

The Christmas Party was very successful! A big **Thank You** to Pam Bambardieri and to all who attended for a very Merry Christmas Party!

Our new officers were installed:

President - Mickey Carnell
Vice President - John Masters
Treasurer - Pam Bambardieri
Secretaries:
Recording - Roger Perrault
Corresponding - Michelle Glembocki

Plant Table Awards were presented to:

1st Place - Michelle Glembocki
2nd Place - Joe Crook
3rd Place - Evelyn Kivlen

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| PLANT TIPS |
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Now is the peak of spike development on Phalaenopsis with the first plants in bloom. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all important shows, coming up. Correct staking will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport the plants to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis. Do not repot this month.

From the President's Desk

**Venice Orchid Show
Feb 4th and 5th**

We have accepted the invitation to the Venice Orchid Show. Michelle Glembocki is show chairperson.

We need volunteers for the show!!

This is a great chance to learn what goes into putting on an orchid show. We need some people to help get the plants to and from the show. Friday - going to Venice and Sunday, back to Englewood.

Help for moving plants once they arrive in Venice on Friday.

Help setting up the display on Friday. Remember, the more plants you bring for the show, the greater the chance there is for winning an award or ribbon.

Participating as a society is a great way to bring awareness to the non-orchid community that orchids (and the friendly people who grow them) are fun and offer a lifetime of enjoyment. Plus we can win a society ribbon!! Bragging Rights!!! Please support our Society!!!

Venice Show Update

Mark your calendars!
Entry plants need to be at Michele Glembocki's house on
Thursday February 2nd between 11 am - 3pm.

You have the option of calling Michele to make a drop off the night before. Because this is an AOS sanctioned show Catherine Varney has to look up "parentage" on the computer and this is very time consuming. So please try to have your plants packed and delivered in those hours.
How to prepare your plants for the show

Please clean your plants and stake them in green bamboo.

Lemon Juice works well for cleaning.
All metal hangers and stakes need to be removed.

Either push name tag into potting material or remove all together.

Your name should be on your pot. Return labels work.

Make two lists of your entry plants. One for yourself and one to be packed with your plants. Make sure your name and phone number is on our list.

Pack your plants to protect the blooms!

Please Note

The January meeting date is January 9th, 7pm, at the usual place, Christ Lutheran Church.

Speaker: new president Mickey Carnell

Upcoming Shows in the Greater Southwest Area:

Jan. 20-22 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society
Jan. 21-22 Manatee River Orchid Society
Jan. 28-29 Miami International Orchid Festival
Feb. 4-5 Venice Area Orchid Society (Venice Community Center)