

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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February 2025

February 2025 General Meeting

Wednesday February 5th
Doors Open: 6:30pm
Venice Community Center
Speaker: Keith Emig
Topic: I Know My Plant is Awardable



This orchid journey all started with a trip to the dentist where, on the receptionist's desk, there was a small plant with three leaves and an inflorescence with twenty blooms suspended above in a beautifully presented fashion. When asked, the receptionist replied that the dentist grew this orchid, and he was an orchid hobbyist. This multi floral Phalaenopsis captured my attention and it was on. Orchid fever is infectious, and all possible information and practice plants acquirable were obtained and the endless experimentation to better grow and flower these plants was a driving uncontrollable force.

As the passion grew, joining our local orchid society and the American Orchid Society opened the orchid world's secrets. There is no substitute for the company of other infected souls, with whom to share this fever. Soon the passion of combining the attributes of two beautiful plants, by cross pollinating, stimulated the imagination. The flasking case was built and has been a fixture in the kitchen for almost 20 years now. Over 1000 seed pods have been flasked to this point and it seems each season there is some new cross that has more exciting possibilities than anything before. We have now registered plants in the Oncidium, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Vanda, and Dendrobium alliances, and have created our own genera (Emigara). In recent years we've enjoyed going to judging and seeing everyone's beautiful plants and bringing some of our plants too. We've been excited to have received over 50 flower quality awards, so far, including 9 awards on our original crosses.

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February Events

February 1-2
Venice Orchid Show

February 5
General Meeting

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Growers Clinic

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



Keith Emig Bio Continued

It has been a great pleasure to have served on the board of directors of the Ridge Orchid Society for over a decade, including at least 7 terms as President. The highlight is the fellowship of the membership and sharing the passion of orchids with the orchid community.

Be sure to check out Keith's article in the March 2017 Orchids magazine (pg 208). It is titled Luck of the Draw.

Winter Haven Orchid Nursery We can be found on social media at fb.com/whorchids or

Instagram.com/wh_orchids

Keith will have orchids for sale



2025 VAOS Membership Dues

Renew your annual dues now 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 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

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

Submitted by Ian & Karen Kennedy, VAOS Membership Chairs

Your Blooming Plants Are Needed!

VAOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale

Our annual show is just two weeks away! A key component of our show is the elaborate exhibits constructed by society display teams and 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 build a quality exhibit and you may bring home an award for your plant!

All plants must be registered in advance via email between Sunday January 26th and Wednesday January 29st.

Email your plant name with a photo of the flower or color description and flower size to PlantReg@VAOS.org. Include your phone number.

Look for a return email confirming your plant registration with an entry number. Attach your name and this number to the side of your orchid pot. This will facilitate display set up and take down at the show.

Bring your plants to the Venice Community Center on Friday, January 31st, between 12pm – 1pm. Enter through the rear entrance and you will be directed to the plant drop off area.

Pick up your plants on Sunday, February 2nd, at 4:15pm at the VAOS exhibit.

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

Plants should be labeled with the plant name, owner's name and plant entry number

Flowers should be in prime condition to last through the weekend show. Please water your plants thoroughly.

If you need to make alternative arrangements to transport your plants to the show contact Kristin Shaw, VP Displays 484-707-8674 or disp@VAOS.org

Plant Registration Questions: Linda Schaller 815-222-0319

Email: PlantReg@VAOS.org

VAOS SHOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers should enter through the rear entrance. Michele or Steve will verify your assignment from our list and provide directions. Please wear your name tag.

Show **t-shirts** will be distributed from the Membership Table to VAOS members who volunteer their time to work at our show. **(Please be sure your membership is up to date).**

Your committee chair will have **instructions** for your assignment when you arrive. Please read them carefully before starting your assignment.

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 on **Friday** set up day in the ballroom. Please – no noise, no loud talking during the lecture.

Parking Volunteers 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.

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

Food – More food needed! – sign up at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto>ShowChair@VAOS.org). Bring to the kitchen by 11am Saturday and Sunday. Label your pans/dishes with your name

Please enjoy food and drink in our kitchen throughout the show weekend. The **kitchen will close** mid-morning on Saturday to prepare for and serve the AOS judges luncheon and will then reopen. During that time drinks and snacks will be available in the dining room.

Show attendees are our guests and we are famous for our army of friendly volunteers. **Greet our guests with a smile! Refer any questions you can't answer to the Membership Table.**



SHOW VOLUNTEER LIST

The volunteer list appears on the following two pages. Please note your date and time and contact us at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto>ShowChair@VAOS.org) if you need to make changes. We have eight (8) more volunteer slots to fill if you can help.

Thank you for volunteering!

VAOS Annual Show 2025 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) <i>Janet Keown</i> <i>Don Posegate</i></p> <p><u>Road Signage</u> <i>Angela Hitts*</i> (468 5761) <i>Rich Hitts</i></p> <p><u>Show Set Up</u> Jerry Daenzer* (284-5001)</p> <p><u>Friday 11:30 a.m. - 2pm</u> Denise Stites Mike Mayers John Bozogan Irene Bozogan Gail Bond Barb Baner Steve Baker Michele Baker Pat Kerney Alan Bozogan Dawn Bozogan Stephanie Lubberger Barb Anema Peggy Parks</p>	<p><u>Show Hosts</u> Steve & Michele Baker*(468-5903)</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> Friday 1pm – 4pm Sara Fiorille X _____</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> Friday 4pm – 7pm Robin Waters</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> Saturday 9:45am-12:15pm: Sara Florille Da'rell Placek Rocco Deluca Lori Straits Bob Blaszczak Patty Cuddihy</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> Saturday 12-2:45pm: Kelly McWilliams Scott McWilliams Bonnie Banner Paul Gillespie Sybil Levien Frank Bednorski Carol DeVirgilio</p>	<p><u>Show Hosts</u> Saturday 2:30-5pm: Da'rell Placek Karen Banister Sue Gaudette X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> Sunday 9:45am-1pm: Da'rell Placek Lori Straits Ann Bedell Barbara Anema Tim Ivins Frank Bednarski Joy Satterlee</p> <p><u>Show Hosts</u> Sunday 12:45 – 4:30pm Sara Northup Kelly McWilliams Scott McWilliams Sue Grimmer Sherry Beck X _____</p> <p><u>Admissions</u> Bridget Kleindienst (908 591 6886) Saturday 9:45am - 12:15p Scott Gardner Jennifer Gardner Sue Grimmer Pauline Adams Sherry Beck</p>	<p><u>ADMISSIONS</u> Saturday 12- 2:45pm: Barb Baner Martha Koehnlein Gail Bond Peggy Parks Mark Silvermintz</p> <p><u>Saturday 2:30- 5pm:</u> Michelle Satter Da'rell Placek Avram White Rogers Martha Koehnlein Sharon Kahnoski</p> <p><u>Sunday 9:45am- 12:00pm:</u> Denise Stites Jennifer Gardner Scott Gardner Sharon Kahnoski Barbara Anema</p> <p><u>Sunday 11:45am – 2:30pm</u> Martha Koehnlein Diane Lerigo Ron Lerigo Marilyn Kalal X _____</p> <p><u>Sunday 2:15 – 4pm</u> Da'rell Placek Martha Koehnlein Helen Volonakis Sharon Beacham Becky Murray</p>
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VAOS Annual Show 2025 Committee Volunteers List

