



Vero Beach Orchid Society



September 2023

September Speaker: Rich Acherman



Rich has lived in Fort Lauderdale for more than thirty years, where he has grown a wide variety of plants. His current interest is Florida native orchids. He caught an orchid bug attending the World Orchid Conference in Miami in 2008.

Rich works closely with UF/IFAS Extension, Broward County, where he is a Florida Master Gardener Volunteer, serves on the Urban Horticulture Advisory Board, and is leader of the Broward County Native Orchid Project. Through a partnership with Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, they are restoring native orchids in the urban environment, installing several thousand orchids every year. He also runs browardnativeorchids.com.

He is former President of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and retired from Broward College in 2018. His work career focused on software research and development, along with project management in computer and library information science.

Rich will be talking to us about native orchids and bringing raffle plants as well as plants for sale that follow his talk theme. Hope to see you all there.

Editor's Notes

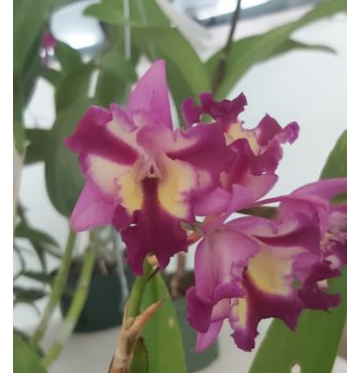
We have a couple of significant things this month. First, the Christmas Party will be held at the Italian American Social Club in Vero Beach on December 2nd, at 6pm. The Social Club is at 600 25th St, Vero Beach, FL 32960. It is one block closer to RT 1 than the Garden Club. You will have a choice of three (3) different entrees: Ricotta Spinach Stuffed Pork, Chicken Parmesan, and Lasagna. The dinner also includes salad which will come with Italian dressing on the side, and bread and butter. We will start taking reservations at the September meeting. The cost will be \$25 per member and \$30 per non-member. Any other details will be available during the meetings and in the next few newsletters.

Secondly, September is the month we must start our election process and so we will accept any nominations for the 2024 year at the September and October meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting with the officers being sworn in at the Christmas party.

We need a couple of folks to fill in the workings for the society. Both the Membership and Sunshine positions are available for anyone interested.

Attached is a copy of the menu for the Christmas Party. If you could fill it out before you come to the meetings, it would help speed up the process. Thanks!

On a sad note, we lost two of our orchid society family members within the last month. Our first loss was Bud Ingersoll, long time, lifetime member of our society and one of the founding members. The second was Bill Kaser, who along with his wife Joan, has been extremely helpful in many aspects of our society. Both gentlemen will be greatly missed. We will keep them and their families in our prayers.



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DUES FOR 2023: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00

FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 21ST AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM

Christmas Dinner VBOS

December 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Fill in a separate one for each person. Indicate your choice per each category.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Includes:

Table Bread

Salad with the Italian Dressing on the side

MAIN COURSE:

Ricotta Spinach Stuffed Pork

Lasagna

Chicken Parmesan --

Pasta or Roasted Potatoes will accompany.

DESERT: Included

Alcoholic Beverages can be purchased at the bar.

Payment _____

Member: \$25.00

Non-Member: \$30.00