



Vero Beach Orchid Society

February 2014



February Meeting Speaker



Jerry Meola of Pelican Coast Farms

Our speaker this month is Jerry Meola, of Pelican Coast Farms, in Fort Myers, Florida. Jerry is an organic grower of orchids. He has also been a vendor at our show for several year. Pelican Coast Farms is a family nursery owned by Jerry and his wife Sharon. It caters to beginners through experienced collectors. Jerry talk will be on Dendrobiums, specifically Nobile type dendrobiums. In light of the cold snap we've just had, it is particularly germane. Hope to see you all there.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes December 3rd, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm. Present were Sandy Abraham, Carolyn Greene, Louise Martin, Addison Marvin, Ronnie Meeks, Doug Mew, Paul Price and Judy Wagner, Absent were Diane O'Neal and Scott St. Clair.

The treasury reports were read for both general and show accounts for the months of September through November. All reports were read and approved as read and are on file with the secretary available for reading by the members. 1st by Louise Martin, 2nd by Carolyn Greene.

The show report was given. Several vendors have responded to our invitation, and we have the first order ever for a 20 x 20 spot.

The idea for a potting party was discussed to be held at Doug's home in either February or March. He will check calendars for other orchid related events before he picks a date. We don't want conflict with any other events. The date and time will be announced later.

The minutes from the November board meeting were read and approved after a minor change. 1st by Louise Martin, 2nd by Ronnie Meeks.

Paul requested nominations for lifetime memberships from the board members. No suggestions were given so he told everybody to give him a call if they want to make a nomination.

A suggestion box will be made available at the meetings so we can get immediate feedback, requests and suggestions from the members.

The 501(c)3 has not had any further progress as of yet. Ronnie has all the information together and needs to deliver it to the accountant.

Old Business

Special name tags are going to be made for the board members so the general membership will be able to identify the officers and board members easier at the meetings. An orchid will be needed for our society logo, that can be used on the special name tags and other correspondence. Paul suggested a species, rather than hybrid for the logo. Nominations can be submitted via email to the newsletter or society addresses or through regular mail. A contest will be held from now through the February meeting. 1st by Carolyn Greene, 2nd by Judy Wagner.

The Garden Club is having a flower show in March at a home on the island, They would like our society to sponsor an award and prize for best in show. The prize for this award will be \$50 or less. The motion was approved, 1st by Louise Martin, 2nd by Sandy Abraham. For our next show, Paul will ask the garden club to sponsor an award in one of the orchid categories also.

The Christmas party set-up will be on Friday night starting at 6:00 pm. Anybody interested in helping, Teardown will be on Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm.

In regard to the party, Joe will be asked to provide music for the appetizer portion of the party as well as afterwards. Plants will be acquired through Odom's. If weather allows we may get other species of plants from Tropical Orchid Garden in Hawaii and from Springwater Orchids. 1st by Judy Wagner, 2nd by Sandy Abraham. If we have more orchids that attendees, those plants will be auctioned off at the end of the evening.

The board meetings will be move to Monday nights if the Garden Club building is available. This will accommodate the schedules of all board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, 1st by Judy Wagner, 2nd by Sandy Abraham.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane O'Neal, Secretary

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Jan. 6, 2014

President Paul Price Called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Paul Price, Carolyn Greene, Ron Meeks, Louise Martin, Judy Wagner, Scott St. Clair, Doug Mew, Addison Marvin and Diane O'Neal. Absent was Sandy Abraham.

Secretary minutes from Dec. 2012 Executive Board meeting were not available, they will read along with Jan. 2014 meetings at Feb. 2014.

Treasury report was given by Judy Wagner and approved, 1st Carolyn Greene, 2nd Louise Martin. The reports are on file with the secretary, and available for reading by members.

Discussion about the annual audit of records is due after last years great report. A letter for the bank needs to be typed and taken, to change the account from Judy Wagner to Addison Marvin. A copy of the report will be on file with secretary.

Old Business;

Nothing reported on 501(c)3.

Continuing to look to purchase a 16 foot min. trailer for storage of VBOS items. Two different bids for a new 7 x 14 foot trailer was discussed, but a decision was made to table the purchase, until after our Annual Orchid Show. 1st Addison Marvin 2nd Judy Wagner Paul still needs stuff cleaned out of his garage (sort, throw out & clean out).

Discussion about our March/spring auction-maybe do some advertising with community calendar in newspaper, along with other VBOS events.

At the Christmas party, the VBOS asked members to suggest an orchid to be used to represent our society for a logo (shirts, letterheads, etc.) 3 species, plus suggested BLC John Odom (by Scott St. Clair). A vote will be done to finalize the decision at January s meeting.

2014 Christmas party was discussed, with suggestions of a possible pot luck with the VBOS

supplying the meat verses a catered meal, maybe a fun white elephant with more involved activities verses a DJ. A vote will be asked of the club members, as the date and planning draws nearer.