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

<p><u>Display Team</u> <u>Set up /Take down</u> <i>Kristin Shaw*</i> <i>(484-707-8674)</i> <i>Joan Shaw</i> <i>Stephanie Luberger</i> <i>Rick Hindman</i> <i>Denise Langman</i> <i>Sara McCartney</i> <i>Vicki Fisher</i></p> <p><u>Show Take</u> <u>Down Sunday</u> <u>3:45pm -6pm</u> <i>Jerry Daenzer*</i> <i>(284-5001)</i> <i>Mike Mayers</i> <i>John Bozogan</i> <i>Irene Bozogan</i> <i>Jennie Brandt</i> <i>Stephanie Luberger</i> <i>Sue Grimmer</i> <i>Steve Baker</i> <i>Michele Baker</i> <i>Savet Rosenblum</i> <i>David Rosenblum</i> <i>Alan Bozogan</i> <i>Dawn Bozogan</i> <i>Sharon Kahnoski</i> <i>Barbara Anema</i></p>	<p><u>Orchid Boutique</u> <i>Kathy Kee*</i> <i>(914-310-9732)</i> <i>Karen Mann</i> <i>Don Stoecker</i> <i>Pat Stoecker</i> <i>Ingrid Lehman</i> <i>Sybil Levien</i> <i>Mike Mayers</i> <i>Irene Thimm</i></p> <p><u>Saturday 9:45am-1:00pm</u> <i>Michelle Salter</i> <i>David Rosenblum</i> <i>Savet Rosenblum</i> <i>Kathy Cone</i> <i>Doris Wall</i> <i>Barb Kantorski</i></p> <p><u>Saturday 1pm-5pm</u> <i>Susan Clark</i> <i>Clare Vichich</i> <i>Diane Burns</i></p> <p><u>Sunday 9:45am – 1:00pm</u> <i>Barb Baner</i> <i>Sue Grimmer</i> <i>Barb Kantorski</i></p> <p><u>Sunday 1:pm – 5:00pm</u> <i>Jennie Brandt</i></p>	<p><u>Clerks</u> <i>Sara McCartney</i> <i>(275-0352)</i> <u>Saturday 7:30 – 10:30am</u> <i>Sue Seidenfeld</i> <i>Mike Mayers</i> <i>Rick Hindman</i> <i>Irene Bozogan</i> <i>Cathy Adair</i> <i>Tracie Cady</i> <i>Steve Wiener</i> <i>Diane Kearney</i> <i>Mira Rivest</i> <i>Ron Lerigo</i> <i>Linda Schaller</i> <i>Diane Lerigo</i> <i>Pat Kearney</i> <i>Denice Langman</i> <i>Sherry Beck</i> <i>Michelle Speyrer</i> <i>Mary Keating-Scott</i> <i>Craig Black</i> <i>Ed Murphy</i> <i>Doris Wall</i> <i>Sharon Kahnoski</i> <i>Jeannie Blatz</i> <u>X</u></p>	<p><u>Membership Table</u> <i>Ian & Karen Kennedy*</i> <i>(203) 241-4793</i></p> <p><u>Saturday 9:45am-1pm</u> <i>Ginny Thompson</i> <i>Richard Ho</i> <i>Vicki Fisher</i></p> <p><u>Saturday 1:00pm – 5pm</u> <i>Camille Rutan</i> <i>Ginny Thompson</i> <i>Steve Wiener</i></p> <p><u>Sunday 9:45am – 1:00pm</u> <i>Ginny Thompson</i> <i>Vicki Fisher</i> <i>Cynthia Vance</i></p> <p><u>Sunday 1:00pm – 4pm</u> <i>Ginny Thompson</i> <i>Paul Gillespie</i></p> <p><u>Arts & Crafts</u> <u>Set Up/Take Down</u> <i>Barb Baner*(920-265-8261</i> <i>Diane Kearney*(217 - 355-0399</i></p> <p><u>Registrar</u> <i>Richard Ho*</i> <i>(973-964-4871)</i> <i>Linda Schaller</i> <i>Vicki Fisher</i></p>
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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PLANT FOR THE SHOW

Groom Your Plant:

Remove dead or brown leaves and pseudobulbs from the plant. Clean the pseudobulbs and leaves (water helps to soften the dry papery covering around pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off). Trim dead areas from leaves. Cut following the basic shape of the natural leaf ending if possible.

Wipe the top of the leaves (vinegar, lemon juice, sprite, 7 up, etc.) to remove residue. Do not use commercial spray to shine the leaves.

Make sure the media in the container is clean. Remove trash, debris, dead leaves or stems and weeds from the pot.

Pests or Diseases:

While prepping orchids for a display, check for pests and disease. Check the leaves and pseudobulbs for a white cottony substance, an indication of mealybugs. Hard, whitish bumps may mean scale and if any are found remove them with alcohol and a Q-tip. If there is a bad infestation, do not bring the plant to the show. Check for other pests such as snails, slugs and ants. Inspect the flowers for thrips and other damage. If a flower is marred by spots it is better to leave the plant at home.

Stakes:

Carefully stake the spike that will present the flowers to their best advantage. If you can plan ahead of time, it is best to stake the spike as it emerges ;an older spike is harder and can break off easier.

These are often needed to support the flower spike but should not distract the eye. Keep them looking as natural as possible. Stakes should not protrude beyond the top of the last bloom flower, but should allow the flowers to be kept away from the foliage. It may also protect the flower spike from damage during travel to the show.

Remove any wire hangers, hoops, etc. Water each plant thoroughly before bringing to the show. If the plant is in a plastic pot, drop it into a clay pot for stability. Place each plant carefully in a large box or container for transport. To keep the plants from moving around you can put rolled newspapers around the pots.

Labels:

Ensure your plant has its name tag. Also tape a piece of masking tape with your name on it to the side of pot. This is how the Team knows the plant owner so it will be returned to you. All plants must be registered in advance via email prior to setup day See Plant Registration Instructions.

Jay Loeffler

ORCHID BOUTIQUE WOULD LIKE YOUR GREENS for our 'Living Color' Arrangements

Interesting or colorful foliage brings more sales for Boutique floral arrangements during the show. If you have something interesting or **colorful** please share it with Orchid Boutique. Hardy, long-lasting greens such as: mini palm fronds, croton, ti, and ginger leaves are great design elements. How about some ferns, ivy, papyrus stems? A handful of Short to Medium stalks work best, as most containers are 12" or less.

Please enter the back doors by the kitchen with your greens on **Friday, January 31** from 11:00 - 4:00 or **Saturday, February 1** from 9:00 to noon. Orchid Boutique is across from the kitchen.

The foliage should be in a container--bucket, gallon milk jug, plastic cup, etc. -- that has some water in it. Any container with a name on it will be returned to you.

The Orchid Boutique has been an important component of our annual show for the past 25 years.

Talented volunteers create and sell orchid arrangements in collectible containers as well as other orchid accessories. They also create orchid bouquets that we give to handicapped guests at our show.

Questions? Call Karen Mann 203-232-6056

Thank you,
Orchid Boutique Team



It is with heavy hearts that we honor and say goodbye to Jane Camarota, a longtime member of the Venice Area Orchid Society. Jane passed peacefully on January 17th at Bay Village of Sarasota. Jane was a member of the Venice Area Orchid Society for 25 years. Jane was very instrumental in organizing and leading the Orchid Boutique Booth at the annual Orchid Show. She will be missed but her orchids will live on!



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 31st 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 guests from touching 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 4:15pm on Sunday.**

Contact Carol at ShowChair@VAOS.org if questions.





We are all so excited for our VAOS Show & Sale right around the corner! February 1 & 2, 2025. This is where the magic happens, new orchids, new friends and new learning opportunities. Greatest Orchid Show & Sale on the West Coast of Florida!!! Tell all your friends and share the joy of Orchids.

I would like to take a moment to share with each of you the gratitude I have personally for Judy Loeffler and Carol Wood, Co-Chairs of our society's Annual Show & Sale.

These two ladies work endlessly all year to ensure each aspect of the show is on point with the expectations of judges, guests and most importantly, our members. When you see these ladies, take a moment to thank them personally for their time and efforts!

Save the date for our postponed "**Potluck Dinner**" to be held at the VCC on **Monday March 17, 2025**, from 5:00PM-8:00PM. This is the Orchid Bingo and dinner we originally scheduled in October when Hurricane Milton decided to visit. Sign-up sheets will be available at our next Monthly Meeting on Wednesday February 5, 2025 at 7:00PM.

Our calendar of events will be posted after the show to include our **Member Plant Sale** at Blalock Park, the **Member Show Them Where You Grow Them** event and other great social events.

Any questions or ideas about our social events can be directed to Denise at **Social@VAOS.org**.

Looking forward to a fabulous 2025 Show & Sale!!!

Respectfully Submitted, Denise M Langman, VP Social VAOS

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)

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

2025 VAOS ORCHID SHOW & SALE

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2025

The Venice Area Orchid Society (VAOS) will present our 58th annual show and sale at the Venice Community Center in beautiful downtown Venice, FL on February 1-2, 2025. Our show theme this year is "Orchids In Living Color". Sixteen vendors will exhibit and sell 1000' s of blooming orchid plants as well as orchid floral arrangements, artwork, jewelry, accessories and supplies. The show is widely regarded as the most popular orchid show on Florida's west coast and comes just before Valentine's Day.

This major community event is expected to draw over 4000 attendees. Nationally recognized growers will exhibit and sell orchids. They include:

- Accent Orchids
- Miranda Orchids
- Bredren Orchids
- Florida SunCoast Orchids
- Gold Country Orchids
- Krull-Smith
- Mac's Orchids
- Florida Orchid House
- Odom's Orchids
- Palmer Orchids
- Plantio La Orquidea

Artists and Supply Vendors include:

- OFE International Orchid Supplies
- Joanna's Orchid Pottery
- Orchid Envy
- Just One More Orchid
- Pats' Orchid Baskets & Mounts
- The VAOS Orchid Boutique
- Arts & Crafts Display

The Venice Area Orchid Society is one of the largest and most active orchid societies in the U.S. with more than 400 members. Our mission is to foster orchid growing, to provide a forum for orchid exhibition, to promote orchid conservation, and to share the knowledge and experience of growers and hobbyists. We are an affiliate of the American Orchid Society. Our annual show is our major fund raising event and is always held the first full weekend in February at the Venice Community Center in downtown Venice.

Venice Community Center 326 S. Nokomis Ave. Venice Florida

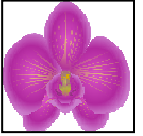
Saturday 10am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 4pm

\$5 Admission Free Parking

Contact ShowChair@VAOS.org for more information



Monthly Quick Tip from Your Growers Clinic Team



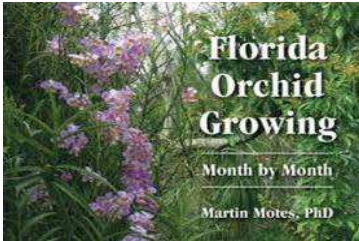
FEBRUARY

- 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 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



Treasurer's Report



December 31, 2024

OPERATING FUND November 29, 2024	\$7,963.35
+ Income	5,459.00
+/- Transfers from Reserve Account	0
- Expenses and Payments	(5,064.13)
OPERATING FUND December 31, 2024	\$8,358.22

Reserve Account December 31, 2024 - \$31,539.68

Petty Cash on hand \$75.00

Submitted by Ian Kennedy, Treasurer

SARASOTA ORCHID SHOW RECAP

Show season is here again! And Venice Area Orchid Society started it off right! We took the first place ribbon for our display, as well as a Silver certificate from the American Orchid Society (AOS) with a score of 85 points. This came as a surprise to all of us, as it only came to light after the fact. The team consisted of myself, the plant registration and label duo, Linda Schaller and Vicki Fisher, Rick Hindman, Irene Bozogan, John Bozogan, Dawn Bozogan, Joanna Shaw, Denise Langman, Sarah McCartney, Janet Keown, and Madame President Judy Loeffler.

We started off center with our whites, going with yellows to oranges off to the left, bringing the pinks along the right side, with many beautiful specimen sized plants. Accented with lush greenery, many people said they wanted to walk right in and get lost within.

The ribbon awards summary follows. We had several best in class trophies. Joanna Shaw had the best large Cattleya, Tony Nacinovich best Laelia, and Irene Bozogan's show stopping Dendrobium won best specimen hybrid and show Grand Champion. Several plants were pulled for AOS judging, with one plant being awarded. Paul Gillespie got an AM with 83 points for his Cty Green Dragon!

Once again, I would like to thank the team, and everyone who so generously shared their plants with us. YOU are what makes this society so wonderful.

A special thank you to Jay Loeffler, who has been a mentor and sounding board through it all.

Kristin Shaw, VAOS VP Displays



SARASOTA ORCHID SHOW

VAOS RIBBON AND TROPHY WINNERS

Fifteen VAOS members entered their plants in the Sarasota Orchid Show last month and took home 32 ribbons and five trophies. Well done! Their plants also resulted in our exhibit being awarded first place! Ribbon and trophy winners are:

Rick Belisle – 1 blue ribbon

Irene Bozogan – Blue ribbon and trophy “Best Specimen Hybrid” for her plant Den. Cherry Dancer ‘My Joy’. Her plant was also awarded Grand Champion! Congrats Irene!

Peg Fahrenback – 1 blue ribbon

Vicki Fisher – 1 blue and 1 red ribbon

Paul Gillespie – 3 blue and 1 red ribbon

Richard Hindman – 1 yellow ribbon

BiBiche Knauf – 1 blue ribbon

Francena Monell-Simard – 1 red and 2 yellow ribbons

Tony Nacinovich – 1 blue, 1 red and 3 yellow ribbons and trophy “Best in Laeliinae Alliance” for his plant Bct. Booth Lee ‘Venice’

Jean Phillips – 1 blue and 1 red ribbon

Maria Ruano – 2 red ribbons

Joanna Shaw – 4 blue and 3 red ribbons and trophy “Best Cattleya Group” for her plant Rlc. Alma Kee ‘Tipmalee’

Kristin Shaw – 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon and trophy “Best Phalaenopsis” for her plant Phal. Younghome Snow Season

VAOS Exhibit – First place exhibit blue ribbon. Congrats Kristin and team!

Thank you to all who entered their plants and contributed to our first place exhibit and congratulations on your awards! We encourage all of our members to enter their blooming plants for our show.





General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

7:02 Judy Loeffler called the meeting to order. Welcomed new members and gave a brief overview of how the meetings go.

Congratulations to our display team for taking first place in the Sarasota Orchid show. Thank you to all who took part and for all of your hard work. We had several people who took home ribbons as well for their personal plants.

Judy took a few minutes to go over the upcoming show. She went through our needs for food as well as more people to volunteer.

7:16 Judy gave the bio for the nights speak Dr. Lawrence Zettler.

7:18 Dr. Lawrence Zettler took the floor and gave his instructions to his special guests. Then he went into his nights program.

8:08 Judy advised we would take a break and reminded everyone to vote on the plants on the front table and please get your raffle tickets from Janet and Don in the back.

8:25 Joanna, Vicki and Kristin went over the plant tables winners

8:40 Janet and Don took over to do the raffle

9:03 Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Michele Baker, VAOS Secretary

February Growers Clinic—Orchids 101

Our next Growers Clinic, **February 13th**, 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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

February 21-23 Naples Orchid Society Show
Info: NaplesOrchidSociety.org

March 5 General Meeting, Venice
Community Center. Speaker: Rick Belisle
Topic: Welcome to VAOS

March 13 Growers Clinic, Venice Community
Center, 7pm. Topic: Orchid Basics

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 5**

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