



# Vero Beach Orchid Society

July 2025



## Speaker – Thanh Nguyen

Thanh Nguyen is the owner-operator of Springwater Orchids (Melbourne, FL). He was an engineer by trade, but also has been collecting and growing orchids for 35 years. His orchid business began in 2001, mainly selling on the internet but gradually moved to orchid shows in recent years.

Thanh loves orchid species. And although he grows and sells all orchid genera, his forte has always been the genus *Paphiopedilum*. He collects fine plants; grows, sells, breeds, and enjoys sharing his experiences with his customers and colleagues. His passion in paphs resulted in numerous award-winning plants and an on-going paph breeding program using local lab work, and local growing environment. His goals are to bring the excellence of a paphs breeding program back to America, and augment the enthusiasm of paph growing by way of sharing his growing experience and educational programs via shows and society speeches. You will see these goals reflected in his breeding program with well thought process to target various audiences; from easy growing/flowering plants to state-of-the-art breeding catered to the most difficult collectors' interest, in parallel with conservation of breeding species, improving overall plant and flower quality, broaden their growing conditions to make growing paphs a joy, not an aggravation!

Thanh will speak to the group about mounting orchids at our July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Hope you can all make it. Thanh will also bring plants for the raffle table and sales.

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### Editor's Note

The board has tentatively decided on a bus trip, but we will need to have your input before we make the arrangements. The trips choices were Tamiami, or Sarasota. Tamiami, the total for the bus would be about \$1800.00, would be to a show at the cost of around \$35 per person, Sarasota would be for a ramble to different vendors (\$2800.00 for the bus) at a cost of about \$60 per person. We need to ensure we can fill the bus between our society and the other local societies before we actually reserve it. If you're not at the meeting, please let us know via this email if you are positively interested. Thanks.

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DUES FOR 2025: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00

FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JULY 17TH AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**