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Special points of interest:

- Allen Black - An Orchid Adventure
- Orchid Help Line
- Belize - Part Three
- State Fair

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- Allen Black
- Terry Farmer

**There will not be an
October Board
Meeting on
Tuesday, October
17th**

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October Meeting

**Sunday,
October 15th**

2pm

**Lewis Ginter
Botanical Gardens**

The Orchid Keiki



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Allen Black presents an "Orchid Adventure"

How would you like to go on an "orchid adventure" to Central America?

Come to the VOS meeting on October 15th, and Allen Black will take us on an "orchid adventure" to Belize. A trip to Belize can be an adventure from many aspects. In many ways, the cultural, social, and eco-

nomics aspects of Belize are just as interesting as the orchids!

Allen will discuss his "orchid adventure" in southern Belize from August 2005, with an update on his most recent trip in July of 2006. He will show lots of pictures of orchids and other interesting plants growing in the

"wild". Many orchids (Brassavola, Schomburgkia, Nidema, Epidendrum, Lycaste, & Catasetum) were in bloom during his trips. Also, you will get to see the jungle, Mayan ruins, the beautiful Caribbean sea, and remote Mayan villages. Belize is a very beautiful and interesting place!



New - "Virginia Orchid Society Help Line"

The VOS is looking for members who would agree to have their names and phone numbers listed in the roster, newsletter and web page as resources for orchid culture questions.

Knowing the answer is not always as important as knowing where to go for the answer.

This is a most appreciated service to newer or less experienced growers and a wonderful way to get to know each other.

Please consider sharing what you have learned. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Daune Polkis at (804) 741-7838.



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**The board meets on Tuesday
after every regular Sunday VOS
meeting at the North Park
Library starting at 6pm.**

President's Message

Next year, the Virginia Orchid Society will only be hosting regular monthly meetings. Due to lack of support among our general membership, there will be no other events hosted by the VOS including participation in the State Fair, Maymont, Strange's Blooming Days, LGBG Spring and Fall Plant Sales, and exhibiting at the National Capital Orchid Society Show. Your executive board has decided not to do ALL the work, so we have simplified the schedule for the upcoming season.

Now that I have your attention, or at least I hope I have your attention, the above Statement may not be too far from the truth one day if we cannot execute some interest from our membership outside a nucleus of working people, mainly your board members. I cannot say this any simpler. This is YOUR society, and if your only interest is to attend the odd meeting, and are not willing to help out with some of the events throughout the year, then the only working members we have are going to slowly drop out, mainly because of being burned out, and we will be faced with the agenda mentioned in the above paragraph.

Everyone has a niche. They should not have to be in the lime-

light, we just need willing workers. Simply, support crews are needed to be successful. Without sounding like a broken record, you only get out of the society what you put in. I am personally imposing on each member to get INVOLVED. If every member found one event, clinic, show or committee to take part in, even in a small capacity, we would not have the dilemma we face now.

Being nominated or voted in as an executive officer should not mean that you are forced to do all the work for your committee. There seems to be an enigma whereby people do not want to sit on any committee position or be part of the board because "THEY HAVE TO DO ALL THE WORK". Your board is there to streamline the happenings within the club – not take on all the projects and tasks.

It is no wonder why some people cringe when an executive officer asks for help, or a nominating committee person calls on a member to take a position on the board.

If, as a member, all you want out of this society is to come every third Sunday, have a snack and socialize with other plant people, then we do not need a calendar of events. If, however, you are interested in participating in all the extra curricular events that your board has scheduled through-

out the year, then **we need your support.**

In the past year, your VOS board has procured a meeting place for the future, and in that has developed a great relationship with the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.

They have managed to put together a Newsletter and Website that is arguably one of the finest on the east coast. We have had the first, in a long time, of hopefully many symposiums, an "orchid fest" day event, and are in the process of organizing an AOS sanctioned orchid show for early 2007. We had involvements in the State Fair, and Maymont, Strange's Blooming Days, where we repotted plants for potential new members. We participated in the NCOS' AOS Show, and had a very successful time at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens Fall Flower Sale; not to mention our very popular August Picnic.

The Virginia Orchid Society has gone above and beyond to bring in informative experts to treat us all to quality programs. We have come up with new ideas to keep interests alive.

