



# Vero Beach Orchid Society



January 2025

January – Double Header

Hi Folks,

Hope you all had a great holiday season. It's time to get back to work. This month we're having a double header for you all. First of all, we'll have “contest plants” for sale. They are all planted and will be \$10 each. We'll be interested in who gets their specific cross to bloom first.

Secondly, we'll have a great speaker who we've had in the past. This name is Tony Millet. Here is his bio.

My mom started my growing career at a very young age, growing everything from seed. Growing up in Brooklyn NYC started my orchid growing career delving into cool, intermediate and warm types. Having the experience of growing in underground cold frames to an above greenhouse did set the tone for my new semi-retirement lathe house Florida style growing. The early childhood experience of growing from seed set the tone for my own orchid hybridizing program. I breed and grow unusual hybrids in the large Cattleya alliance, I also perform all flasking activities, lecture and teach. I am an AOS accredited judge. Many of my hybrids have been AOS awarded. My present growing goal is to impart warm tolerance to some of the cooler growing colorful *Hadro laelia*'s now cattleyas and smaller mini cattleyas.

Tony will be speaking about “Good Growing Practices”. There will be raffle plants provided by Tony. The meeting will start at 7:00pm on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there.

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## 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.

We are beginning to take dues renewals at the meeting. Your dues must be paid, either at the meeting or to the Post Office Box by the February meeting in order to continue to get the newsletter. The cost for the renewal is the same as last year. \$20 for an individual membership or \$25 for a family membership.

We have started to get vendor documents for our show, so we'll begin asking for sponsorships for the trophies and donations. The forms will be available at the January meeting. The cost of each sponsorship for trophies will be \$40. There can be as many as 3 people to sponsor a trophy.

Minutes from the December Board meeting will be included in the February newsletter.

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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**