

Vero Beach Orchid Society



January 2018

January Speaker

Prem Subrahmanyam became interested in orchids at a young age in his boyhood home in Tallahassee, Florida. This was the beginning of a life-long passion for this amazing family of plants. He soon located native orchid species growing in wild areas near his boyhood home, launching a journey of discovery of Florida's amazing native orchids, including the rare and elusive Ghost Orchid. Moving to central Florida in 2005, he has expanded his exploration to central and south Florida, where he can often be found hiking out into the wild with his wife, Joy, and/or a few of their fifteen children in tow as photographer's assistants.

He has spent some thirty years tracking down species both common and rare within the wilds of Florida, armed with his camera and a sharp eye. Many of these photographs appear, along with detailed information on Florida's orchid species, on a website that he personally founded and maintains: www.flnativeorchids.com. His photographs and articles have also appeared in many orchid related magazines, wildflowers guides, and books.

His presentation "Orchids in Our Backyard: Florida's Wild Orchids" covers a number of native orchid species found throughout the state of Florida.

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There will be no minutes from the December board meeting since there was not a meeting in in January to approve those minutes. They will appear in the next newsletter.

Editors Notes:

Contrary to what was reported for our speaking in last month's newsletter, Michael Orseifer will not be our speaker. He is having surgery and will not be able to lecture. However, we do have another person (his short biography is above) who will discuss with us native Florida orchids. This is a topic which should be interesting to many of us.

We will be accepting renewal of dues starting this month. You'll have until the February meeting to pay your dues before you become delinquent. The cost is \$15 for a single

membership, or \$20 for a family membership, which would include yourself, your spouse, and any children under 18 years old living in your home. After the February meeting, if you have not paid your dues, you will be dropped from the newsletter distribution list. You may also mail in your renewal if you aren't able to make it to the meeting. Please send your remittance, with any changes of address, email, or phone to the Post Office Box address at the bottom of the newsletter.

We still need some folks to volunteer for positions that either don't have anybody currently installed, or folks whose terms have expired but are filling in until replacements can be found. At the bottom of the newsletter, you'll see that the membership committee have been vacant for several years. Our Treasurer and one board member have graciously volunteered to stay in place until replacements can come forward.

Our show season is at hand, and we have already selected a theme. It will be "Orchids On Parade". Each year our show gets better, and it's because of the help of our volunteers along with the awesome vendors who grace us. Most of vendors we had in prior years are eager to return, and of course, we're always happy to welcome new ones as the need arises,

In the coming months, we will be looking for folks to volunteer to help with our show in April. There's always plenty to do, and though we've done some things to simplify and speed up the process, there will still be a need for quite a few folks to help. At the upcoming meetings, we will be describing the tasks that need to be done, and asking for volunteers.

Upcoming Orchid Shows:

Jan 12-14

Tamiami Festival Sunshine Pavilion Fair and Expo Center

10901 S.W. 24th Street, Miami, FL

Jan 19-21

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Orchid Jubilee"

War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL

Feb 3-4

Venice Area Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL

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DUES FOR 2018: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00 FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 18TH, AT 7:00 PM AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM