



Vero Beach Orchid Society

June 2025



Speaker – Rich Ackerman

This month there will be no general meeting, because the picnic always takes the place of the meeting in May. We already have Rich Ackerman lined up for June. We will, however, continue to line up speakers for the coming months. Here is Rich's bio.

Rich Ackerman



Rich has lived in Fort Lauderdale for more than thirty years, where he has grown a wide variety of plants. His current interest is Florida native orchids. He caught the orchid bug attending the World Orchid Conference in Miami in 2008.

Rich works closely with UF/IFAS Extension, Broward County, where he is a Florida Master Gardener Volunteer, serves on the Urban Horticulture Advisory Board, and is leader of the Broward County Native Orchid Project. Through a partnership with Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, they are restoring native orchids in the urban environment, installing several thousand orchids every year. He also runs browardnativeorchids.com.

He is former President of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and retired from Broward College in 2018. His work career focused on software research and development, along with project management in computer and library information science

Rich will be talking to us about orchids in the landscape, and bringing raffle plants as well as plants for sale that follow his talk theme. Hope to see you all at 7pm on June 19th!

Editor's Notes

Not much from my end today, except we have a signed contract for the September show for the weekend of September 6-7th. Everybody who is a member of the Vero Beach Orchid Society, AOS and neighboring societies will be able to get in for free.

In addition, the VBOS members will be allowed in an hour early on Saturday as a benefit. We will need some helpers, but ours isn't going to be heavy lifting or putting up tents, as in our usual show. We still can fetch water for the vendors and help any visitors that have any questions about the orchids, but as for information about the botanical gardens, we just need to refer them to those in charge of the venue.

So, we need to be sure that we all have our membership cards, signed by Debbie and with your name on it, to present to the gate. There will be more presented as the details become available.

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FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

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