



# Vero Beach Orchid Society



April 2019

April Speaker: **Roy Togunaga, H & R Orchids**

Roy grew up on the beautiful island of Maui, in the Hawaiian Island chain. He left Maui for Honolulu, Oahu to attend the University of Hawaii and was in the honors program. His favorite mentor, Dr. Yoneo Sagawa, introduced him to Orchids and the new emerging technology of Orchid seed germination and cloning.

Eventually, Roy earned a Bachelors in Education, to teach biology and was subsequently recruited to work at an Orchid cloning laboratory, E&R Orchids. For seven years, he honed his skills in seed germination and cloning. In 1981, partnering with Harry Akagi, started H&R Nurseries in Waimanalo, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. He is an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society as well as the Honolulu Orchid Society.

Today, Roy has been hybridizing, cloning, and germinating seeds for more than 40 years. H&R maintains a laboratory to do its seed germination and grows Orchids under two acres of shade houses. He has been refocusing H&R to excel in the culture of species as well as providing hybrids in the Dendrobium and Cattleya Alliance. Roy's passion has been the proper nutrition of Orchids and the mythical flower booster. He is working on a program to share his discoveries.

Roy will be speaking on "Growing Specimen Orchids" and will be providing plants for sale as well as the raffle table plants.

**Remember, the meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>!**

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## VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2019

President Sherry Cauley called the meeting to order at 6:50. Board members present were: Vice-President Paul Price, Treasurer Addison Marvin, Secretary Joan Kaser, and Newsletter Editor Carolyn Greene, board members Howard Kramer, Jeanne Thompson. Carol Marvin Show chairman was also present. We welcomed our new board member Jeanne Thompson and she was sworn in. Jeanne replaces Jennifer Lofton who resigned from the society.

Treasurer's Report: Addison Marvin presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of February. The report was read and accepted.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Old Business: The potting party went well and the plants are paid for.

The water coalition was discussed and it was decided that our Society should not be involved with the fund raising activities of the coalition. Clean water is important but not what the Society should be involved in at this time.

The idea of an auction was raised and it was decided that there were too many problems associated with the last auction and it was decided not to do an auction this year.

New Business: For the picnic in May, Gary Schmidthorst has agreed to do the cooking. The Schmidthorst's are active volunteers and are appreciated.

Show Business: We have 13 orchid related vendors and 7 non-related orchid vendors. We still do not have a food vendor and one other vendor has yet to sign up. We will have 30 spots and that includes all tents including the show tents

We have Joe Bryson as head judge and Dave Nickerson as the photographer. Last year the wind kept blowing the tent and we may need to find another place to take the photos. The trailer will be there for security this year. The show committee met with the county fathers and all permits are in order.

We have a good speaker for March. April's meeting will be on a different night to accommodate our speaker who is very good and we are fortunate to have him speak. There have been some concerns raised about interrupting the guest speakers and we ask that we treat our speakers with respect during their presentations

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

The next Board meeting will be April 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Joan Kaser, Secretary

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### **Editors Note**

We want to extend a thanks to John Romano for his talk on soft cane dendrobiums.

Remember, the meeting for April will be almost a week earlier than our usual day. It will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. You might want to consider getting to the garden club earlier than usual to ensure you can find a seat. Roy usually draws a larger crowd than many of our speakers.

Things are coming together nicely for the show, at the end of the month, but we will still need to have a few more clerks to help the judges. I believe we will have 3 teams of judges, and we like to have 3 clerks with each team. So, if you've not done it before, it will be a fun learning experience for you. If you have done it before, you know what it entails and your expertise will be appreciated.

If you'd like to help throughout the weekend, there are always tasks during the days. Even if you can only spend a couple hours, your time commitment will be of help.

We need to ask for those attending the meetings to start contributing snacks. There have been the same few folks bringing refreshments each month, and it's time to have some others contribute their time and effort also. Please consider bringing something to the next meeting.

### Upcoming Orchid Events

- April 5-7 Sawgress Museum Show,  
April 12-14 **Pan American Orchid Show RF Orchids** 28100 SW. 182 Avenue, Homestead, FL.  
April 13-14 Tallahassee Orchid Society "53rd Show & Sale", Doyle Conner Agriculture Bldg.,  
3125 Doyle Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, FL  
April 20-21 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Show, 3750 S Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL  
April 27-28 Vero Beach Orchid Society **Riverside Park** 3250 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL
- May 3-5 Platinum Orchid Society Show **Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium and Annex**  
951 Kiwanis Island Park Road, Merritt Island, FL

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DUES FOR 2019: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$15.00 FAMILY DUES: \$20.00

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE APRIL 12TH, AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**