



Vero Beach Orchid Society



October 2024

October Speaker – Serena Roman

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 don't 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.

Serena will be bringing plants for sale and for the raffle table. Hope we have the meeting, and we see you all there.



Editor's Notes

Folks, depending on the hurricane, and what it does to this area, we might not have a meeting. Please be sure to be safe and be careful.

The appreciation party arrangements are complete. The party will be on November 23rd, starting at 12:00 noon, at Marsh Landing. It will be a “cocktail buffet” format with salad and dessert included. We'll let everybody sit wherever you want and randomly pick table numbers from the container, so you don't all have to stand in line at the same time. You'll have name tags that will determine which plant you'll get as before. Since you will have October and November, up to the November meeting to reservation, you'll have plenty of time. The menu will consist of water, tea, soft drinks, and coffee. The menu offerings will be main entrees including Herb Chicken, Honey Lime Mahi, Pot Roast, Mashed & Gravy, Green Beans, Carrots. Also included will be rolls and cornbread. It will be free to members of the society and guests will be charged \$35. You can also send in your RSVP to the post office box if we don't have the October meeting. October will be our last call for nominations for officers. If there are no other nominations, the current slate of officers and board members. We will then have our officers “elected” in November and sworn in at the party.

We will not have a December meeting, as usual, and will have more information in the December newsletter about the plans with McKee Gardens in September of next year.

Finally, we're beginning our preparations for the first away show in Fort Pierce. The theme is Gingerbread Orchid House. The set-up date is December 6th after 1:00pm. The show will be December 6 & 7, Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4, with teardown beginning at 4, or earlier if society decides so. It will be a 5-foot round table so please begin to prepare your orchids and allow us to borrow them for the display. This type of table takes a lot more plants. Please let us know *in advance* what plants you plan to enter so we can have them logged and ready for the society to enter for judging.

We are also invited to enter both photographs, arts & craft projects (orchid related of course), and one mini-niche per person to enter for judging.

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DUES FOR 2024: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00

FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 17TH AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL

START AT 7:00 PM