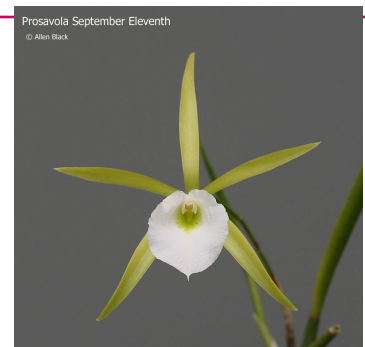
Please support your club by chipping in where ever possible. We all gain from this initiative, and the Virginia Orchid Society will be your society.

David

New Members.....Welcome!

Judith W. Becker
Gwen & Bruce Dunbee
Mary & Roger Frankey
Nancy Henderson
Richard J. Lake
Nancy Long-Farkas
Donna H. Mellis
Nancy Thompson

Cheryll Nachman
Patricia & James Nix
Ann & Stanley Reed
Janet Steelman
Stephine Stroyis
Eugenia Williams
Mary Anna Marshall
William Fitzhugh



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Virginia State Fair

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Virginia State Fair Orchid Exhibit. It was a wonderful success due to the members listed below who

contributed orchids, helped with setup and takedown of the display and, of course, helped host the exhibit as well.
Daune Poklis

Kay Patrick
Valerie Thacker
Barbara Doane
Garland Hanson
Don Herrick
Dick Burch
Gene & Honey Hunt
Linda Lawrence
Art Burke
Diane Ross
Henry Randolph
Reed Ginn
Emerson Warden
Ashley Linton
David Sombach
Allen Black
Pattie StClair
Emily Deane

Thanks for all of your support!!!

Terry Farmer
Recording Secretary



Best Species Orchid - Won by Henry Randolph

New Continuing Education Committee

The Virginia Orchid Society now has a Continuing Education Committee. Some of the topics for the year 2006/2007 will be Designing Table Top Displays, Building and Growing Orchids in a Greenhouse, and Potting Your Own Orchids. .

Please refer to the website or newsletter for up to date information.

Daune Polkis



Free Money!!! Free Money!!!!

Food Lion Shop and Share

Please help the VOS by linking your MVP card and shopping at Food Lion. You may link your MVP card by visiting Food Lion's website at www.foodlion.com or calling 1-704-633-8250 (your friends and co-workers up as well.)

(We must have 25 MVP cards to participate so sign up your friends and co-workers up as well.)

Also, you must rejoin every fall so if you signed up before October you must sign up again!!!!

Ukrops and Benevolink

Urkrops and Benevolink have joined together to help non-profit organizations such as ours to raise money. You may link your Urkrop's card by going to www.ukrops.com and VOS will be given a % of certain products that you purchased from Ukrops. Please contact Valerie Thacker @ 746-4313 if you have any questions.

Schedule of Events

October 20th—21st
Charlottesville Orchid Society
"Fall Orchid Show & Sale"

Fashion Square Mall
Rt. 29 North

Contact: Larry Eicher
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November 10th—11th
Second Annual
Merritt Huntington
Memorial Symposium

George Washington Inn
Williamsburg, VA

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December 10th
Note Date!!!!

Virginia Orchid Society
Member's Plant Auction

Lewis Ginter Botanical
Gardens

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Be sure to renew your membership, otherwise, you will not receive a newsletter.

New!!!!

Orchid Help Line!

Terry Farmer
Garland Hanson
Carol Hollenbeck
Jerry Rogers
David Sombach
Valerie Thacker

DO NOT FOLLOW WHERE THE
PATH MAY LEAD. GO INSTEAD
WHERE THERE IS NO PATH
AND LEAVE A TRAIL

—MURIEL STRODE

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Orchids of Belize—Part Three

Orchids of Belize – Cattleya bowringiana

While in the Mountain Pine Ridge area of Belize, I was able to go to a location where *Cattleya bowringiana* grows. There were a lot of plants there and many were in sheath (mid July). One plant was in bud and probably just a couple of days away from opening. Unfortunately, I did not get a chance to go back and see the flowers. The interesting thing about *Cattleya bowringiana* is that it grows on granite outcroppings along a stream. I did not see any plants growing in trees. I suspect that the plants are exposed to a lot of moisture and high light to full, direct sun. Here are some pictures from that area.

Allen Black



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