



Vero Beach Orchid Society



February 2015

February Speaker

Thanh Nguyen
Springwater Orchids

Thanh is an owner-operator of Springwater Orchids (Melbourne, FL). He is an engineer by trade, but also has been collecting and growing orchids for over 25 years. His orchid business began in 2001, mainly selling on the internet but gradually moved to orchid shows in recent years. Although he grows and sells all orchids genera, his forte has always been the genus of Paphiopedilum.

He collects fine plants; grows, sells, breeds, and enjoys sharing his experiences with his customers and colleagues. His passion in paphs is reflected in award winning plants and an on-going paphs breeding program using local lab work. His goals are to bring the excellence of a paphs breeding program back to America and augment the enthusiasm of paphs growing by way of sharing his growing experience and educational programs via shows and society speeches.

The future of paphs, or orchids in general he believes, lies in the hands of growers who are willing to experiment and willing to try something new and uniquely so... support your American breeders and buy their seedlings!

Thanh's talk will be on Basic Orchid culture. This is a great topic for those who are new to orchid growing and especially those who enjoy hearing the humorous and witty educational spin Thanh adds to the presentation. There will be orchid plants of several different genera for sale at the meeting from Thanh's nursery, Springwater Orchids.

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES **JANUARY 5, 2015**

President Jim Andre called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. 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 member Louise Martin, Board member Ronnie Meeks and Tammy Meeks.

The minutes of the December 1, 2014 Board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Addison Marvin's Treasurer's Report was approved as read. He needs a signed letter from our Society stating approval of a change of signatures on two of our TD Bank checking accounts. Volunteers for the audit are needed.

Old Business

New volunteers for the refreshment committee are needed. Louise and Marty Martin will resign the position after the February meeting. Board Members will furnish refreshments for the January 15, 2015 meeting.

Ron Meeks suggested holding a Swap Shop.

Doug Mew reported that a volunteer is needed to handle our Society's website.

New Business

Ron Meeks is handling the 5013-C form regarding non-profits.

Show Chairman Doug Mew advised that February 28, 2015 is the deadline for a vendor to submit an application for our 2015 show. Other societies are having shows in March.

The Garden Club of Indian River County is having a Garden Fest at Riverside Park on January 31, 2015 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) and February 1, 2015 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM). We were invited to have a table at this event. A table and tent will be needed.

Whether or not to have an auction this year was discussed. Suggestions included: 1) holding it when the snowbirds are here; 2) not having one for 2015, and 3) have it like the one done at the Christmas party. Interest has fallen off and there is little profit. No decision made.

President Jim Andre will be the speaker at the January meeting. Bob Greene will get a speaker for February and Doug Mew will help.

A motion for adjournment was made and approved. President Jim Andre adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by
Marilyn E. Row, Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE

We'd like to give our thanks to Jim Andre for his lecture on TDS. Those of you who didn't make it missed an interesting talk.

We have some big events coming up in the next several months.

First this month, we have Thanh as our speaker. He's always very informative and there's never dull moment during his presentation. He brings real enjoyment to learning more about our orchids and their needs.

Second on our list, we will be holding a Swap Shop for our March meeting. As with the last one, there will be a limited number of tables available and participants can sell anything they'd like (that's legal, of course). However, this is not a garage sale, so please leave the old tools, toys, clothes and other garage sale items at home. You are not limited to orchids or orchid supplies, though there probably will be some there. As soon as we know for sure who will be heading up the registration, we'll send out a notice. Of course, if you decide by this meeting you'd like to have a table, you can always let one of the officers or board members know, and we'll put your name on the list. It will be first come, first served for the tables, so we'll keep a list of everybody interested.

The sales tables will be provided by the Society and will be approximately the size of a card table. Since many of you may not have orchid plants to sell the following will items will also be acceptable:

Orchid plants & supplies Orchid related items **Other plants** Crafts **Bake goods**

Please make a note in your email of what you will be selling.

Make sure to mark your prices clearly and bring cash to make change. I would suggest you print some culture sheets for your different types of plants to hand out to buyers to help them learn the care of that particular orchid or plant. Please check all plants for bugs and diseases. If your plant is not in bloom try to bring a sample photograph.

