



# Vero Beach Orchid Society

March 2025



## **Speaker – Dave Nickerson**

Dave Nickerson is a member of the Martin County Orchid Society. He is an excellent grower, having won many blue ribbons at our show and others. Dave will be talking about Florida Native Orchid Restoration at our March meeting. The meeting is on March 20th, and will begin at 7:00pm. It should be a very interesting talk. There will be raffle plants available. Hope to see you all there.

---

## **Editor's Notes**

PSL Show: The Port St Lucie show will be on the first weekend of April. Set up will be on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at around 9am, the show on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, with tear down at 4pm, on Sunday. It is at the Polish American Club in Port St Lucie at 323 NW Prima Vista Blvd. We have a 6-foot round table to fill, so it's even more important to have plants available for the display. Again, if you have any plants with blooms for this show, feel free to bring them down on Friday or you can contact Carolyn or Cathy for pickup if your unable to attend. (Carolyn -321 506 3909 or Cathy 757 618 0916)

Please be sure to prepare your plants by cleaning the leaves and trimming any leaves that need it. Stake up the inflorescences as needed and remove any "paper" from pseudobulbs.

Our April show: There have been 14 vendors currently on the list with 4 more verbal agreements, with many more responses being anticipated. Our normal number of vendors is 20 (or more) in most years. We're hoping to have as many this year as we had last year, which was 25.

We currently have 12 award sponsored. So, we have 8 more that are needing sponsors. You may select which award you'd like to sponsor, on a first come, first served basis. The trophies currently available, are 1) Best Representation of Theme; 2) Best Society Display; 3) Best Cattleya Alliance under 5 inches (Individual); 4 & 5) Best Vanda Alliance (Individual or Commercial); 6 & 7) Best Oncidium Alliance (Individual or Commercial); 8) Best Cypripedia Alliance (Commercial). Please specify whether your sponsorship will be for either an individual or commercial trophy, or if it doesn't matter to you which it is.

Volunteers: Folks, we will have a need for folks to help with setup and tear down, helping occupying the tents of vendors, when needed, distributing water to vendors, cleanup and trash monitoring of receptacles, welcoming the vendors as they arrive and showing them to their space and helping with placement of trophies after judging is complete. As you can see, we still need volunteers for nearly all the activities that need to happen to make our show a success. We'd like to have enough folks so nobody has to spend the entire day, or even the whole weekend at the park. Every one of us benefits from the proceeds of our show, so we'd like to see more able-bodied people help. Thank you to all who have already volunteered.

We have reserved a pavilion at the Hobart Park for our annual picnic on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at around 11am. This is the same place we've had the picnic for the past 2 years. The Society will provide the meats condiments, paper products and drinks (non-alcoholic). We ask that each of you who attend please bring a side dish or dessert to share with the rest of the group. We'd like you to coordinate what you're planning to bring with Rose Ann Jones. She'll be talking a bit about this at the next meeting. There will be more details in next month's newsletter.

---

**VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY OFFICERS**

**Board of Directors**

**Committee**

President – Carolyn Greene  
Vice President – Jeanne Thompson  
Secretary – Rose Ann Jones  
Treasurer – Deborah Ford  
Show Chairman – Deborah Ford

Joann Brown  
Doug Mew  
Cathy Gustafson

Membership – Joann Brown  
Hospitality – Rose Ann Jones  
Sunshine – Louise Albright  
Newsletter Editor – Carolyn Greene

Vero Beach Orchid Society  
P.O. Box 543  
Vero Beach, FL 32961

Newsletter email: [vbosnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:vbosnewsletter@hotmail.com)

VBOS Website: [www.verobeachorchidsociety.org](http://www.verobeachorchidsociety.org)

DUES FOR 2025: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00

FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

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