



# Vero Beach Orchid Society



June 2014

## June Meeting Speaker

Our speaker for the month of June will be Guillermo Salazar. Guillermo grew up as a child of a nursery owner father and an interior and floral designer mother, Guillermo was able to develop his natural creative and professional talents even before attending college. Later, he followed his dream of becoming a professional landscape designer, receiving his degree in Landscape Design & Management. Later he received a Master's in Science in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Florida. As a 9 year old living in El Salvador, Guillermo found orchids were the most attractive plants in this tropical environment and he started collecting them. He became the youngest member of the Asociacion de Orquideologia de El Salvador, the capitals largest orchid society. During his college years back in Florida, he learned the importance of protecting natural resources especially orchids here in Florida. He is an AOS student judge; board member of several orchid societies. As a Florida Master Gardener, Guillermo has worked for several years as a professional Landscape Designer in private, municipal and governmental capacities in the South Florida area. He currently works as a private landscape designer & consultant, adjunct faculty for the Landscape Technology Department for Miami Dade College & Landscape Superintendent for City of Miami Lakes. His work entails teaching people how to design a garden successfully with the use of adequate plants and orchids to create functional & environmentally conscious environment. He has published several articles on home gardening, design and orchid articles for South Florida design magazines. His credentials include: ISA certified Arborist, Certified Landscape Inspector and Certified Horticulturist. His specialty in orchids is Angraecoids, Bulbophyllums, rare and miniature tropical species. In his spare time, Guillermo is a professional breeder of pedigree Persian and Himalayan cats, enjoys gardening & exploring tropical regions of the world.

At our meeting, he will be speaking about African Orchids for Florida. It really sounds like it should be an interesting talk. So please try to make it. We will also have raffle plants and he will have a sales table as well.

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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show Report

Well, our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show has come and gone. The public attendance was down a little from last year, but the vendors went home happy because they sold a lot of plants and said they

could not wait till next year.

As your show chairman, I would like to thank all the members who came out on set-up Friday to set up tables and chairs, and to assist vendors unload their equipment when they arrived. I would also like to thank those that worked with judges, judging displays. Thanks also goes out to all the members that volunteered to work the Raffle Tent, Drink Tent, VBOS Information Tent, Security in the Display Tent on Saturday and Sunday, and all night Security on Friday and Saturday night.

Lastly thanks goes out to all members who helped on Sunday breaking down the show. Vendors would also like to thank those who helped them break down their tent and load up their equipment.

Now it is time to start looking forward to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show which will be the fourth weekend in April 2015. We will be having a contest again this year to select a name for next years show, now is the time to get your names in before other groups use yours.

Also what a great picnic held the Saturday before Mothers Day in Riverside Park. There was a Show & Tell, and auction held. And thanks to all who worked with cooking and setting up the buffet table with the dishes. It was a great group and social gathering. The food was great and those who didn't attend missed a very good get together.

Doug

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## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes May 5, 2014**

President Paul Price Called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Present were Paul Price, Carolyn Greene, Doug Mew, Louise Martin, Addison Marvin, Sandy Abraham, Marian Kottie, Scott St. Clair(late) and Diane O'Neal. Absent was Ron Meeks.

Secretary minutes from April Executive Board meeting were read and approved, 1st by Louise Martin 2nd by Paul Price

Treasury report was given by Addison Marvin for April 2014. Approved 1st Louise Martin and 2nd by Sandy Abraham. The one outstanding check from 2013-was reversed and written off.

Old Business;

\*Nothing to report on 501.c 3.

\*No tires from Bruce who was going to buy and donate 2 brand new tires for the trailer for storage of VBOS items. Bruce no longer wants to be associated with society. The VBOS will need to purchase some tires for the trailer.

\*Marilyn Row is still working on composing of a cookbook of recipes from club members to be a fundraiser for the VBOS.

\*The VBOS annual Picnic will be at Riverside, May 10,2014 at 11am.Hot dogs, Hamburgers & drinks supplied by the society. Doug will get drinks and condiment “stuff”. Club members are to bring a pot luck dish to share. All raffle items left over from the Show will be raffled off at the picnic, (the same method as orchids are raffled at monthly meetings) tickets will be sold \$1.00 per ticket 8 for \$5.00. Louise Martin will be selling the tickets at the picnic, bowls will be taken from the Garden Club bin, to use for the raffle.

