



# Vero Beach Orchid Society



April 2024

## April Surprise

I have not been made privy to many of the details for our April Meeting, but I have been told there will be show related, and not so show related, things.

It is my understanding that the April meeting will be comprised of three speakers. Jeanne will give a presentation on how to get your plant's show ready, Cathy will be speaking about fun things to do with orchids, and Courtney will be speaking about mounting orchids and other creative ways to enjoy your orchid plants. There has also been a hint that there is more that will be going on, but that is the surprise!

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There is one Trophy sponsorship still available. It is priced at \$40. It may be sponsored by up to 3 people, so the cost will be less for each person. This meeting is the last time we will be able to take the trophy sponsorship to get it into the program and on the banner.

Also, we still have our sheet for outside donations (sponsorships). The sponsorships range from \$75 to \$500. You can ask any business to donate either cash or a service they provide or donate something for the raffle table, and their name will be on the banner. All donations from outside are tax deductible since we are a 501(c)3 organization, meaning we are an official non-profit organization. The forms are available with past newsletters and at the meeting. Sponsorships can be received up until **April 18<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the program and on the banner.

Our show is quickly approaching, and I would like to be sure you all are aware of the tasks that need to be done throughout the weekend. On Thursday, after the big tents are delivered and set up, we will need a few people to work inside the show tent putting the tables in order with tablecloths and name tags for the display tables. Friday morning, we will need help with setting up the society tents in the yard and preparing for our vendors and society visitors. Also on Friday, we will need to have the registration for all plants on display by the societies and individuals whose plants are to be judged by AOS. We would appreciate it if we could also have help available for the vendors with unloading their vehicles and setting up their booths. Since they will be arriving at their own pace, it might take most of the day for this, though not constant. We will provide lunch for everybody in the park through the Friday setup. Saturday and Sunday will be security in the big tent to ensure people leave the plant alone, folks to work in our donation and raffle tents, and some just to provide breaks or deliver drinks to the vendors. Finally, on Sunday, we will need our four tents taken down and loaded into cars, the tablecloths and niche boxes taken down and put away, then stowed in a vehicle.

So, as you can see, there are a great many things that need to be done, and the success of the show depends on having folks available for all those things. So, please, volunteer to help, even if only for a few hours, to be of assistance with our show. Thanks, You!

We will not have a regular meeting in May, since it will be replaced with our picnic. We have Hobart Park reserved for May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing meat, condiments, drinks (alcoholic beverages are not allowed) and paper goods. We ask that those of you who attend bring a side dish or dessert to share. More will be in the May newsletter.

Ribbon winners from our Port St Lucie setup were as follows: Jim Andre -5, Dan Mace – 3, Carolyn Greene – 2, Cathy Gustafson – 2, and Jennifer Lofton – 1. The breakdown was 8 First Place, 2 Second Place and 3 Third Place Ribbons. In addition, there were four other awards: The AOS Award, Best Vandaceous Alliance, Best Phalaenopsis Alliance, and Best Oncidium Alliance. Congratulations to all!



**PSL Show and Show & Tell from March's Meeting**

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**DUES FOR 2024: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00 FAMILY DUES: \$25.00**

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE APRIL 19TH AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**