



# Vero Beach Orchid Society



November 2024

November 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 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 do not 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 inter-generics to the market. These plants may not be available for a few years, but we all have to 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.



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Editor's Notes

Hi Folks,

As you can see, this month we are having the speaker who was scheduled for last month, Hopefully the Garden Club is open for business, and it will be there.

The appreciation party arrangements are complete. The party will be on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 12:00, noon, at Marsh Landing. It will be a “cocktail buffet” format with salad and dessert included. (The menu is attached.) It will be free to members of the society and guests will be charged \$35. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can get an accurate count to the restaurant. You can also send in you RSVP to the post office box.

Since we did not have a meeting in October, November's meeting will start with 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” 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 are beginning our preparations for the first away show in Fort Pierce. The theme is Gingerbread Orchid House. The set-up date is December 6<sup>th</sup> after 1:00pm. The show will be December 6 & 7, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 10-4, with tear-down beginning at 4, or earlier if the 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 if possible*** 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 either photograph, arts & craft projects (orchid related of course), and one mininiche 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 NOVEMBER 21ST AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING  
WILL START AT 7:00 PM**



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**BANQUET EVENT ORDER (BEO) FORM**

Event Name: Orchid Society Appreciation

Day/Date/Time: Saturday, November 23, 2024 @ 12:00

Contact Name: Rose & Deb

Phone:

Email:

Location of Event: Banquet Room

Guest Count: 50-60

Confirmed Guest Count:

**Timeline**

**Set-Up**

**Menu**

**Beverage**

Host arrival: 10:00 • Microphone

• Plated (table tents)

**Drink Station:**

Sweet tea, Unsweet tea, Water, Soft beverages and coffee to order

Guest arrival: 11:30 • Podium  
Apps out: -- • Projector  
Salads out: 12:00 • Projector Screen  
Main course out: 12:00 • App table

P Buffet  
• Off Menu  
• Limited Menu (menus)

**Main Course:**

Salad Bowl  
Herb Chicken  
Honey Lime Mahi  
Pot Roast  
Mashed & Gravy  
Mac & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Carrots  
Rolls & Cornbread

**Alcohol:**

On individual checks

**Dessert:**

Mini Peach Cobblers

Desserts out: 12:45 • Cake table  
Light chaffers: -- P Drink Station  
Bringing Cake No • Display table (orchids)

**Timeline Details:**

**Set-Up Details:**

Host will arrive at 10/10:30 to decorate 12-3:00

Tables of 4, 5 along wall and the rest spread out

2 tables in front of double doors (by road) for orchids

Buffet table under mirror

Drink station in front of double doors