



Vero Beach Orchid Society



January 2014

President's Message

Hi Folks,

Happy New Year to you all. Hope your holiday was good. Already, the weird weather is taking over. Be sure to protect those orchids and other ornamental plants during the cold snaps. We've all put too much time, effort, and money into them to let the weather take them from us.

We will be having a couple of shows to prepare for in March. We will need to ask for plants to fill the displays from our membership and extra hands are always welcome for set up and tear down. With the weather being so bizarre, we'd hate to have to bow out of our displays because we don't have plants, but if need be, we will do that.

Our society will be selecting an orchid for our logo. We have 3 nominated flowers from the Christmas Party, and another nominated by one of the board members. We will be discussing this at the next meeting. We would like total participation in this, if possible.

We will be having a potting party very soon. Look for the announcements in the newsletter, and we will announce them at the upcoming meetings as well.

Our special thanks to Louise and Marty for the terrific Christmas Party. Though the attendance was down, we all had a great time. And Joe did a spectacular job, as always, at the entertaining. We will need to have a new Christmas Party chairperson, so anybody interested in taking over that task, please let me know. We need the help. The board members all have their plates full at the moment with other society business, so please step up to help.

We will be providing the suggestion box at the meeting as well. Please feel free to add your ideas to make the society better for you.

The society has acquired copies of Motes' book *Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month*. It is a great learning tool for novice growers and a good resource for all other grows. They will be for sale at our meeting.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting. Remember, it will be early in the month so please mark your calendar!!

Truly yours,

Paul

January Meeting Speaker

Verne Bloch as our speaker. Vernon Bloch is a retired Navy pilot who got into orchids after leaving the service in 1987. Two years later, he and his wife Helen became owners of the Palm Bay Orchid Range. They participated in many orchid shows around the state. For the past 15 years he has regularly conducted programs for orchid societies ranging from the Florida Keys to North Carolina.

He will be talking about *Brassavola nodosa* and its hybrids.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A POTING PARTY

To all members of the Vero Beach Orchid Society there is going to be a POT(ing) PARTY at Doug Mew's house on Saturday March 15, 2014, beginning at 10:30 AM until ?.

THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:

1. A lawn chair or folding chair (a must)
2. Your pots, clay or plastic, your potting tools, sterilizing solution or torch*
3. Your favorite potting media*
4. Plants to be repotted, divided etc.

Members of the Vero Beach Orchid Society will be on hand and will be giving members their expertise and assistance in potting if needed.

If you are planning to attend, Doug will be cooking Hot Dogs beginning at 10:30, so come hungry and ready to have fun with other society members. He will also provide cold drinks.

*Need supplies, let Doug know 772-778-5165

Check your email often. more information will be coming

EDITOR'S NOTE

A great Christmas Party once again. Many thanks to Louise and Marty Martin for their planning and coordination of the caterers, entertainment, and decorations. We will miss them as our Christmas party chairpersons. Anybody interested in taking over this job, please submit your name to any of the officers during any meeting. Thanks to Joe for entertaining us with his Christmas songs. I must admit there were a few that were new to me. Great job, Joe.

Another year gone, it's time to renew your dues again. We will be collecting dues at the meeting during the months of January, February, and March. You can also mail your renewal to the post office box address below. Any current members not renewed by the meeting in March will be removed from the mailing list for the newsletter. New name tags and membership cards will be created after a society logo orchid is selected. All name tags will be available at the next meeting after the logo is selected and, for new members, the meeting after they have joined.

Upcoming events:

January

- 10 – 12** [Sarasota Orchid Society Show](#) , Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, Sarasota
16 Vero Beach Orchid Society General Meeting
17 – 19 **Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show** “Exotic Orchids”,
War Memorial Auditorium, Fort Lauderdale
24 – 26 [Tamiami International Orchid Festival](#),
Dade County Fair Expo Center Fuchs Pavillion
31 - Feb 2 [Venice Area Orchid Society Show](#),
Venice Community Center, Venice

February

- 3** Vero Beach Orchid Society Board Meeting
14 -16 **Greater Orlando Orchid Society annual Show**
The Orlando Garden Club, 710 Rollins Street, Orlando, Fl
20 **Vero Beach Orchid Society General Meeting**
20 – 23 [Naples Orchid Society Show](#),
Baker Center Gym @ Moorings Presbyterian Church

March

- 3** Vero Beach Orchid Society Board Meeting
7 – 9 [Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show](#)
Port St. Lucie Community Center, Port St. Lucie
20 **Vero Beach Orchid Society General Meeting**
22-23 Martin County Orchid Society Annual Show,
Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway Stuart Fl.

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY OFFICERS

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DUES FOR 2014: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00

FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 16TH, 2014, AT
THE INDIAN RIVER GARDEN CLUB, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FL 3296
THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**