



Vero Beach Orchid Society



April 2018

April Event

This month for the meeting will be all about the show. Since we'll only have a week after the meeting to be totally prepared, we want to let everybody know where things stand, information about how everybody can shine in their plants and niches. We will be reviewing all the things that need to be done during the weekend of the show, and the help we will need in order to make the show as big a success as it has been in the past.

Preparations inside the tent will begin on Thursday with the Eventmakers, setting up the tent and the tables inside the tent. Extra tables for the raffle and donation booths will be stacked inside the lecture tent so they can be distributed on Friday morning. There will need to have labels hung in the tent over the tables where the individual plants will be, so they can be grouped, like kinds together. Tablecloths and labels need to be on the tables to designate where each society or vendor will be situated. The chairs in the lecture tent should be set up for us, but if not, they will need to be done.

Then we can start outside by setting up the pop-up tents for the raffle and donation areas and moving and setting up the tables there. Also, tablecloths need to be put on those tables. Then the rest tent and tables and chairs need to be set up.

While we get that done, our guests should begin to arrive, with the societies first, to set up their displays, followed later in the day with the vendors. And, by the way, the food preparations will also probably begin about this same time. The societies will probably not need any help from our workers since they usually bring a bunch of their own folks with them.

When the vendors start arriving, we'll need some "ambassadors" to welcome them to the show, and offer help with their plants and setup, and give them a copy of the program so they know where they are in relation to everybody and everything else in the park (It's nice to know where the restrooms, water, and food are. This means a great deal to many of the vendors to know they don't have to do all this by themselves). On Friday afternoon, after all the displays are set up, there are labels that must be put on the tables to show the judges where the plants will be. They must not know which vendor or society is where, so the designation for the displays will all be either a letter or a number.

During the weekend, we will need clerks to work with the judges on Saturday morning. We will have 12 judges this year, and we should have one clerk per judge. So, we'll need 12 clerks all together. The clerk job is not difficult, but the judges work in teams of 3, and the clerks need to do the same. The clerk job will be to pay attention to the judges (and not make any comments or noises unless asked by the judges), how they critique the plants (this is the learning part for the clerks), which plants they select for first, second or third place, and mark it on the sheets you will all be given. Then the clerks will also put the ribbons on the plants after the back of the ribbon is filled out with appropriate

information. At the same time the judge for the niches will be busy with that part, and the judge clerks should not interfere with that process either. He will have his own clerk.

When the judging is done, the clerks are free to go if they'd like, but we'd love for you to stay because there are other things that are ongoing through the day. We'll need people to check on the vendors, they might need a restroom break, some food or water, or just somebody to help them a little if there is a crowd at their booth. We will have some of the vendors give lectures, so their booths will need to be occupied by our members so they don't lose any sales and more importantly, their plants don't "walk away", though we haven't had a problem with that yet but we don't want to either.

And of course our own workers will need to be checking on the raffle, donation, or water tents. If you have just a little knowledge about orchids, you might be able to help the shoppers determine which orchid would be more suitable for their growing conditions or lifestyle and if not, you can find another society member to help. There will always be trash to empty, or something else to do during the day. You know, even some of the shoppers may need help with their purchases, too. At least we hope they spend that much to enrich their lives with the beauty of the orchids and other goods available at the show.

The remainder of Saturday and Sunday will pretty much helping others in the park, both shoppers and vendors, and maybe even a little shopping for yourself. But on Sunday afternoon, about 4, we'll need to have some folks help with taking down all the things we spent Friday morning putting up, the tablecloths will need to be folded and put back in the plastic bins, the signs will all need to be taken down, the pop up tents un-popped and put in the trailer. Everything that was in the trailer put back where it belongs, help any vendors put their stuff together and in their trucks or trailers, and the grounds will need to be checked to be sure the park is clean. When we're finished with that, we can put the trash in the back of Doug's truck and lock the gates on our way out.

So if we all work together, it will not be very hard on any of us and we can all have fun in the process. The show is such a great way to get to know other members of the society while having fun and learning.

At the meeting, we will go over all this in more detail, answer any questions you might have about any of the jobs we need help with, and we will have plants for the raffle table.

By the way, we will have raffle plants, and show and tell,

Show News

The Vero Beach Orchid Society's 36th Annual Show and Sale "Orchids on Parade" will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 28th & 29th. The set up for the show will be Friday, April 27, 2018. THIS IS THE DAY WE NEED YOUR HELP THE MOST assisting the vendors with unloading their equipment and plants, and setting up other society tents for soda, and Raffles. Between the hours of 8:30am and 5pm. THE SECOND BIGGEST DAY IS SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2018, beginning at 4pm which is time to clean the park and leave it the way we found it upon arrival on Friday. BUT, ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WE WILL NEED PEOPLE FOR SECURITY IN THE BIG SHOW TENT FOR THE DISPLAYS, RELIEVING VENDORS FOR PIT STOPS ETC.

