



Vero Beach Orchid Society



May 2024

May Meeting: Picnic

Our May event will not be a standard meeting, instead it will be our annual picnic. It will be held at Hobart Park in Vero Beach, on May 18th, from 11:00 am until we're all done. The society will furnish the meats, rolls, condiments, and soft drinks. As a reminder, since this is a county park, no alcohol is allowed.

We do ask that each of you bring either a side dish or dessert that can be shared by others, however, you don't need to bring enough for an army. If you have a favorite dish or even something new, you'd like to try but don't want it to last year for a month, bring it.

Especially if you're relatively new to the group. We'd like a chance to get to know you better, and for you to see and meet some of the members you may or may never see at the meetings. Feel free to bring a guest, spouse, or family with you also.

Editor's Notes

First a message from the Hospitality Committee from the Show:

The VBOS Friday Food Committee would like to thank everyone who helped us get the tent set up for food service, beginning with the tent, the tables, and the electric service. Thank you to Elisa Soltero for the delicious lime cake, Nancy Griffis for the tangerines and coffee rolls, Joan Kaser coffee, and the mystery person who brought in the home-grown bananas. If I've missed someone I apologize. My name is Rose Ann Jones, sort of the Chair of this committee, along with Joan Kaser, Chairperson Emeritus and our committee mentor, and committee members Alan Benson, Linda Cutlip, Deborah Young and Joyce Jackman. I want to thank this committee for a job well done. It was great working with you! Thank you all so much!

I'd like to thank the terrific trio of speakers we had at the April meeting. All their presentations were cohesively presented, all to show how you can showcase your orchids.

We will not have a regular meeting in May, since it will be replaced with our picnic. We have Hobart Park reserved for May 18th. We will be providing meats, condiments, drinks (alcohol is not allowed) and paper goods. We ask that those of you who attend bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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 4 other awards: The AOS Award, Best Vandaceous Alliance, Best Phalaenopsis Alliance, and Best Oncidium Alliance. Congratulations to all!

We had a great show with a fabulous group of volunteers. The only thing that would have made it better is if we had more volunteers. Most of those we had stayed the entire 4 days, from Thursday when the big tents were delivered all the way through to tear down. Next year we will be more organized in our volunteer requests, so we don't have to have folks spend the entire time, if they don't want to be. We will have a more complete rundown of the show at the next regular meeting.

As of now, we have scheduled Judy Bailey as our speaker for the June meeting. She is an accredited judge with the AOS and has many years of experience with gardening in general. We'll have a full biography in the June newsletter for you. Of course, it's always subject to change, but we'll cross our fingers and hope she can make it.



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OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JUNE 20TH AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM