



Vero Beach Orchid Society

September 2018



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Louise attended St. Mary College in Maryland and the University of Maryland as an art major. She grew roses while raising four children (which included a set of twin boys), applied to be a rose judge and became the youngest woman rose judge on the east coast. Later, she accepted a position on the research panel team of Jackson & Perkins Roses.

Moving to Florida, Louise found out rose bushes were not easy to grow. Her first love was always orchids, so she started growing them as a hobby on her screened in porch in Ocean Ridge. Louise met John Odom through her family doctor, who was one of his customers. The "orchid addiction" set in and she became a "volunteer" at John's greenhouse helping with shows, customers and repotting orchids. She became John's partner for 10 years and they were married in the year 2000. Louise was officially in the "orchid business". Louise taught beginners orchid classes for about 15 years at the greenhouse. Her most prized accomplishment is when she received her Doctorate degree in Theology in 2012.

Oh, forgot to mention, when John and Louise are not involved in growing orchids, they are raising Rottweiler puppies.

Vero Beach Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes June 4th, 2018

The board meeting was called to order by President, John Odom at 6:51pm. Others in attendance: Sherry Cauley, Addison Marvin, Doug Mew, Pat Mills, Howard Kramer, Carol Marvin and Carolyn Greene.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.

Minutes of last board meeting were read and accepted as read.

Old Business: The show results were discussed.

New Business: The budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year was discussed and amended to reflect changes needed for various line items. All board members agreed to all changes after some discussion.

It was suggested that we establish a committee to change the bi-laws to allow terms of officers and board members to be more flexible, and to amend the articles of incorporation to agree with the new standards, as needed

John adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Greene for Secretary, Joan Kaser

Editors Note

We'd like to thank Jamie Lawson for his presentation on the display options for your orchids. So many orchids in a yard. Thanks Jamie.

Our ramble bus trip was on Saturday, and the comments we heard were positive.

The date for the Christmas Party will be December 15th at 1:00. It will be at Marsh Landing in Fellsmere again this year. Most people seems to enjoy it very much, and the service is usually very good and unobtrusive. Further details are not available yet, but we can tell you there will be a choice between ham, turkey, beef, and fish for the entry. We'll still have the cheese and cracker appetizer along with the salad before the entree. And we'll have a choice of 3 different desserts. We will begin collecting the reservations in October, so you'll have 2 meetings, almost 3 months, to make your reservation. We will have much the same menu as in prior years. Next month we'll have the complete rundown for everybody to have some time to make their decisions.

Next trip will be to Tamiami, for their Orchid Show. The date for it will be January 12th. We'll be leaving the parking lot across the street from the Garden Club Building at 8:00 am, and arrive home around 7:00 pm. The fee to reserve your seat for this one is also \$20.00. This trip will be announced to other societies in a couple of months, so if you're interested get your reservations in, it will be on a first come first serve basis after it opens to the other societies. We'll start collecting for this trip in the October meeting.

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DUES FOR 2018:

SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00

FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 20TH, AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE BUS TRIP!