



# Vero Beach Orchid Society



May 2023

## May Activity – Picnic at Hobart Park

This month we will be thanking all our members for their help throughout the year, and most especially during our show, with a picnic. We have so many members who have been willing to give up their time and talents to make our show, and our society, extraordinarily successful.

The picnic will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30am at the Kiwanis Hobart Park. The address of the park is on 77th St, in Vero Beach, FL. It is on the south side of 77<sup>th</sup> just to the east of 66<sup>th</sup>. When I was past there last, the sign in front of the park was missing, but there is the wooden structure to hold the sign still there.

We are asking each of you who will be attending to bring a dish to share with you, either a side dish or dessert, the society will provide hamburgers, rolls, paper products and non-alcoholic beverages, aka soft drinks. If you have a limited diet that requires you to have a specific regimen, please bring your own but still join us to get better acquainted with some new members.

Our meeting will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Our speaker for June will be Serena Roman, known as Lady Vanda. Her subject will be Vandas. There will be more information in the newsletter next month. There will be raffle plants. Hope to see you all there. A reminder for those of you who signed up to bring refreshments, if you cannot make it, please let us know in advance.

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### Show Report

I wish to humbly give my thanks to all who participated in the preparations, setup, and execution for our show. You all did a fantastic job of working together to create a well-oiled machine, in spite of the few hiccups we had. Paul is working on the final figures, and we will know by the May board meeting, and possibly sooner, what the bottom line is for our society. Whatever it happens to be, you all are to be complimented. You did a fabulous job!

There were a lot of additional expenses we had to contend with this year that have not been needed for many years, or even never before. We needed to buy new signs that go along the roads. A dumpster was required because of the food vendor we had this year. Our usual security people were not available this year, so we had to pay for security that we have not had to in the past. But I am confident even with those additional expenses, we will still have a great result.

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### Editor's Note

A big thanks to Cathy for her wonderful demonstration and hint to create orchid arrangements. Beautiful!

We have a vacancy on the board that we need to fill. Susan Scott can no longer serve, so we will need a volunteer for her position. There are not a lot of additional duties in a board position except to attend the monthly board meeting, and if you can, volunteer to do other small tasks in relation to the running of the society. So, if you happen to have the first Monday night available and would like something to do in support of the society, we can use your help.

We still need somebody who has the knowledge to update and maintain a web page and society social media accounts. So, if anybody knows this kind of work, we would appreciate your volunteering.

Planning for the Christmas party has been ongoing. Cathy is getting a jump on the plan to look for some new options that will be in the same price range as last year. Because of all the economic factors facing us all, the food service and catering costs have also risen. So, she is working to find a nice venue and wonderful meals for us. She is "auditioning" places by arranging to have dinner at them so we can have an idea of the quality they will provide for the price.

The first one will be this month, and several board members will be joining her for the taste test. The menu is mostly Italian cuisine, we will be served (as opposed to a buffet). The menu will include a salad with bread before the entree and a dessert afterwards. So, if you see the board members getting fat over the next few months, you will know she is found some great ideas for the party. If any other members would like to attend the restaurant audition, please let me know at this email address, and we will let you know the details.



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DUES FOR 2023: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00

FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

**REMEMBER, THE PICNIC WILL BE ON MAY 20TH, AT 11:30 AT HOBART PARK.  
OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JUNE 15TH AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN  
RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL  
START AT 7:00 PM**