Lastly, is the annual picnic for all society members and their families. It is generally held on the Saturday before Mothers' Day, which is May 12th. We need a member to take over the helm as the chairman for that affair. There will be more to come on that later. Anyone wanting to step up to the plate and take the job, please contact Doug Mew for further information at 772-713-5165 ASAP.

Thanks,
Carol Marvin, Show Chairman

Editors Notes:

What a great talk and slide show from Tomas. Who thought miniatures would be so easy to accommodate. As a favor to us, Tomas has supplied a special code for our members to use when they shop at Tomas' web page. The promo code is "SPEECH2". So if you'd like some beautiful miniatures, Tomas is the man to see. His web page is tarzanegroup.com, and the promo code is good through the end of April.

We still need some folks to volunteer for positions that either don't have anybody currently installed, or folks whose terms have expired but are filling in until replacements can be found. At the bottom of the newsletter, you'll see that the membership committee have been vacant for several years. Our Treasurer and one board member have graciously volunteered to stay in place until replacements can come forward. But, we need people to start thinking about holding offices since the terms on all the officers will expire this year. I know we have plenty of talent in our group who can lead our society in the coming year.

Our show is quickly approaching and we need volunteers. This year we have the same orchid vendors, who never disappoint us with their plants, as well as several new and interesting vendors of non-orchid products. We hope to have a great turnout of shoppers since the weather, at this point, looks like it should be warm but beautiful. To go with those shoppers and vendors we will need help to make small work for each of us at the show. Please be sure to be at the meeting on the 19th when we'll go over things where volunteers are needed.

The meeting this month will be a mixture of big picture as well as little picture. We'll talk about where we are and how prepared we are for the show, and some of the little details and needs still to be fulfilled.

Speaking of little, there will be a talk about niches. In case you don't know what a niche is, it consists of a small decoration, such as a flower arrangement, that must fit inside a box about the size of a shoe box. The only side of the box that can be touched by your design is the bottom where the container will sit. We will have some folks show how to make a niche at the meeting. Be sure to bring the container you think might work to the meeting and we'll let you know if it will work well, and why it won't if it's not the best choice.

And if you're interested in niches, but still not sure you're comfortable on your own with it, Louise Martin and Diane O'Neal will be at the park for the entire weekend, and be creating their niches on Friday after setup. They have graciously volunteered to work with others on their niches, as they create their own. So feel free to take advantage of this opportunity. For

those of you who might be interested in creating a niche for the show, Beryl Steiner will be assigning the spots. So give her a call to let her know you want one or more niches. Beryl's number is 561-573-9080. Leave a message with your information and she'll get back with you if needed.

After the show, we will all celebrate by having our annual picnic at Riverside Park on May 12th. For the meal will be hot dogs and hamburgers, with all their fixin's, and buns and non alcoholic drinks supplied by the society. The only thing we ask of our members who come is to bring a dish, either your favorite or most renown, and maybe a folding chair. The picnic benches at the park get mighty hard after a while. The picnic will be at the park area beside the bridge, across the street from the fire/rescue building and will begin about 11AM. Let's all come celebrate another successful show, and share the day with friends.

Upcoming Orchid Shows:

April 14-15, [Orchid Lovers of Spring Hill "Orchids Gone Wild"](#)

VFW Post 8681, 18940 Drayton Street, Spring Hill, FL

April 21-22, [Tallahassee Orchid Society Show & Sale](#)

Doyle Conner Agriculture Bldg., 3125 Doyle Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, FL

April 21-22, [Pan American Orchid Society Show "The Magic of Orchids"](#)

R.F. Orchids, Inc., 28100 SW 182 Ave., Homestead, FL

April 28-29, [Vero Beach Orchid Society Annual Show "Orchids on Parade"](#)

Riverside Park, 3001 Riverside Park Dr., Vero Beach, FL

May 4-6, [Platinum Coast Orchid Society "Days of Wine and Orchids"](#)

Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road, Merritt Island, FL

May 18-20, [Redland International Orchid Festival](#)

Redland Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead, FL

June 2-3, [Central Florida Orchid Society Show](#)

National Guard Armory, 2809 S Ferncreek Ave., Orlando, FL

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DUES FOR 2018: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00 FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE APRIL 19TH, AT 7:00 PM AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM