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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.

BINGO TIME!

The VOS Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14 from 1 pm to 6 pm in The Ridgefield Ballroom at Deep Run Park & Recreation Center

9900 Ridgefield Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23233

See map next page

We invite VOS members and their guests to our Annual Holiday Party on the 14th. Set up will be from 1-2, eating from 2-3, Orchid Bingo from 3-5 and cleanup from 5-6 if not before. This year it will occur at the Deep Run Park Center in Henrico. There is a little map on the next page, or simply google the Park to get directions. Please remember that the same rules apply at all Henrico facilities: No exchanging of money. We can, however, exchange orchid plants! So you can bring your orchids and trade with others.

We will have a potluck meal. The VOS will provide a spiral ham, water, sodas, and eggnog, and will bring the coffee machine as well as all of the place setting paraphernalia. Prepare your favorite side dish or dessert. You can bring your favorite beverage but no alcohol is allowed. If you want to share your beverage then bring enough for all.

And of course we will once again have our popular Orchid Bingo with lovely orchid plants for prizes. Plus, bring your blooming orchids for the show table for everyone to admire.

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U.S. Botanic Garden photo

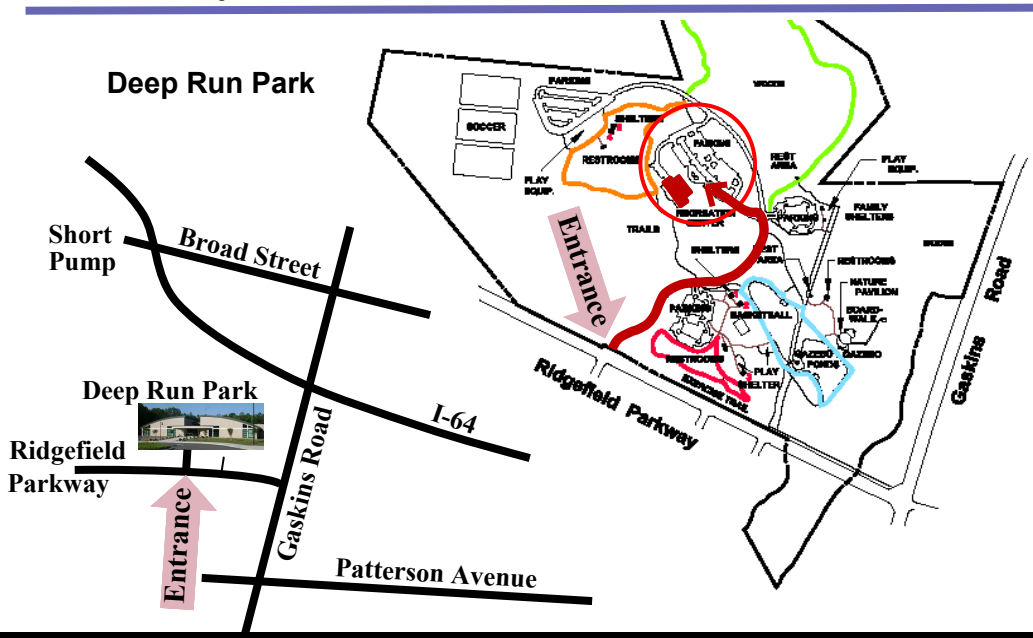
President's Message

Hi All,

I look forward to seeing you at the holiday party. I hope that it will be fun for all. We will have holiday music and a gorgeous selection of bingo plants. Bring your hungry self as we will feast on a delicious variety of foods.

I am planning the spring trip to the US Botanic Garden on May 2, 2026. This is a Saturday. Unfortunately, they do not have guided tours on weekends. They offer a self-guided tour. The US Botanic Garden is a 2 minute ride from Amtrak or a 15 minute walk. I am sure there is plenty to see for one day. I need replies by February 1, 2026. I will book the Amtrak for a group booking. I need to know any seniors (65 years old or over) for a discount. There is also travel insurance. We have allocated $1000 in our budget. If we have over that amount, then each person can pay their small part for all to go. We can eat at the US Capitol Cafe which is 11 minute walk. The menu is on their website. People can also find other places to eat. The Botanic Garden has orchids year round. I look forward to planning this trip and hope that the weather is in our favor.

Remember our next meeting will be February 1, 2026 with Wenqing Perner, from China.

Best wishes,
Robin

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