The doors will be opened at 6:00 pm on March 19th so setup can begin and be finished by the 7:00pm starting time.

Thirdly, our orchid growing contest is almost ready to begin. The board has approved the purchase of the plants, and the prize to be awarded. I can tell you that the particular plants have been said to be relatively easy to grow, so it should not give an impossible challenge to a even the novice growers in our group. The plants will be given to those who wish to participate in the contest, so even if it doesn't make it, you've not lost a cent. And if it does well, even if you aren't the first to get a bloom, you'll still have a lovely plant. We'll give you more details as the time for distribution gets closer, so stay tuned for more.

Fourthly, Upcoming event which we'll need some help and support. We have several for March, and we would appreciate some participation from some of the new faces in the group. None of the tasks are difficult and they give a great opportunity to meet new people and learn more about orchids. The names and contact information is listed below, but, well, here's a novel idea, maybe you can just talk to them face to face at the next meeting or event.

March 6-8, 2015 Martin County Orchid Society Annual Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway Stuart Fl. The theme for this show is the **“Magical World of Orchids”**. We will be asking for folks to loan us plants for the display we will be putting in at this show. It will be a tabletop display of 8 feet long and 30 inches wide. Also if there are any members who would like to help with the setup, please contact Sherry Cauley. We'll be able to give you directions if you choose to drive yourself, or a ride if you want to go but not to drive. Setup will be on March 5th, in the morning and lunch will be provided for those who help.

March 14th Busy Bee Customer Appreciation Day We have been asked to have a tent at the Customer Appreciation Day celebration that Busy Bee has every year. It's a wonderful event to see all the different growers, get information and questions answered. The hours of the event are from 9:00am to

5:00pm. Busy Bee also provides food and drink for those who attend. Anyone interested in helping Doug man the tent, please call or email him. His number is 772-778-6625 and email is instedof@bellsouth.net.

March 20 – 22 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show Port St. Lucie Community Center, Port St. Lucie The theme of this show will be “**Orchid Treasures**”. We will be asking for folks for the loan us plants for this display also. It will be a 10 X 10 foot square area. Also if there are any members who would like to help with the setup, please contact Sherry Cauley. We'll be able to give you directions if you choose to drive yourself, or a ride if you want to go but not to drive. Setup will be on March 19th, in the morning and lunch will be provided for those who help.

Sherry's number and email are 772-321-6614 and sherry.cauley@live.com. If you have any questions about what you might be asked to do during setup to decide if you'd be able to help, just chat with Sherry. She's always willing to share.

Fifth, it's dues renewal time. The period between now and the end of March is the time frame, if you'll be renewing, in order for your membership not to expire. You can come to the meeting and pay there, (Addison will be sitting near the door as you come in) or you can send the dues and application to the post office box at the bottom of the newsletter. We hope to see you all back as members for this year.

Lastly, for this edition, Our orchid show will be coming up before we know it. It will be April 25th and 26th, 2015. Now is the time to start grooming your plants for individual judging, since we don't need to install a display. We will need volunteers for pretty much all aspects of the show. We need raffle prizes to be donated from local vendors and sponsors for our show. We need workers for the raffle table.

There are positions open for helping with the judging and registering plants. We also are in need of helpers for setup and tear down. Setup will be April 24th starting at 9:00 am. During this phase we'll be putting up tables in the show tent, and covering them with tablecloths (we have them in our trailer). We'll be distributing tables to vendor positions and if you'd like, many vendors are grateful for help unloading the loading their goods. Tear down will be April 26th immediately after the closing hour of the show. Both setup and tear down only take a hour or two, and the work isn't difficult or heavy. The more folks who volunteer, the easier it will be for everybody.

Then the other really important task is to be an ambassador during the show. If you can help people by answering questions about where particular vendors are or how to care for the plants. Just whatever issues our guests might have.

If you have any question, problems or suggestions you'd like to see for our society address, please don't hesitate to let us know. We want to make our group interesting and grow to meet the wishes of the members as best as we can. The board will consider each piece of correspondence we receive, and please don't feel shy about asking any of the officers or board members questions. That's what they're there for, to help the members get the most out of their membership.

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DUES FOR 2014: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00

FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

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