New business;

\*A motion was made by Addison Marvin to sell all raffle ticket for \$1.00 per ticket 8 for \$5.00 for all raffles, 1st by Carolyn Greene and 2nd by Louise Martin and Sandy Abraham.

\*A need was presented to address club members with previous incidents that causes “problems”. There were several issues; one with Marion Kottie at the show with classifications of the orchids and another with a dinner with a guest speaker Bob Skully. As problems arise they should be addressed right away.

\*Discussion about donation of orchids to be in trees at the museum- who would be responsible for maintaining, fertilizing and etc.??? This was tabled until there was more information from Ron Meeks and Mr. Wally. Contact person for this is Cindy Gediean (772-231-0707)

\*The contract with the Garden Club needs to be taken care of, contact person is Michelle (772-539-9547)

Show report

\*Doug Mew shared the results of the show; \$ taken in was down, amount of people helping out was down. Much thanks to all who did help, and did great job! Discussion about some ways to make improvements to our next year show included; registration process, classification changes with some categories being too defined with too few plants in the category. Doug was very angry about an incident that took place at the show, concerning Bruce (the guy who was buying of tires for the trailer) and “Boy Scouts” setting up at our entrance way at Riverside to get money for there fund riser and how it was handled.

Doug stated that he was resigning as show chairman and he walked out.

\*Paul Price then spoke out and also resigned as president, due to health issues. He handed in all keys and expressed that the VBOS trailer needed to be removed from his house.

The entire board member team was surprised and had much mixed confusion with news of Doug and Paul’s resignation. Vice President Scott St Clair was quite overwhelmed and expressed that we would be ok.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. 1st Diane O'neal, 2nd Carolyn Greene 3rd Louise Martin & Sandy Abraham

Respectfully Submitted, Diane O'Neal, Secretary

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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

As you might have noticed, we don't have a president's message because we are lacking a president. It was an abrupt and unexpected change, but we wish Paul the best. Our vice president is not able to step up as president, as would usually be protocol. In that light, we'll be asking for people who are interested in volunteering to fill the remainder of Paul's term as our interim leader. As with most business meetings, they can be very dry from time to time, but the board members do their best to keep it light and fun. There's always a good mix of business and levity, without making the meetings too long. Besides, you'll be one of the first to know what will be happening in the society. Please, everybody think about volunteering. We will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting before the presentation.

I must also retract one of the position vacancies announced in the last newsletter. The hospitality committee folks are not interested in giving up that position as of yet. However, there are other positions in the society that are in need of volunteers.

We're still looking for suggestions and ideas from the membership on how to make the society better. If there are any ideas from anybody, suggestions of speakers (if we can get them to come to our society), trips to take or other activities that might be of interest to the group, we really want to hear them. The society must have variety to remain interesting and fun for everybody.

Another point of business, we are putting together a cookbook of our society member's favorite dishes. They can be your family favorites or just something you tried on you own. We will need all varieties from appetizers all the way through desserts. If you have any you'd like to share, you can bring them to the meeting, and give them to Marilyn Row or Carolyn Greene. If you choose to send them via e-mail you can send them directly to Marilyn or to the newsletter address below. And there's always the option of regular mail, if you'd like. Marilyn's email is: merow@att.net. Her mailing address is: 404 Grove Isle, Vero Beach, FL 32962

I knew I didn't have all the information correct for the awards for our show. Here are the updates I've received.

Judy Wagner- 3 blue, 2 red and Best Cypridium.

Diane O'Neal- Best Cattleya (over 4 Inches)

Bill Whitaker - 2 blue and 3 yellow

Patrick McClintock - 1 blue

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**Secretary –** Diane O'Neal

**Treasurer –** Addison Marvin

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**DUES FOR 2014:** SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00

FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JUNE 19TH, 2014, AT  
THE INDIAN RIVER GARDEN CLUB, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FL 3296  
THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**