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BINGO TIME!

The VOS Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3rd. from 1 pm. to 6 pm. at the
Hunton Community Center

11690 Old Washington Hwy., Glen Allen, VA 23059

We want to welcome VOS members and their guests to our Annual Holiday Party. It is at the Hunton Community Center in Henrico. Simply google "Hunton Community Center" to get directions. The same rules apply at all Henrico facilities: No exchanging of money. We can, however, exchange plants! So you can bring your plants and trade with others.

We will have a potluck meal. We will have sodas, punch and eggnog. You can bring your favorite beverage but no alcohol is allowed. If you want to share your beverage then bring enough for all. We will have Orchid Bingo with lovely plants for prizes. We will have a show table so bring your blooming plants for us to admire. We will run pictures of orchids on the large screen and I ask you to send them to me if they are jpeg. If your orchids photos are PDF or Power Point files (large files in jpeg or similar format), please, bring them on the flash drive. If you have any special songs, especially related to orchids and the holidays, send me the title. I have iTunes and I will make a playlist. You can contact me at rmyorana@gmail.com or 804-306-1457.

Michael Ann Singer is in charge of the potluck dishes. She will contact you to find out what you are bringing. Contact her at mimisays@comcast.net or 804-564-3888.

I drove to the Hunton Community Center on Saturday. The GPS in my car did not pick it up but it was on my cell phone.

This is our time to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Look forward to seeing you,

Robin

And don't forget to
bring your orchids
for the show table!

Schedule:

- 1 pm: Arrival and set up
- 2 pm: Lunch/show table/
bingo
- 5 pm: Cleanup
- 6 pm: Head for home

Please remember:
According to the contract,
we need to take all of our
trash to the dumpster/cans
outside the building.

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President's Message

Holiday cheer and looking forward to 2024!

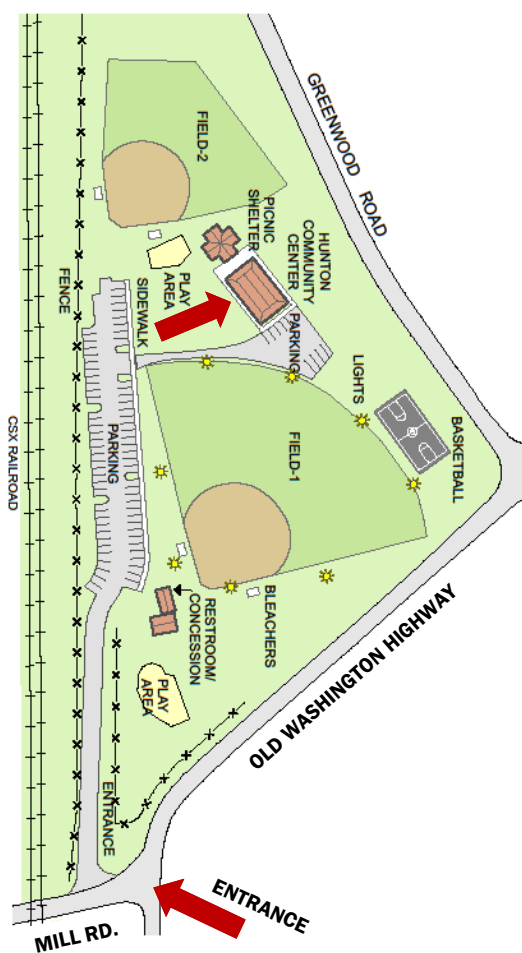
It seems the VOS year just started but the Holiday season is already upon us. We had three great meetings with interesting speakers and wonderful show tables and now is the time to enjoy the season of joy with family and friends. And we will start it with our Holiday party on December 3rd. Please, join us to have fun and relax. Robin, as the Program chair has more details about it in her message.

I am also looking forward to the next year and our show at the end of February. As you know, the membership fees cover the room rental and the show is a major fundraising event to support an excellent variety of speakers at our monthly meetings. Please, do consider volunteering at the show and supporting YOUR society. We now have an electronic sign up system for the volunteer shifts, as well as traditional paper sign up sheets at the meetings. Details are in the box below.

Yes, I know, all of us love orchids in some ways and that is the reason why we joined VOS, but to get to know each other while working side by side and strike friendships is a benefit not to miss.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Irina



On-line Volunteer Signup for Our February Show

Now is the time to consider offering your time to the Society by selecting a time slot or two. As Irina mentioned above, our show is not only about displaying wonderful orchids for the public, it is also the VOS's major fundraising event. It is also a great way to interact with our visitors, share our enthusiasm for the orchids, and perhaps recruit new members. New this time is our first online signup option. You will receive a separate email that will direct you to the signup site. But for old-schoolers, don't be alarmed as Joanne says: "This online signup is an option, and we will have paper signup sheets at the meeting. It's only necessary to sign up once, since we will combine the online and paper lists into one. Please consult your calendar and pick some time to help us have a great show!"