



Vero Beach Orchid Society



July 2023

July Speaker – Bill Nunez



I began growing orchids in the late sixties after several years of tagging along with my father to visit his friend's greenhouses. Some of these growers were prominent in the area and some of you may remember them.

Jack Sweet, Cliff Curry, John Matthews, John & Gloria Naugle, Gladys Whitesell, Richard Bates and others began to receive a few back bulbs from some of these folks and a few of them lived. I was off to the races after that. I built my first flask box when I was in high school. I grew up on 1800 acres of family-owned ranch land. I started working on Cattle ranches in the seventy's and became familiar with Florida cypress swamps. I enjoyed my adventures in these wonderful swamps. They became my refuge, and I always had the sense of traveling back hundreds of years in time when I entered one of these untouched places. I was able to find many of the Florida orchid species along with native ferns and a variety of wildlife.

I have been growing orchids most of my life and I get an intense pleasure now when I am making new hybrids mostly in the *Cattleya* alliance.

I have been fortunate enough to receive several AOS awards and register several of my hybrids.

The greatest satisfaction for me is to have one of my hybrids awarded.

Now I am older than dirt and I am still fascinated with orchids. Somewhere back in my memory I am still a young man on an afternoon adventure in a pristine Florida cypress head, oak hammock, or creek bottom.

Bill Nunez ‘AKA ‘Rhizome Cowboy ‘

Bill will provide plants for sale as well as raffle plants. He will be speaking on Vanilla Orchids. Hope to see you all there.

- Editor's Notes

We would like to thank our speaker, The Vanda Lady, for her presentation last month. It was remarkably interesting and her Vandas were some of the bests I have seen in a very long time. 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 Our current web page is out of date.

The Christmas party location has been selected. It will be in the Italian American Club on 25th St, the building behind the Red Cross Building. We will have a menu for you to select your entree sometime soon.

Jeanne Thompson, our vice president, has penciled herself in for our speaker in August. She will be presenting the talk she gave at our show, though expanded. More information on that in the next newsletter.

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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