

# Vero Beach Orchid Society



April 2015

## April Meeting

Our April meeting will be all about our upcoming show. So at this meeting, Marian Kotte will be describing the process of putting together the mini-niche displays. Each individual in any society is eligible to enter a niche design in any AOS show, so we open our invitation to create one (or more) of these little beauties for our show. They are very simple to do and all niches will walk away with an award of first, second, or third place. Along with your ribbon, the judge will usually compose a note to explain what it was that prompted him to give the ribbon. That way, if you're interested in making more niche designs for future shows, you'll know how to improve if you need to, in order to get to the next level.

Sherry Cauley will discuss how to prepare plants for display. We won't be doing a display as a society, so this discussion will be helpful for anybody interested in how to groom your plant to display at its best.

Doug Mew will talk about what other things will be going on for the show.

We only have 3 weeks until the big event, so it's time for you all to put on your volunteer hats and step up to help with the set-up, hospitality, and tear-down at the show. We will need people to help with the set-up on Friday morning. We will start at 8:00am at Riverside Park. It isn't hard work because years of doing it have cut it down almost to a science. We know what needs to be done and what we think is the best order to do it. We're always interested in ideas to help though, so come help, be treated to breakfast and/or snacks during the day.

Throughout the show we are asking for helpers to man the raffle tent. In order to allow for all our members to enjoy the show, we're asking that we have several people each day work the tent. It's not fair to expect only a couple of people to work the tent and not enjoy or take advantage of the interesting products that will be offered. So please let's have some volunteers.

Another favor we're asking is to have some folks present at the VBOS information tent for the two days. Again, we don't want any one person to be stuck doing anything for a great length of time, so we do need volunteers to help.

The judges always need clerks while they're working. The clerks help to locate the plants for the judges if they need help with it, you'll record what awards a plant received, and fill out the back of the ribbons with the plant number for the judge to sign and then you'll get to place the ribbon on the plant. It can be a very interesting and educational experience. You'll get to hear what the judges are looking at, and criticizing, with each plant that has been registered for judging. Not only will be you educated on all the species being judged, it might even help you with your own plants at home. If you'd like to

be a clerk, please call Marian Kotte @ 772-564-2466 or email her at [mck2@bellsouth.net](mailto:mck2@bellsouth.net)

Earlier I mentioned snacks during set-up. Well, we'll need some crafty folks to come up with that breakfast and snacks. It is customary for the hosting society to provide food for the societies and the vendors who will be setting up on Friday. We also usually have some kinds of munchies for Saturday, for the judges. If you'd like to help with this, please contact Darlene Coverdale. She is the head hostess this year. Her phone number is 772-882-9189. Her email is [jkcoverdale@gmail.com](mailto:jkcoverdale@gmail.com).

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VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 2, 2015

Carolyn Greene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Club. Board members present were: Jim Andre, Bob Greene, Addison Marvin, Marilyn Row, Carolyn Greene, Board members Louise Martin and Ronnie Meeks. Also in attendance was Marian Kotte.

The minutes of the February 2, 2015 Board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Addison Marvin's Report for February 2015 was approved as read.

Old Business

New volunteers for the refreshment committee are needed.

The Shop Swap has been changed to a future meeting.

A volunteer is needed to handle our Society's website.

Scott St. Claire has not received a response from the Garden Club of Orchid Island about purchasing our orchid books.

The Port St. Lucie Orchid Show is March 20 through March 22 and the Martin County show is set for March 6 through 8th. Marian has only received one response to her request for clerks to assist the judges at our show. Mini-Niches are needed. She suggested grouping orchids together by type on the tables so the Judges and Clerks can quickly find them. Bob Greene will create a line or wire above the individual groups to post the group names.

Busy Bee's Customer Appreciation Day is Saturday, March 14 and will start at 9:00 a.m. Some of our members will attend to assist those wishing to learn more about orchid growing and possible get new members. Busy Bee is furnishing free hot dogs and cold drinks.

NEW BUSINESS

At our March meeting free seedlings and media will be given to all current members. Doug will buy the pots and media and will demonstrate how to pot the seedlings.

Carolyn advised that according to our By-Laws, each member is to receive a copy. She will send them via email.

It was suggested that no board meetings be held during June, July and August. Carolyn Greene made

a motion seconded by Bob Greene that no board meetings be held in July and August but start again in September with a speaker. Motion passed unanimously.

A potting party may be included at our annual May picnic, Saturday before Mother's Day.

Carolyn made a motion seconded by Bob to adjournment the meeting. It passed at 8:03p.m.

Submitted by  
Marilyn E. Row, Secretary

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

By now you should be seeing some growth, and even a new little shoot coming up from your *lueddemainniana* from the last meeting. If not, please come to the next meeting and let somebody help you with it. If your plant is not secure in the pot, it won't be happy and won't show signs of growth. So if it wobbles, you'll need to do one of these things. First, you can try to re-pot it so it's not loose in the pot. But be sure not to bury it deeply in the media. Secondly, you can use a stake to support it and hold it still in the pot. Thirdly, you can get a rhizome clip for the pot. I wouldn't recommend this on this small a plant because it might just crush its little stem and kill it.

Again at this next meeting, you'll need to bring your own snacks if you want anything to eat because we still have no volunteer to take over the organization of the snacks, however, we will have coffee available. This isn't a difficult job. You just make sure you have 3 or 4 people bring snacks at each meeting, and start the coffee pots. The worst of it is cleaning the coffee pot and taking out the trash. There's always people around to help with the clean up too. So please, let's have a volunteer.

We've included with the newsletter, a form for each of you for registering your plants you might want to have on the individual display table. If you could please fill out the paper with your name and the name of the plant before you bring the plant to the registration office, it will speed the process up considerably. And please be sure to print or write clearly so the registering people can read and not have to guess or try to find you for clarification. Thanks.

We still need a volunteer for the web site maintenance. If you're interested in doing it, please contact Doug Mew @ 772-713-5165 or [insteadof@bellsouth.net](mailto:insteadof@bellsouth.net).

Our club picnic will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am in Riverside park. The society will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers (and the fixins). We request that each person attending bring a side dish or a dessert to go with the meats. This event is free and we will have activities during the day. We've had several suggestions, but any input from the members will be welcome. You can email them to the newsletter address, below, or you can approach any of the officers or board members with your suggestions at the next meeting.

Setup for the show will be starting at 8:00 am on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate as many folks helping as possible. Our part only requires about one to two hours to do, depending on how many people are there and the level of organization. As was stated earlier, you'll be treated to breakfast and/or treats that morning, along with beverages. And if you'd like to stick around and help vendors, if any need help, they would appreciate the assistance.

We want to extend our thanks to Marty and Louise Martin for helping with the security. They have done this for several years and we appreciate their willingness to help out in such a selfless way. Thanks Louise and Marty.

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VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY OFFICERS

**President** – Jim Andre  
**Vice President** – Bob Greene  
**Secretary** – Marilyn Row  
**Treasurer** – Addison Marvin

**Board of Directors**  
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**DUES FOR 2014:** SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00

FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE APRIL 16TH, 2015, AT  
THE INDIAN RIVER GARDEN CLUB, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FL 3296  
THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**

### Orchid Show Entry Form

<b>Exhibitor #</b>		
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