



Vero Beach Orchid Society

May 2025



Relax!!

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 there.

Editor's Notes

Remember, there will not be a general meeting for May. The picnic took the place of it.

We're still working on the bus trip, but the date will be sometime in September if we can find something that works for several vendors and there are no shows they will be attending

We have received a tentative contract from McKee gardens in reference to the September show, there are some things to work out with them to finalize things.

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DUES FOR 2025: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00

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