



Vero Beach Orchid Society

February 2019



January Speaker: **Thanh Nguyen**

Thanh is an owner-operator of Springwater Orchids (Melbourne , FL). He is an engineer by trade, but also has been collecting and growing orchids for over 25 years. His orchid business began in 2001, mainly selling on the internet but gradually moved to orchid shows in recent years.

Although he grows and sells all orchids genera, his forte has always been the genus of paphiopedilum. He collects fine plants; grows, sells, breeds, and enjoys sharing his experiences with his customers and colleagues. His passion in paphs is reflected in award winning plants and an on-going paphs breeding program using local lab work. His goals are to bring the excellence of a paphs breeding program back to America and augment the enthusiasm of paphs growing by way of sharing his growing experience and educational programs via shows and society speeches.

The future of paphs, or orchids in general he believes, lies in the hands of growers who are willing to experiment and willing to try something new and uniquely so... support your American breeders and buy their seedlings!

Thanh's talk for Thursday night will be mounting orchids and he will bring plants for sale as well as for the raffle table.

The other activity we will have will be a plant sale for our contest plants. They will be dendrobiums of the nobile type. The cost of the plants, each of them blooming size, will be \$10. These plants were purchased from the vendor at wholesale for us, so they are a really good value to us. Once everybody in attendance has purchased one, folks will be invited to buy more. The contest will be explained fully at the meeting.

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES **January 7, 2018**

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, Jennifer Lofton, Susan Scott. Carolyn Marvin, Show chairman was also present.

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

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

Old Business: The upcoming bus trip was discussed. We have 32 people signed up to go with a few still interested. This is a

service from the society and the society will pick up any expenses not covered by the \$20.00 fee. The entrance fee is included in the \$20.00 fee. We need to look for possible vendors for our show at this show.

The Christmas party was a success with everyone enjoying the food, and the plants were very nice. Garden Fest will be the first week-end in February. We need a table and chairs and 4 people to set up the tent. We will need applications and an envelope to keep the money and the applications. We can accept the money for dues and give a coupon for a free plant at the first meeting they attend. We will also have the information to pass out for our up coming show in April.

New Business: Sherry would like to have someone sign up to set up for each show. She will help but does not want to be the lead as she is opening up a wallpaper store and will not have the time available to set up each show. We could have a different person sign up for each show.

The program for the January meeting will be a re-potting session with a contest on new plants. We will have a judging of our plants in a year, but would like people to bring in their plants from time to time to see how they are progressing. We will also have a session on how plants are judged and what the judges are looking for so we can begin to get our plants ready for the April show. We will also show how to arrange your flowers for the show.

The February meeting's speaker will be Paul Storm; he is very well known and we are fortunate to have him as a speaker. In May we will have the picnic and a meeting as well.

Addison will have the books audited as soon as the current bank statement arrives.

It was discussed that Show and Tell be limited to 5 plants per person. Also we are planning to have a table with ugly plants to show. This will not be sick plants, just ugly plants and this should be a fun project.

We have been researching the protocol for letting service animals into the meeting. We learned that a service animal is not a pet. It is trained for one purpose only and a service dog is used for that purpose only. The dog must be on a short leash or on a harness, be under control and must stay by the side of the person it is servicing. It must be documented as a service dog and what that service is. Emotional support is not a service animal. This is according to the Florida Statutes Show Business: We have 5 vendors signed up for the April show.

Last year there was a problem with the food vendor and we are looking for a new food vendor for our show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

The next Board meeting will be February 4, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Joan Kaser, Secretary

Editors Note

This is the last month to renew your dues without missing the next newsletter. At the end of February the membership list is cleaned up of any non-renewals, so you will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list also. You can also send your dues in to the post office box listed below. The membership is \$15 per year for a single membership or \$20 for a family membership. Family consists of husband, wife and any children living in the household under the age of 21.

The Port St Lucie Orchid show is already over, but the Martin County show is in the wings. It will be March 1st thru 3rd. The setup will be on **Thursday, February 28th**, and as soon as we get the details of time (probably 9 or 10) for setup, we'll let you all know. As with each show where we install a display, we'd love to have you come help with setup, and contribute plants to put in our display. Of course, teardown will be on March 3rd, at the close of the show at 5pm.

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.

For show & tell, we are going to institute some new things. First, there will be an ugly plant contest. We're not looking for diseased or sick plants, just ugly ones, (ugly flower, ugly growth). This was touched on briefly at the last meeting, and we'll if we need more instruction at the next meeting please feel free to ask. Secondly, we are going to limit the number of plants each person can bring for show & tell to no more than 5 plants. For most of us this isn't a problem, and while we enjoy seeing the beautiful plants that are well grown by others, it just takes a very long time to properly discuss the plants, or else we have to skim by them without being able to appreciate the culture or effort it took to successfully grow them.

One of our board members has resigned from the society, so we'll be needing another person who will be willing to sit on the board and help make decisions about the course of the society. We're always in need of new ideas and suggestions for activities. SO, if you'd like to make an impact on the group, this is your chance.

Upcoming Orchid Events

- Feb. 23-24 Highland County Orchid Society Jack Stroup Civic Center 355 west center avenue Sebring, Orlando Master Gardeners
- Feb 23-24 Naples Botanical Gardens 4820 Bayshore Dr, Naples, FL
- Feb 24th Sunday 2:00 PM Orchid Lecure free of charge at the nursery 4360 Orange River Loop Road Fort Myers bring a folding chair if you need to sit and lots of questions.
- MARCH 1-2 Englewood Orchid Society Show, Christ Lutheran Church 701 N Indiana Ave, Englewood Friday and Saturday only
- March 1-3 Martin County Orchid Society. Building A of the Martin County Fair Grounds 2616 S E Dixie Highway (A1A) Stuart, Florida
- March 8-10 Fairchild Botanic Gardens International Orchid Show. 10901 Old Culter Road, Coral Gables Fl. One of the biggest shows in South East Florida spread over 80 beautiful acres of the gardens.

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

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 21ST, AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM