



Vero Beach Orchid Society



June 2023

June Speaker –
Serena Roman
The Vanda Lady

Hello, my name is Serena, and I am Lady Vanda. Like most growers, I started out as a hobbyist just like you. The name Lady Vanda started with my grandma. Once my collection got a bit out of hand, she started calling me 'Señorita Vanda' and 'Señorita de las Orquideas'. The latter is quite the mouthful, and Ernesto (Mr. Lady Vanda) decided to translate 'Señorita Vanda', thus Lady Vanda was born. Lady Vanda started from my passion for orchids and nature in general. We are a small family-owned nursery, and we aim to bring the best to our customers. I also love to help others find their green thumb, even when they do not think they have one. I saw an opportunity to cater to the new generation of hobbyists. Most people find orchids intimidating and hard to care for. I want everyone of all age groups to be interested in orchids. I want to help everyone start and grow their orchid collection. Through Lady Vanda Orchids my goal is to help everyone feel supported through their journey with orchid cultivation. Aside from education, my focus is to bring a wide variety of plants to our customers. From common Vanda Hybrids to lesser-known miniature species, all plants sold are blooming size; most have previously bloomed several times and are well established. Current inventory is a mixture of imported plants and plants we have grown from flasks purchased from other growers and hybridizers. In 2023, I am starting our breeding program and looking to bring many new crosses, especially some intrageneric to the market. These plants may not be available for a few years, but we all must start somewhere. We look forward to another year of service with our customers, educating and supporting them as well as bringing new orchids to their collections.



Editor's Notes

We want to thank Susan Scott for organizing the picnic. It was terrific. For those who were at the picnic, I hope you had an enjoyable time. There was a pair of sunglasses left at the park, so if you have lost a pair, come to the meeting. I will bring them with me.

We still need somebody who has knowledge of creating and updating web pages and how to moderate the social media pages. We already have the web page, and the update, if you have the knowledge, should not take that much time. Our current web page is out of date.

Welcome our new board member, Deborah Ford, to fill the position vacated by Susan Scott.

Planning for the Christmas party is ongoing. If anybody has ideas of locations we might investigate, please let us know.

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FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

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