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MINIATURE AND COMPACT VANDA HYBRIDS

Martin Motes will discuss and illustrate several lines of breeding which produce colorful vanda hybrids suitable for growing on window sills or in small temperate zone greenhouses. He will be bringing plants of these hybrids and of the species from which they are derived for the sale table. Folks can also visit his website : www.motesorchids.com to see some exemplars.



**Martin Motes will bring plants for sale.
Members *cannot* bring items.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Next meeting date:
April 14, 2019
Martin Motes, Speaker
**2:00 pm Stranges Garden
Center Short Pump**

Upcoming meetings:
May 19, 2019
Edgar Stehli, Speaker
**2:00 pm Stranges Garden
Center Short Pump**

Additional Events:
**April 28, 2019: Dorey
Park Pink Lady Slippers**
**May 4, 2019: VOS Field
Trip to Orchid Lakes &
Floradise Orchids**
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Reed Ginn

Happy Spring To All!

According to the calendar, the first quarter of 2019 now is history, and for the VOS, this means only two more meetings in 2019 before breaking for the summer. Now is the time to think about what you would like to do as a society between the last meeting in May and before the first fall meeting in September. By planning activities and or outings we can continue to stay in touch with each other. If you have any suggestions, please let any board member know as any expenditures must be approved by the board.

You are cordially invited to come out to the Board meetings to provide input as a VOS member. Upcoming Board meetings are announced in the monthly newsletter.

Remember to bring your item for the hospitality table and let Bernie know what you will be bringing at b.b1951@hotmail.com so she can plan accordingly. Please feel free to come early to help setup for the meeting and stay a little later and help put items away.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the April meeting for a good time of fellowship, learning about orchids and refreshment.

Reed



TIME TO VOLUNTEER, MEMBERS!!!

VOS will be sending out an email to announce officers for the 2019-2020 year. We will vote on those positions at our May meeting. If you look at the positions listed on page 3, you will see that several position are TBA. The vice president position will also open. We'd love to add your name to the list!!!

Consider volunteering for an open position -- or express your interest to become an officer in the future. Please contact Reed if you see a position that interests you!!

It's your VOS!



NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY TRIP TO DOREY PARK SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

Join The Native Plant Society - Pocahontas Chapter to look for Pink Lady's Slippers in Henrico County's Dorey Park. In addition to these beautiful native orchids, you will have an opportunity to identify and learn about many other native plants that grow in the park. The approximately two hour walk starting at 1:45 is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. To confirm your participation and have your questions answered, contact trip leader Leslie Allanson at leleorr4@gmail.com or 804 335 5866.

VOS FIELD TRIP TO ORCHID LAKE ESTATES AND FLORADISE ORCHIDS SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019

We are planning a trip on May 4th to see lady slippers and possibly other orchids at Orchid Lake Estates in Louisa County. We will meet at Stony Point Fashion Park Mall around 9:00am to catch a chartered bus to the Estates. It is private so we have to meet with a resident to view the property. There is a basic pavilion for us to gather and offers a restroom. Once we finish walking around the lake property, we will head to Gordonsville for lunch and then a visit to Floradise Orchids. We should return to Stony Point Fashion Mall around 3:00pm.

I will finalize the trip at the meeting. I need to know if you would be interested in going on this outing before I finalize the bus. Also, I want to be sure everyone wants to go to lunch and Floradise. We could just go on the trip to the estate. Check your calendars -- more discussion at the meeting.

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WEBINARS -- OPEN TO EVERYONE

Greenhouse Chat April 2019

Ron McHatton

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

Orchid questions, expert answers

CONSIDER JOINING AOS FOR THESE MEMBER ONLY WEBINARS

How to Grow Habenarias

Jim Heilig

Thursday, April 18th, 2019

8:30pm - 9:30pm EDT

Asian Cymbidiums

Ken Jacobsen

Thursday, May 16th, 2019

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

All about Asian cymbidiums

Air Conditioning

Question

My collection of orchids, including cymbidiums, cattleyas, dendrobiums and vandas, is situated in an area behind my home. Unfortunately, the air conditioning condenser unit is also in this area. My concern is that I live in Southern California and during the hot summer months when the unit is operating, it blows hot air around my orchids. My husband does not think this air is damaging but I fear that he is mistaken and it can harm or stunt their growth. What do you think? - Conchita Alejo

Answer

I would try to shield the orchids from the blast of the air-conditioning condenser. Hot, and probably dry, air emanating from this source can do the orchids no good, especially in the already dry climate of Southern California's interior region. The additional stress that would place on the plants during the warm and dry summer months will result in poorer growth and flowering. - Ned Nash