



Vero Beach Orchid Society



December 2024

December – NO Meeting

Hi Folks,

As is usual for December, we will not be having a meeting this month. However, the board has still be together discussing thinks for the coming year.

In January, we will have 'contest plants' as we have done in the past. This year it will be a little different. We have 10 different little plants available to be selected. What we'll be interested in is who's plants flower first in each of the categories. So, we'll like to see the plants in bloom, or at least, a little flower spike where the flower was.

We've also discussed doing a 'Ramble'. For those of you who are new, a ramble is where we rent a bus and go to a variety of growers throughout the day. The number of growers depends on how many we can get close together so we're spending less time between places and allow more time shopping. There will be a cost for a seat on the bus and it will depend on the cost of the bus rental. We will give our members first rights to reserve a seat for the first month we announce. After that, we'll open it up to other local societies.

Of course, our initial push of information will be on the April show. We've always had such a great group of people helping each year, and we'd like to see more of the newer members participate in some of the tasks that need to be done. It's an excellent way to get to know some of the other/older members of the group.

Our planning for the September show is ongoing and as more details are firm, we'll let you know. This one won't require quite so many people on our part since the show is a joint effort between our society and the McKee Botanical Gardens. It will not be an AOS Judged event this year, but we'll see how it works before we think about judging. This is a trial, and if it works out well, we'll continue for as many years as we have people to work it from our end.

Editor's Notes

The appreciation party seemed to be a hit with everybody who attended. For those of you who missed it, it was a nicer, roomier setup of the meeting room at Marsh Landing. The buffet was more than enough for the number of people who attended, and our server was efficient and very good.

If you missed the November meeting and the party, you may not know, but the board consists of the same folks, several of whom are beyond what their term should be. We will soon need to have folks step up as board members, and officers. It's time for some new blood and new ideas to be infused into the group.

The Fort Pierce show was a great setup, however because of issues beyond the societies control, teardown was a bit frantic. The show had to close early because the city was having their Christmas parade, and they needed to close the street in front of the facility. It all worked out, but the poor vendors possibly got hurt from loss sales

time.

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DUES FOR 2025: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00

FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 16TH AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM