



Vero Beach Orchid Society



December 2014

Christmas Party

For those of you who could not make it, sorry you missed it. It was a beautiful party. The hall was decorated in a very classy motif and the food was terrific.

We want to pass on a special thanks to Tammy Meeks for coordinating the details. It was absolutely flawless, and thanks to those who brought side dishes, appetizers and desserts. One dish was better than the next. The meats were delicious, tender and juicy.

During the business portion of the meeting, our new officers for the coming year were installed. They are as follows:

President, Jim Andre

Vice President, Bob Greene

Secretary, Marilyn Row

Treasurer, Addison Marvin

Board Members are Louise Martin, Ronnie Meeks, and Doug Mew.

In addition three folks were selected for lifetime memberships to our society. Sherry Cauley, and her husband, Bob, as well as Addison Marvin and his wife, Carol. As for the other lifetime membership, they will be informed and then we'll announce it at the meeting and in the newsletter.

January Meeting Speaker

For the January meeting, our speaker will be our own president, Jim Andre. Jim's career is in medicine. His first interest in orchids began when he was in Haiti in 1986, where the *Tolumnia Variegata* orchids grow in the wild. Before moving to Florida in 2008, he worked and grew orchids in Minnesota and is a lifetime member of the Minnesota Orchid Society.

Next month we'll give more details on his discussion for the January meeting.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes November 3rd, 2014

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

Secretary minutes from Sept. Executive Board meeting (No October meeting was held) were read and corrections of Christmas party date-2014 approved with corrections. 1st by Louise Martin 2nd by Scott St. Clair

Treasury report was given by Addison Marvin for October 2014. Approved with no corrections
1st Carolyn Greene 2nd by Sandy Abraham

Old Business:

- *501.c 3. Is still moving forward, in the works.
- *Tires wheel protectors have been purchased.
- *Marilyn Row still needs recipes for the cookbook from club members.
- *No news on the Arts Museum Building garden. Nothing to report.
- *Report from Marion Kottie concerning the New classification regulations / standardizing for the Show(from Joe Byson). Same amount of awards given out, judges can award any plant (even if not registered) , tweak rules, discontinue first blooming seedling and different size differences 5' over and under (less than 5') commercial/vender in cattlya category-individual.
- *Updates on the Christmas party by Tammy Meeks to be on held on Dec. 6, 2014; tickets to cost \$10. for members \$15. For non-members. Carved meat to be supplied and "shared" side dishes to be brought, BYOB also, Society to supply decorations, paper goods and non-alcoholic beverages. Society to pay for Orchids plants. Life time membership recognition will take place at the party. Nominations were accepted 1st by Scott St. Clair 2nd by Carolyn Greene. Tammy Meeks will be sell ticket for party at Monthly meeting and posting sign up sheet for pot luck dishes/side dishes. In the past years there was an attendance of 82-86.
- *The Swap Meet, held September 18, 2014, was enjoyed by all.
- *Possible Bus trip, to be discussed at future meetings
- * October monthly meeting was our auction.
- *Acclimation (due to one nomination per position) for new officers for 2015 to be voted on at November monthly meeting; 1 board member, president, vice president and secretary. Also someone is needed to take over the website for the VBOS, chair the monthly refreshment and chair the raffle booth for the annual show (Louise Martin resigned).

New Business:

- * Discussion to have 1 auction per year in February or March and 1 swap meet per year in November, along with monthly general meeting.
- * Paul Storm to be guest speaker for November monthly meeting.
- * Scott St. Clair was asked to speak about orchids for Orchid Isle Golf Cub, looking for "power point" Presentation.

Show report

- *Doug Mew has sent out applications and has received a few confirmations from our venders.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. 1st Louise Martin 2nd Carolyn Greene

Respectfully Submitted, Diane O'Neal, Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our thanks go out to all who made the Christmas Party a success, workers and terrific cooks alike. We would especially like to express our gratitude to John Odom for providing the plants for our Christmas Party. The orchids at the party came from his nursery and they were all beautiful, healthy and in bud or bloom. Thank you so much, Mr. Odom.

With the new year comes the new dues for our society. The dues will be collected either at the meetings or through the post office box below. The dues will remain at \$15 for an individual member and \$20 for a family membership. Dues must be paid by the March meeting in order to remain a member of our society, so you have plenty of time to renew.

Show season is quickly approaching, so it's time to spend some extra time grooming those beautiful plants. We would like you all to consider volunteering your plants and your time, if you can, to help with the displays in the coming year.

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President – Jim Andre

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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 JANUARY 15TH, 2015, AT
THE INDIAN RIVER GARDEN CLUB, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FL 3296
THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**