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ORCHIDS OF NORTHERN THAILAND

In the trip conducted in March 2019, Tom Sampliner combined an orchid hunt with other nature pursuits in the mountains of the north of the country. Dendrobiums are in flower during the late dry season and were the highlight along with other orchid blooming companions such as *aslubophyllum*, *coelogyne*, *otochilus*, *mycarntes*, and many more that were seen out of flower. The presentation will also provide glimpses of the first Asian ethical elephant rescue and rehab preserve, and views of reptiles, insects, birds and other wildlife. A few of the museum quality intricate Buddhist temples, caves, and other shrines are also included to give the viewer the feeling of having been or knowing what it is like to travel there.



Thomas Sampliner and his Northern Thailand guide

Members may bring items for sale.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Next meeting date:
March 15, 2020

Speaker: Thomas Sampliner, Orchids of Northern Thailand
2:00pm Stranges Garden Center

Upcoming meetings:
April 19, 2020

Speaker: Peter Lin, Diamond Orchids
2:00pm Stranges Garden Center

Additional Meetings:
VOS Board Meeting
Sunday, April 5, 2020
Stranges Garden Center



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gary Marshall

The VOS 2020 Orchid Show was very successful based on the many comments that I heard from visitors, vendors, and the AOS judges. The varied and colorful exhibits from other orchid societies were magnificent. The organization was said to be the best ever. I congratulate Linda Lawrence, show coordinator, and the team of pod chairs who planned this year's Show. I also want to thank the many members who worked hard to design and build the VOS exhibit. Most significant in my mind was the People's Choice Award to the VOS exhibit voted by the many visitors to the 2020 VOS Orchid Show. A more detailed report will be forthcoming later. Turning to other VOS business, I will appoint a Nominating Committee in March to form a slate of candidates, announced in April, and voted on in May, 2020.



VOS Display
picture courtesy of Ron Geraci



VOS is dependent on volunteers to serve as leaders for the organization. Consider putting your talents to work for the organization by serving in one of various positions within the society. We need YOU!



Pictures from the VOS show



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Orchid Stamps are available!!

The First Day of Issue Ceremony for the Wild Orchids USPS Stamp collection was held at the American Orchid Society Library on Feb 21st. AOS and USPS leadership, as well as stamp photographer Jim Fowler, were in attendance at this standing-room-only event. Thank you to all who participated! Let's continue to grow together! A video of the ceremony will be available shortly in the USPS YouTube channel. To purchase, visit your local post office or usps.com/shop



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