New business;

Jan. speaker will be Vern Block for monthly meeting.

Doug Mew will be hosting a potting party at his home March 22, 2014, 10am- ?

Garden Fest will be Feb. 1st & 2nd, volunteers are needed to work the VBOS booth.

Someone is needed to take membership dues money at the door at monthly meetings.

Port St Lucie Orchid Society show to be March 7th-9th 2014. Blooming flowers will be needed to display.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. 1st Louise Martin, 2nd Scott St. Clair

Respectfully Submitted, Diane O Neal, Secretary

Show Report

Invitations have been sent out to all our show vendors. We currently have 5 vendors on board for the show. Arrangements are on track for now, but we will be needing volunteers for the show.

At the next meeting, Doug will give a report about further progress toward the preparations, and describe where and how help is needed. The success of the show depends on us all, so please try to find time to lend a hand. Sign up sheets will be available for set up, tear down, and other work on the show days. Some of the particularly interesting jobs include helping the judges by either inputting the information to register the plants and recording for the judges. This is a real good way to learn about the orchids and how to distinguish one from another. Fascinating and educational. Please consider it.

Doug will also be sending out show information separately. But, if anybody needs sign up sheets for sponsors for the show, please contact Doug directly. He will be happy to get to you what you need. Doug's phone number is (772) 713-5165. Thank you all in advance.

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

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY MARCH MEMBERS AUCTION

The Vero Beach Orchid Society will be holding the second of two Semi-Annual Orchid Auctions in March in the place of the regular monthly meeting. The Auction will take place on Thursday, March 20, 2014, and will be held at the Garden Club of Indian River County, 2526 17th Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida, beginning promptly at 7PM.

This Auction is a chance for all members who have some of their orchids that they would like to auction off to make room for more, hopefully with orchids won at the auction. And while you must be a **member in good standing** to auction off your plants, ANYONE CAN BUY!!! So bring all your friends, neighbors, etc. for a great evening of fun.

Those bringing plants to auction off, the doors will open at 6PM and you must have all your plants registered by 6:45PM for viewing, so if you are selling please get there early so that things will move smoothly.

Procedure for Paying: Before leaving the meeting, all bidders with winning bids will have to bring their bidding number to the check out table to have their winnings totaled and given a receipt to pay the cashier.

AUCTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All buyers must register and be assigned a Bidding Number.
2. All sellers must be members in good standing.
3. All sellers must be registered prior to the sale. (Registration is from 6PM to 6:45PM).
4. **Sale Limit: 10 Plants per person/family membership.**
5. All plants must be orchids.
6. All Plants must be clean, disease, and bug free.
7. All plants must be marked clearly with the owners name/initials on a sticker attached to the pot or to the orchid itself, and marked with the minimum acceptable bid. A minimum bid is not required.
8. 15% of the winning bid will go to the VBOS.
9. Only cash or checks, Payable to VBOS, will be accepted since we are not able

to process credit cards.

10. If planning on leaving early, all buyers must wait until all sales have been totaled and recorded.

NOTE: Plant donations to the VBOS and special Xmas fund are greatly appreciated. Just let the person know which plants are which when you register.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please note, Verne Bloch will not be having his sale this weekend because of a family illness. So if you picked up a flyer at the meeting last month, please ignore it. And to Verne, we wish a speedy recovery to his family member.

As with all our away shows, we will be asking folks to volunteer to work and provide any plants you may have in bloom, for our display. The Port St. Lucie show will be on the 7th - 9th of March, and the Martin County show will be 22nd - 23rd of March. As before, we will be happy to make arrangements to pick up and return plants that are donated if necessary.

Keep in mind, anybody wanting to attend the potting party, if you need supplies (pots, baskets, potting medium, etc) please let Doug know by the 10th of March so he can get the supplies from his supplier. If you don't know for sure what you'll need, just give him a call about the plants you'd like to re-pot. He'll let you know what you need and order them for you too. Doug's phone number is (772) 713-5165.

The society auction will be held during the March meeting in lieu of a speaker. This is a great opportunity to get new plants and add many different varieties to your collection or for members to sell extras you might have. Pass the word to your friends and family members because anybody is welcome to buy plants. We'd like a good attendance, because the more people, the more bidding, and the more fun. The rules are listed in this newsletter and will be included next month as well. The seller form is attached at the end of the newsletter, and will be in again next month.

It's time to renew your dues! You may submit your dues by mail, using the address below, or bringing it to the meeting.

February

- 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.
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VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY OFFICERS

President - Paul Price

Vice President - Scott St. Clair

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 FEBRUARY 20TH, 2014, AT
THE INDIAN RIVER GARDEN CLUB, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FL 3296
THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**

