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GROWING ENCYCLIA AND EPIDENDRUM ORCHIDS

This presentation has a variety of pictures of different species and hybrids of Encyclia and Epidendrum, as well as some of the related genera frequently found in collections and vendors tables. Edgar Stehli will discuss the difference between Encyclia and Epidendrum and point out the basic cultural requirements for growing them. The members should pay close attention, as there is a quiz at the end of the presentation!!



**Edgar Stehli will bring plants for sale.
Members *cannot* bring items.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Next meeting date:
May 19, 2019
Edgar Stehli, Speaker
2:00 pm Stranges Garden
Center Short Pump**

**Upcoming meetings:
September 15, 2019
Dave Off, Speaker
2:00 pm Stranges Garden
Center Short Pump**

**During the months of
June, July, and August the
VOS does not meet.
However, if you have a
great idea for a summer
get-together, please tell a
board member!!**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Reed Ginn

Greetings to All!

Can you believe it? May is already here and that means summer is around the corner. Everybody will be taking the summer time off until the VOS meetings resume in September.

If you have a green house and plenty of space in your yard, you might want to consider moving plants outside for the warm months. This will allow you to clean your greenhouse without the plants being in the way and possibly getting damaged.

Usually, after the May meeting and until the VOS meeting resume in September, everybody is busy doing something. From the previous meeting, it was suggested that we take a trip. This is a wonderful opportunity for everybody to stay in touch and have good fun and fellowship. If you would like to suggest a trip or have an interest in participating, let me know at the May meeting so we can start making plans.

Since our May meeting is the last meeting before the summer break, the election of officers and new Board members will take place and there will be a feast for all to enjoy. Remember to let Bernie know (b.b1951@hotmail.com) what you will bring.

As this is my last President's Message, I want to take the opportunity to say 'Thank You' to all the members for your support over the past two years. I encourage everyone to continue making the VOS successful by supporting the new president and the new slate of officers. I look forward seeing you at the May meeting.

Happy Summer to all.

Reed



SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

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President

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vacant/unfilled

Donna Poland
Vice-President

Jessica Thiessen
Recording Secretary

Paul McNamara
Corresponding
Secretary

Reed Ginn
Treasurer

**Nominations will be
taken at the meeting
as well**



VOS FIELD TRIP TO ORCHID LAKE ESTATES

We had a great time on the field trip to Orchid Lake Estates. A special thank you to Renee Lacy for working with me to set this up. Also, our guide, BJ, was a pleasure to talk to and so knowledgeable about the area and all its wildlife! But the show stoppers were the pink lady slipper orchids. Some were considerably darker than others, some had seed pods, but all were scattered about one area surrounding the lake which made it convenient for us. Enjoy the pictures!



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The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture

By Mary E. Gerritson and Ron Parsons



This 245- page book, beautifully illustrated with over 450 color photographs, covers a myriad of topics on orchid culture.

Topics include specific information on popular orchid groups, repotting, orchid mounting, growing orchids semi-hydroponically, as well as a section on common orchid pests and diseases.

For the next 90 days only, we will be offering a 50% discount off the \$24.95 retail price on bulk purchases of one or more sealed boxes, which contain 24 books each.

The book can be purchased individually online at the AOS web store or in bulk by calling AOS offices at (305) 740-2010. (Staff is available from 9:00AM to 5:30PM EDT, Monday through Friday.)

Orchid Societies - attracting Members... and keeping them

Membership growth and retention is the lifeblood of our societies. The Affiliated Societies Committee met at the recent AOS Spring Meeting in San Diego to share ideas about what works and what doesn't regarding the top most concern of a majority of our affiliates:

First Get Them Hooked

Now Keep Them through

Great Meetings and Events

Knowledge Sharing

A Great Show Table

And of Course... Plants!



Some orchid pictures from Mike Fines' friend/photographer, Cristina San Jose, in Spain