



# Vero Beach Orchid Society

November 2014



## **November Speaker Gary Bailey**

**Gary Bailey** will be speaking this month about potting (splitting and repotting) of Phaleanopsis and Cattleya orchids. This month will be a great time for all novice and slightly experienced growers to attend our society meeting without feeling overwhelmed. The subject matter will be more of a basic educational session than a formal presentation. Of course, our more expert growers might learn or even contribute to the presentation as well. This will be a great opportunity to learn what the successful, experienced growers do, including their hints for success that you don't usually get from a formal speaker.

Since Phals and Cats are the two most abundant orchids offered at shows and many local growers, these are the species most new growers have in their collections. This is a good introduction to basic growing and care. Along with that, if there are any questions or even distressed plants you might have, this is the perfect opportunity to bring them and have your questions answered after the lecture.

Gary is a former President of our society and has been growing orchids for many years. He has participated in many potting parties and presented lectures at Busy Bee and other garden venues. (In spite of my ineptitudes and sometimes poor habits, my plants that Gary has helped with are all flourishing.)

Also a Sellers Table will be available for any member interested in selling their plants that are cluttering up your house or yard. But, please make sure they are disease and pest free for the sake of the other sellers as well the buyers.

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### **Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

President Jim Andre called the meeting to order at 7:20pm. Present were Jim Andre, Carolyn Greene, Doug Mew, Addison Marvin, Sandy Abraham and Diane O'Neal. Absent was Louise Martin, Scott St. Clair and Ron Meeks.

Minutes from August Executive Board meeting were read and corrections of Spelling error- Swap Meet and also that Judy Wagner and Tammy Meeks were also present at the meeting (reporting and updates about swap meet and Christmas party) approved with corrections. 1<sup>st</sup> by Carolyn Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Abraham

Treasury report was given by Addison Marvin for August 2014. Approved with no corrections 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Abraham

Old Business:

- \*501.c 3. Is still moving forward.
- \*Tires done, a jack was donated by a club member and no wheel protectors (to prevent them from dry rotting) at this time have been purchased.
- \*Marilyn Row still needs recipes for the cookbook from club members.
- \*No news on the Arts Museum Building garden, Ron Meeks not present.
- \*No report from Marion Kotte (who was not present) concerning the classification standardizing for the show. Doug Mew stated that we will have new classification.
- \* Insurance has been paid for one year, through All Insurance Sources, Inc w/ affiliation with The Hartford. Addison has the policy of the coverage.
- \*No updates on the Christmas party to be on held on Dec. 6, 2014.
- \*No updates on the Swap Meet, to be September 18, 2014.

New business:

- \*Possible Bus trip?? Need to see if any one is interested. Possibly large van (16 passenger)
- \* October monthly meeting will also be our auction. Joe will be our auctioneer, a committee will be needed for tracking plants / money- Jim Andre to appoint a committee at the September swap meet.
- \*Nomination committee for new officers for 2015 is needed for 1 board member, president, vice president and secretary. Jim will looking for interested member to fill positions at the September meeting and swap meet. Also someone is needed to take over the website for the VBOS.

Show report

\*Doug Mew has our show penciled in for Riverside Park, till money is paid. 3 venders from past shows are not returning, this leaves an opening to introduce and invite new applicants. Applications to be sent out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy Abraham 2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Greene

Respectfully Submitted, Diane O'Neal, Secretary

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Firstly, it's election time again. We currently have a slate of officers, which will be voted on at the beginning of this meeting. The nominees are Jim Andre for President, Bob Greene for Vice President, Marilyn Row for Secretary, Addison Marvin for Treasurer, and Ronnie Meeks, Louise Martin and Doug Mew for board members.

Each officers' term is one year and they can serve as many as 5 years if they choose to continue for that long. The board positions are 3 year stints with one expiring each year. This year, the position occupied by Sandy Abraham is becoming vacant, next year the position occupied by Louise Martin will be open and the following year (2016) Ronnie Meeks position will be open.

The board meetings are only about an hour to an hour and a half on the first Monday of each month, and are usually a lot of fun while we're getting the business done. We would be a more diverse society

with new people volunteering for officer or board positions. Each person brings new ideas and viewpoints, and in order to keep the society interesting, we need those new viewpoints. So please consider volunteering your time and thoughts. Even if you don't want to hold a permanent position in the group, we still need your suggestions and help to keep the society interesting.

Secondly, the Society Christmas Party will be December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Garden Club Building (our normal meeting place). The cost will be \$10 for members, and \$15 for non members. We are asking each member (or family) to bring a side dish. The side can be an appetizer, salad, hot dish or dessert. This will be your chance to share an old family dish or even pick something up from a local restaurant or grocery store. We don't want to make this any more complicated or burdensome than it necessary. Tammy Meeks will be keeping a list of which dishes are being provided and you'll need to let her know when you make your reservation. Please let Tammy Meeks know what you're bringing so we can keep track and augment as needed to have a good variety of dishes. Tammy's phone number is 772-473-5816 and her email address is [ronnie@oakacres.com](mailto:ronnie@oakacres.com)

The society will be providing the meats, non-alcoholic drinks (aka mixers), paper goods and silverware. We have begun taking reservations, You can either reserve your space at the meeting this month, or you can mail it to the society post office box (on the last page of the newsletter). Regardless of how you reserve your spot, please call or email Tammy to let her know what you'll be bringing if you don't inform her at the meeting. Reservations **MUST** be paid by November 29<sup>th</sup>, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Lastly from me, Louise and Marty Martin are resigning as the refreshment committee for our meetings. They have done a stellar job of arranging snacks for our meetings, and in the past have organized our Christmas Party. They are ready to give others the opportunity to pick up the reins for our meetings so they can rest and heal. They have held this position for 8 years and deserve a break. If you're interested in helping with this effort, please let us know at the meeting or email your wishes to the newsletter address and we'll be sure to present your name to the board.

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VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY OFFICERS

**President** – Jim Andre

**Vice President** – Scott St. Clair

**Secretary** – Diane O'Neal

**Treasurer** – Addison Marvin

**Board of Directors**

Sandra Abraham

Louise Martin

Ronnie Meeks

**Committees**

Membership –

Hospitality – Louise & Marty Martin

Sunshine – Marilyn Row

Show Chairman – Doug Mew

Newsletter Editor – Carolyn Greene

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

FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 20TH, 2014, AT  
THE INDIAN RIVER GARDEN CLUB, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FL 3296  
THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**