February show.

**Thank you for volunteering for our show!!!**

## VAOS Annual Show 2025 Committee Volunteers List

Contact Judy & Carol at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto:ShowChair@VAOS.org) to sign up or make changes

<p><b><u>Registrar</u></b>  <b>Richard Ho*</b>                      (973-964-4871)                      Ted Kellogg</p> <p><b><u>Plant Registration:</u></b>                      Linda Schaller                      Vicki Fisher</p> <p><b><u>Display Team</u></b>  <b><u>Set up /Take down</u></b>  <b>Kristin Shaw*</b>                      (484-707-8674)                      Joan Shaw                      Stephanie Lubberger                      Rick Hindman                      Denise Langman                      Sara McCartney                      Vicki Fisher</p> <p><b><u>Show Take</u></b>  <b><u>Down Sunday</u></b>  <b><u>3:45pm -6pm</u></b>  <b>Jerry Daenzer*</b>                      (284-5001)                      Mike Mayers                      John Bozogan                      Irene Bozogan                      Jennie Brandt                      Stephanie Lubberger                      Sue Grimmer                      Steve Baker                      Michele Baker                      Savet Rosenblum                      David Rosenblum                      Alan Bozogan                      Dawn Bozogan                      Diane Kearney                      Barb Baner</p>	<p><b><u>Orchid Boutique</u></b>  <b>Kathy Kee*</b>                      (914-310-9732)</p> <p>Don Stoecker                      Pat Stoecker</p> <p><b><u>Saturday 9:45am-1:00pm</u></b>                      Michelle Salter                      David Rosenblum                      Savet Rosenblum                      X _____                      X _____</p> <p><b><u>Saturday 1pm-5pm</u></b>                      Susan Clark                      X _____                      X _____                      X _____</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 9:45am – 1:00pm</u></b>                      Barb Baner                      Sue Grimmer                      X _____                      X _____                      X _____</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 1:pm – 5:00pm</u></b>                      Jennie Brandt                      X _____                      X _____                      X _____                      X _____</p>	<p><b><u>Clerks</u></b>  <b>Sara McCartney</b>                      (275-0352)</p> <p><b><u>Saturday 7:30 – 10:30am</u></b>                      Sue Seidenfeld                      Mike Mayers                      Rick Hindman                      Irene Bozogan                      Cathy Adair                      Tracie Cady                      Steve Wiener                      Diane Kearney                      Mira Rivest                      Ron Lerigo                      Linda Schaller                      Diane Lerigo                      Pat Kearney                      Denice Langman                      Sherry Beck                      X _____                      X _____                      X _____                      X _____                      X _____                      X _____</p>	<p><b><u>Membership Table</u></b>  <b>Ian &amp; Karen Kennedy*</b>                      (203) 241-4793</p> <p><b><u>Saturday 9:45am-1pm</u></b>                      Ginny Thompson                      Richard Ho                      Vicki Fisher</p> <p><b><u>Saturday 1:00pm – 5pm</u></b>                      Camille Rutan                      Ginny Thompson                      Steve Wiener</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 9:45am – 1:00pm</u></b>                      Ginny Thompson                      Vicki Fisher                      Cynthia Vance</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 1:00pm – 4pm</u></b>                      Ginny Thompson                      Paul Gillespie</p> <p><b><u>Arts &amp; Crafts</u></b>  <b><u>Set Up/Take Down</u></b>                      Barb Baner*(920-265-8261                      Diane Kearney*(217 - 355-0399</p>
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<p><b><u>Hospitality Staff</u></b>  <b>Naoki Kawamura*</b>            (503-539-1760)</p> <p><b><u>Friday 10am – 6pm</u></b>  <b><u>Saturday 7:30am – 3pm</u></b>  <b><u>Sunday 8am – 2pm</u></b>            Janet Keown            Don Posegate</p> <p><b><u>Road Signage</u></b>            Angela Hitts*            (468 5761)            Rich Hitts</p> <p><b><u>Show Set Up</u></b>  <b>Jerry Daenzer*</b>            (284-5001)</p> <p><b><u>Friday 11:30 a.m. - 2pm</u></b>            Denise Stites            Mike Mayers            John Bozogan            Irene Bozogan            Gail Bond            Barb Baner            Bonnie Bannar            Steve Baker            Michele Baker            Pat Kerney            Alan Bozogan            Dawn Bozogan</p>	<p><b><u>Show Hosts</u></b>  <b>Steve &amp; Michele Baker *</b>(468-5903)</p> <p><b><u>Show Hosts</u></b>  <b><u>Friday 1pm – 4pm</u></b>            Sara Fiorille            X _____</p> <p><b><u>Show Hosts</u></b>  <b><u>Friday 4pm – 7pm</u></b>            X _____</p> <p><b><u>Show Hosts</u></b>  <b><u>Saturday 9:45am-12:15pm:</u></b>            Sara Florille            Da’rell Placek            Rocco Deluca            Lori Straits            Bob Blaszczak            Patty Cuddihy</p> <p><b><u>Show Hosts</u></b>  <b><u>Saturday 12-2:45pm:</u></b>            Kelly McWilliams            Scott McWilliams            Bonnie Banner            Paul Gillespie            X _____            X _____            X _____</p>	<p><b><u>Show Hosts</u></b>  <b><u>Saturday 2:30-5pm:</u></b>            Da’rell Placek            X _____            X _____            X _____            X _____            X _____</p> <p><b><u>Show Hosts</u></b>  <b><u>Sunday 9:45am-1pm:</u></b>            Da’rell Placek            Lori Straits            X _____            X _____            X _____            X _____</p> <p><b><u>Show Hosts</u></b>  <b><u>Sunday 12:45 – 4:30pm</u></b>            Sara Northup            Kelly McWilliams            Scott McWilliams            Sue Grimmer            Sherry Beck            X _____</p> <p><b><u>Admissions</u></b>  <b>Bridget Kleindienst</b>            (908 591 6886)  <b><u>Saturday 9:45am - 12:15p</u></b>            Scott Gardner            Jennifer Gardner            Sue Grimmer            Pauline Adams            Sherry Beck</p>	<p><b><u>ADMISSIONS</u></b>  <b><u>Saturday 12- 2:45pm:</u></b>            Barb Baner            Martha Koehnlein            Gail Bond            Peggy Parks            Mark Silvermintz  <b><u>Saturday 2:30- 5pm:</u></b>            Michelle Satter            Da’rell Placek            Avram White Rogers            Martha Koehnlein            Sharon Kahnoski  <b><u>Sunday 9:45am- 12:00pm:</u></b>            Denise Stites            Jennifer Gardner            Scott Gardner            Sharon Kahnoski            X _____</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 11:45am – 2:30pm</u></b>            Martha Koehnlein            Diane Lerigo            Ron Lerigo            X _____            X _____</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 2:15 – 4pm</u></b>            Da’rell Placek            Martha Koehnlein            X _____            X _____            X _____</p>
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## VAOS SHOW ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBIT – HOW TO ENTER

