



Vero Beach Orchid Society

July 2018



Our speaker for the July meeting will be **Glenn Gross**.

Gross Orchids grows a wide variety of orchid hybrids and species that are compatible with the Florida climate. Their goal is to help educate the beginner and advise the novice in the care and cultivation of orchids. The focus of our nursery is the beginner, looking to obtain their first orchid, and the novice who has a small number of plants with limited experience. We make every effort to answer any and all questions in language that is easily understandable.

Glenn also maintains varieties for the advanced grower and collector. He currently maintain an inventory of over 3,000 potted, mounted and plants in baskets, covering a total of twelve different greenhouses.

We also maintain a full line of orchid potting supplies and will gladly make recommendations to match the right potting medium with the right orchid variety.

Gross Orchids is a locally owned and operated orchid nursery with over 15 years' experience growing orchids in Polk County and Central Florida, with over 25 years growing experience. Mounting and growing orchids on a variety of different materials is his specialty.

With the end of spring show season, they are on regular weekend hours for the months of May thru September. Saturdays and Sundays 9:00am to 4:00pm. Weekdays are still by appointment.

Normally, Glenn believes in cultivating orchids using the most natural conditions, so he prefers growing orchids on mounts rather than in pots. But for us, he will discuss “Better Growing with Chemicals”

Glenn will also be selling orchids and provide the raffle table plants.

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The board meeting minutes for June will appear in the September newsletter, since there will be no board meetings for July and August.

Editors Note

We have proposals for a couple of bus trips in the works. At the next meeting we will be asking for a show of hands of those interested in participating.

We've already begun planning the a ramble bus trip to several vendors. The ramble will be going over to the west coast of Florida, and currently there are 3 different vendors on our agenda. We currently have made arrangements with Palmer's Orchids, TropiFlora, and Plantio La Orquidea for September 8th. The plan is to leave the parking lot across the street from the garden club building at 8:00 am. The fee to reserve your seat will be \$20.00. Sometimes vendors provide small snacks and beverages, but you should consider bringing a snack for the mid day. On the way home, we'll stop someplace to have dinner. As soon as we have the details nailed down further, we'll let you know. We will begin signing people up for this trip at the next meeting.

Another proposal is for a trip to Tamiami, for the Orchid Show. The date for it will be January 12th. We'll be leaving the parking lot across the street from the Garden Club Building at 8:00 am, and arrive home around 7:00 pm. The fee to reserve your seat for this one is also \$20.00. This trip will be announced to other societies in a couple of months, so if you're interested get your reservations in soon since it will be on a first come first serve basis.

The date for the Christmas Party will be December 15th at 1:00. It will be at Marsh Landing in Fellsmere again this year. Everybody seems to enjoy it very much, and the service is usually very good and unobtrusive. Further details are not available yet, but will be in future newsletters.

There may also still be time to get your tickets for the Cattleya Symposium. The dates are August 3rd & 4th. It is two full days of interesting speaker, most of which we will never be able to get to speak at our meetings. The room capacity is limited, so if you're interested in going, the sooner you get your reservation in the better.

The speakers, as listed on the web page for the 2018 8th Annual Cattleya Symposium:

Jeff Bradley (Texas):

The Historic European Cattleyas That Came to America

Alex Maximiano: (Colorado)

OrchidWiz

Lance Osborne (IFAS, FL):

Thrips Management

Alan Koch (Gold Country Orchids):

The Magic of Cattleya briergeri and its Progeny

Frank Smith (Florida):

Bill Thoms: (Florida)

Cattleya Culture

Roy Tokunaga: (Hawaii)

Flower Boosters for Cattleyas

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SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00

FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

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