



Vero Beach Orchid Society



March 2015

March Meeting Agenda

In the last newsletter and meeting it was announced that we would be having our Swap Shop. But the plans have changed. Because the Port St Lucie Show setup will be the same day as our meeting, it will be too much for the organizers to do on the same day. So, instead we are going to start our Orchid Growing Contest.

Here's what will happen. The Society will furnish plants to all who attend the meeting who are current on their dues. "Current" means you won't get an orchid for the contest unless you have paid your **2015 dues**. You can still pay your dues at the March meeting and be eligible for the contest plant. There will be no exceptions. No dues, No Orchid. Of course all lifetime members are automatically eligible for the contest as well.

The Society will also furnish the medium recommended by the nursery, and the size pot they recommend. During the meeting we will have a "potting party" of sorts where we will all pot our plants and get general instructions on this particular species of orchid and the recommendations on how best to grow it. Along with the plant, we will distribute a history of this plant so you'll the legacy that will be carried on by our society.

We will have, during the next year or so, progress reports from various people to see how everybody is doing, and to find out if there are problems that we can help with curing. We will have a couple of categories for the contest, such as who kills their plant first (unintentionally). To that person will go a prize. Largest orchid (whether it has bloomed or not) will also be a category, and that person will also have a prize. The contest will be over when the first person blooms their free orchid. Each category must be verified by one of the officers or board members as proof to the society. When we get notice of the first bloomer, for the next meeting, we'll ask all those who have received an orchid to bring it in so they can all be evaluated and prizes awarded. (The one who kills their plant first need not bring in the dead one, but don't throw it away immediately. Keep tending to it with water and indirect light, and it might start to come back.)

We have ordered a few extra orchids too, so any **member in good standing** that would be interested in purchasing an extra orchid will be eligible to do so. The extra plant will be \$5.00 each.

By the way, there will be no refreshments at this meeting (since we had no volunteers for refreshment committee chair) so if you'll need something to drink or a snack, you'll need to bring it with you.

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 2, 2015

President Jim Andre called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Club. Board members present were: President Jim Andre, Vice-President Bob Greene, Treasurer Addison Marvin, Secretary Marilyn Row, VBOS News Editor Carolyn Greene, Show Chairman Doug Mew, Board members Louise Martin, and Ronnie Meeks. Also present were Tammy Meeks, Marty Martin and Scott St. Clair.

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 Board meeting were approved as read

Addison gave the January, 2015 Treasurer's Report. It was approved as presented. Copies of a notebook were distributed which contained: Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, VBOS Handbook, Narrative of the Society

Activities and a Conflict of Interest Policy. All board members were requested to complete the Conflict of Interest form and give it to the secretary. Volunteers are needed as auditors.

Old Business

Addison reported that Trina Smith sent him the 5013-C form regarding non-profits and related material. A motion was made to expend \$400 to apply for the 5013-C not-for-profit status. This will allow us to give a tax deduction to those who make a donation to the VBOS.

Louise and Marty Martin's last day on the Refreshment Committee will be February 19, 2015 unless we have new volunteers, there will be no refreshments at the March meeting. Louise advised that we need to remove our supplies from the Garden Club's back room. It was suggested that we need an official request from the Garden Club.

A Shop Swap will replace an auction in March. Ronnie is going to contact Judy about organizing it.

A volunteer is needed to handle our Society's website.

Two show displays are needed in March for the Port St. Lucie and Martin County Society shows.

We had a table at the Garden Club of Indian River County's Garden Fest at Riverside Park on January 31 and February 1, 2015. Some new members were signed up.

Our annual VBOS show and sale will be on April 25 and April 26. Jupiter Orchid Society may join us. Show Chairman Doug advised that February 28, 2015 is the deadline for a vendor to submit an application for our 2015 show.

New Business

Addison advised that a few years ago we bought about 20 books of Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month by Martin Motes for \$20 each. Scott St. Clair advised that he will contact the Garden Club because they need orchid books.

Jim advised that he has received emails for the last few months from Michelle Jacobus regarding Garden Club business. He has not received the letters she refers to in the emails. One is incorrectly addressed. The emails regard a new rental policy, removal of all items, and a request for a Certificate of Liability naming the garden club as an additional insurer.

Doug advised that the Vero Beach Magazine photographed and interviewed him and Jim. The article should appear in the March issue.

Bob Greene suggested an orchid growing contest with seedlings from Carmella Orchids. Bob made a motion that we purchase up to 100 plants with \$200 to buy the seedlings from Carmella Orchids and have them at our April meeting. Ronnie seconded the motion and it passed.

Doug announced that Busy Bee Nursery invited us to their Appreciation Day on March 14 to sign up new member. He would like to take 15 seedlings to give people who sign up to join. Bob made a motion that Doug be allowed to spend up to \$75 to buy small plants for Busy Bee's Appreciation Day to give people who sign and join. Addison seconded the motion and it carried. The nursery will provide free hot dogs and cold drinks.

Our speaker for February will be Thanh Nguyen.

Jim will not be here next month.

Bob Greene made a motion, seconded by Louise, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. President Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Submitted by

Marilyn E. Row, Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE

We had a quick and enjoyable setup for the Martin County Show on Thursday. The the Judging for the displays was Friday morning and we came in second for society display. We also receive a lot of ribbons too. Hope to see more of you at the setup for Port St. Lucie on March 19th. We'll be starting around 9:00am, just as with this last show, and prep the day before at Ronnie & Tami's home at 1196 Indian River Blvd in Sebastian.

Don't forget the society will be having a booth at the Busy Bee Customer Appreciation Day Celebration on March 14th. Doug is still looking for folks to volunteer with him at the booth. It's really informal, come for as long or short a period you'd like, and get some great plants or supplies while you're there. You'll event be fed! Please contact Doug if you have questions or would like to volunteer. Doug's number is 772-778-6625.

We're coming up on our show in just about 6 weeks. Doug sent out a request to help for sponsors for orchid species and for our Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze categories. Please help us out by either getting a sponsor and sponsoring a species yourself.

We're also asking for folks to volunteer for setup and judging for our show too. It's a little bit of work and usually a great deal of fun. This is a good way for newer members to see some of the other members who don't usually come to a lot of meetings. Helping with the judges is a great way to learn more about the different species and get pointers on what you need to do to grow a truly show-worthy plant.

This is your last reminder for dues. If you're not paid by the March 2015 meeting, you will be removed from the roster and the newsletter distribution. Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Also if you are currently a member and having trouble receiving your newsletter, please send an email to the address below vbosnewsletter@hotmail.com or come to a meeting and let one of the officers know then.

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DUES FOR 2015: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00

FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE MARCH 19TH, 2015, AT 7:00 PM, AT
THE INDIAN RIVER GARDEN CLUB, 2526 17TH AVENUE, VERO BEACH, FL 32960**