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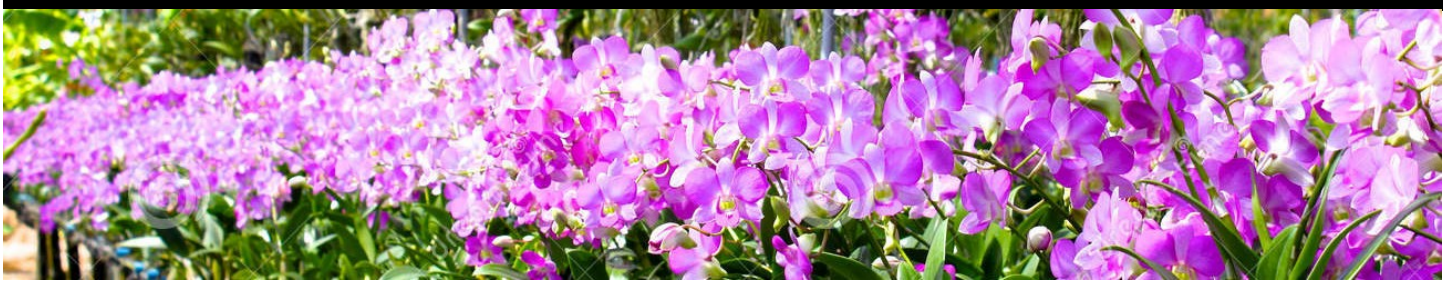

Summer Picnic at Chadwick's Barn in Powhatan

Saturday, July 26, Beginning at 11 am, Lunch at Noon

The VOS will be having its annual summer picnic at Chadwick's barn in Powhatan on Saturday, July 26. The address is 1240 Dorset Rd. Powhatan, VA 23139. The barn has ceiling fans and a large door to keep us cool. It is a potluck lunch - bring any dish of your choice. Set up will start at 11:00. We will provide the drinks and tableware. In addition, we will have 2-3 repotting stations. You can bring one plant to repot. We will have experienced growers to help you. You can bring your own supplies or buy them from Chadwick's. They will have bark, moss, and pots. Art is not charging us for the use of the barn. We hope you would like to take home a plant as a thank you. Explore the English garden and walk the native plant trail. There is a lot to see and do. If you have any questions, contact Robin at rmyorana@gmail.com.

Chadwick's English Garden with the barn beyond.

Anyone who wears a Hawaiian shirt or skirt gets a free orchid! Per Art!

Please let Robin know that you will be attending and what you plan to bring, no later than midweek before the 26th so she will have a headcount to help make last minute plans complete. But of course, walk-ins - and guests - are always welcome!

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President's Message

Hi VOS Members,

I want to welcome the new members and thank the current members for helping with the society's day-to-day workings. We are an active society and the more you are involved, the more you get out of it.

First, I want to talk about the VOS picnic which will be at Chadwick and Son Greenhouse in Powhatan. The address is 1240 Dorset Rd. Powhatan, VA 23139. The date is 7/26/25 from 11-3. Set up will be between 11-12 with lunch at 12:00. We will have repotting if you want to bring one orchid. We will try a new idea of a "white elephant" orchid gift exchange. Bring an orchid that you are willing to take a chance with to exchange for another. Helen, publicity chair, will oversee the exchange. Art Chadwick will give a tour of his greenhouses. He also has an English garden and native garden. He will have orchids for sale. We have a surprise! Art is providing a Hawaiian band for our picnic. That should be fun! Let Robin know that you are coming and what you are bringing at rmyorana@gmail.com.

We are already looking for volunteers to help with next year's show, February 26-March 1. If you are interested in helping, contact Irina, show chair, at ineverova@yahoo.ca

The board met on 6/22/25 at Lewis Ginter.

The 2024-2025 Budget was approved. All committee chairs are asked to submit their expectations for the new budget for 2025-2026 by the next board meeting.

I want to encourage all members attending the meetings to wear name tags. We have temporary name tags from Joanne, membership chair. We are looking into ordering permanent name tags for members that have been with us for a year. The name tags are to help us get to know one another better.

Linda, education chair, will post 30-minute educational talks prior to some meetings especially geared for new members.

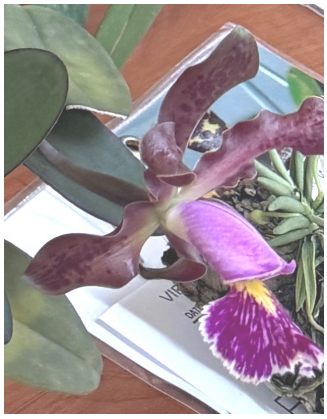
We are looking into a trip to SEPOS in Phoenixville, PA March 27-29, 2026. This is a very large orchid show in Southeastern Pennsylvania. We would like to visit Waldor Orchids. Details are still pending. Your interest can make a difference in us going. If you are interested, contact Robin, president, rmyorana@gmail.com.

Is there an interest in visiting members' greenhouses? If you are willing to let us visit your greenhouse or you would like to take the tour, contact Robin at rmyorana@gmail.com. A fall outing is what we were thinking.

I hope to see you at the picnic,
Robin

Orchids from our May Show Table

Photos by Robert Rand



FELLOW WILDFLOWER ENTHUSIASTS

Whatever your location, it's likely that the flora includes orchids. The Native Orchid Conference (NOC) was founded in 2002 to foster the study, conservation and enjoyment of native orchids in the United States and Canada. We have an annual symposium with speakers and field trips. The location varies each year and many of us joined the NOC because we liked listening to the talks and going on field trips, seeing species unlike what we have in our home states. The NOC also sponsors online orchid talks each fall and spring, publishes a quarterly Journal and supports research related to native orchid conservation.

Visit our website: https://www.nativeorchidconference.org/ to learn more and see how our common love of native orchids can support the protection of species and their habitats through education, conservation and research. Individuals can use the 'Contact' button on the NOC website to be added to our mailing lists. In the meantime, we are happy to field any questions you may have about the Native Orchid Conference.