The Arts & Crafts Exhibit is a popular component of our annual show. Members may enter and display their orchid – related artwork and crafts for AOS judging and awards. Every year we invite our members and members of other participating orchid societies to display their artwork. 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.

**How to Enter:** Bring your artwork to the community center on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> between 1pm and 3pm. Enter through the rear door, check in, and proceed to the left side of the stage. Arts & Crafts staff will assist you in registering your artwork.

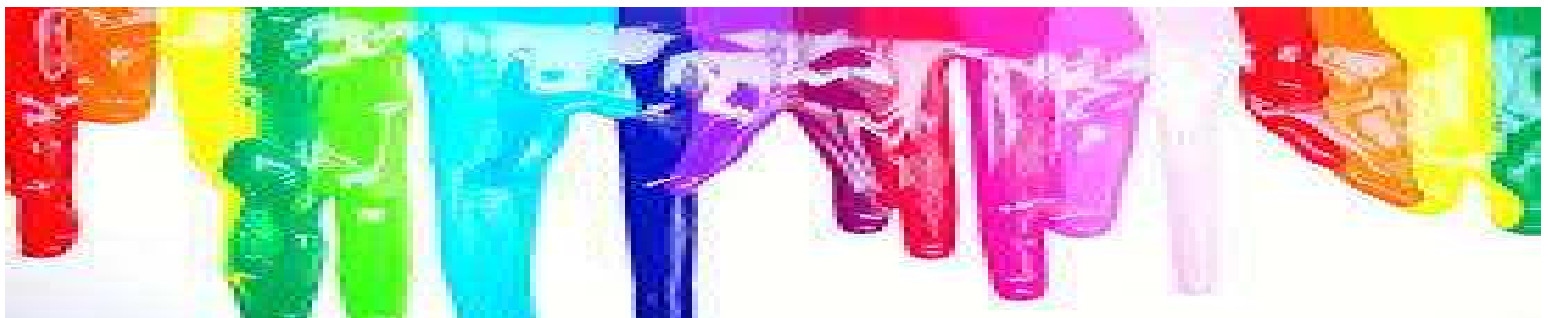
Don't forget to bring easels or display stands, labeled with your name, if required for display.

You may enter up to three (3) items

VAOS Show Hosts will be stationed nearby to discourage our guests from touching the artwork.

Items may be sold but may not be removed from the display until the end of the show on Sunday. Pick up your artwork at 4pm on Sunday.

Contact Carol at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto:ShowChair@VAOS.org) if questions.



# 2025 ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW SCHEDULE

## Sarasota Orchid Society (January 2025)

Friday Set up Jan 3rd – 10am – 4pm

Saturday Show Jan 4th - 9am - 5pm

Sunday Show Jan 5th - 10am - 4pm

Sunday Take Down Jan 5th – 4pm

Location: Sarasota Municipal Auditorium: 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Theme: Orchid Delirium

Show Chair: Dennis Barth [Dennisbarthla@gmail.com](mailto:Dennisbarthla@gmail.com)

## Venice Area Orchid Society (February 2025)

Friday Set Up Jan 31st – 1pm – 7pm

Saturday Show Feb 1st - 10am - 5pm

Sunday Show Feb 2nd - 10am - 4pm

Sunday Take Down Feb 2nd – 4pm

Location: Venice Community Center: 326 So. Nokomis Ave., Venice

Theme: Orchids In Living Color

Show Chairs: Judy Loeffler & Carol Wood [ShowChair@vaos.org](mailto:ShowChair@vaos.org)

## Englewood Area Orchid Society (April 2025)

Saturday Show Apr 5<sup>th</sup> - 10am - 4pm

Sunday Show Apr 6<sup>th</sup> - 10am - 4pm

Location: Englewood Sports Complex: 1300 S. River Rd., Englewood

Show Chair: Natasha Romero [JustOneMoreOrchid@hotmail.com](mailto:JustOneMoreOrchid@hotmail.com)

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## January Growers Clinic - Dendrobiums

The **January 16<sup>th</sup>** Growers Clinic will start with a presentation and discussion on the Culture Basics of growing those beautiful and varied Dendrobiums! We'll then move into 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! 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*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **January 4-5 Sarasota Orchid Society Show**

Set up Friday January 3rd

### **January 8 General Meeting**, Venice

Community Center. Speaker: Dr. L. Zettler

Topic: Orchid Conservation in N. America

### **January 16 Growers Clinic**, Venice

Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Dendrobiums

### **January 17-19 Tamiami International Orchid**

Festival Info: [tamiamiorchidfestival.com](http://tamiamiorchidfestival.com)

### **January 24-26 Apopka International Winter**

Orchid Festival Info: [www.krullsmith.com](http://www.krullsmith.com)

### **February 1-2 VAOS Annual Orchid Show.**

Set up Friday January 31.

### **February 5 General Meeting**, Venice

Community Center. Speaker: Keith Emig Topic:

I Know My Plant is Awardable

### **February 13 Growers Clinic**, Venice

Community Center, 7pm. Topic: Orchids 101

Basic Orchid Culture

### 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:**

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

**Next meeting:**

**January 8**

## Contact Us

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## **President**

**Judy Loeffler** [pres@vaos.org](mailto:pres@vaos.org)

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**Ian & Karen Kennedy**

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