



Vero Beach Orchid Society



February 2020

February Speaker: Margot Bennett

Margot received her first orchid, Cattleya Green Dawn (R. glauca X C. granulosa), in the late 1990s and immediately fell in love with orchids, thus the collection she now calls PJB Research began. Margot has over 25 years' experience in horticultural and botanical sciences in nursery management, retail sales, and orchid shows. Her experience spans over 15 years' in propagating orchid species and in vitro micro plant tissue culture.

Her next favorite activities include "making orchid babies", giving presentations to orchid societies within Central Florida and talking to other orchid enthusiasts while sharing her "tricks of the trade", so to speak. She continues to learn as much as she can about orchid science.

Margo will be speaking on fusarium (a fungus, what causes it and how to get rid of it.) & bring plants for sale as well as provide the raffle table. The meeting will be on February 20th at 7:00pm.

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 6, 2020

President Sherry Cauley called the meeting to order at 6:54. Board members present were: Vice-President Paul Price, Secretary Joan Kaser, Board members Susan Scott, and Jennie Thompson. Newsletter editor and Show Chairman Carolyn Greene were also present.

Treasurer's Report: With the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were read and approved.

Old Business: There are only 17 signed up for the bus trip. Paul will see if we can get the smaller 30 passenger bus. If there are not enough people to support a bus we may have to cancel the trip. Paul will make a decision of go or not by next weekend.

There are two people who signed up for the dinner and didn't receive their plants.

Show Business: The tent people have been contacted to see if we can get some screen panels for ventilation for the big tent and the judge's tent.

We will approach Addison to see if he would be willing to take over introducing the speakers,

help Sherry up front and work with security for the tents. We will get a vendor for the water tent.

Ecuagendra orchids was mentioned as a possible vendor. We can expand and have a few non-orchid vendors as long as they are plant related.

Awards will be a little different this year. Howard, Irene and Carolyn have been working to see what we need. A special award should be in place for an exceptional entry. We need to ask for sponsorships at this next meeting; sponsorship will remain at \$30.00 this year. There will only be 36 niches for judging this year, but we will have a table for those who would like to make more, but not for judging.

New Business Garden fest is February 1st and 2nd and we will have a tent again this year. Twanda is membership chairman and we will ask her to arrange for volunteers. We will set up the tent, table and chairs. We can take money for membership but will not be able to hand out plants there.

Susan asked to pass out notices for the upcoming event for Native Plants. It will be \$25 for the day.

Susan is looking into a place for the picnic as we need a place that is accessible for our members.

Susan is also trying to find a business to make our name tags.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:13

The next Board meeting will be February 3, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Joan Kaser, Secretary

Editors Note

It is time for the renewal of dues. Everybody who wishes to remain a member and receive the newsletter each month should plan on paying their dues between now and the February meeting. If you're unable to attend the meetings for some reason, you can mail your check to the post office box for the society. That address is on the last page of the newsletter. The dues for our society have still not been increased with \$15 being the cost for a single member and \$20 for a family membership. Please be sure to notate that it's for your dues if you send a check.

We have been asked to prepare a display for the Port St Lucie show which is the 15th and 16th of February. Our setup time will be 9:00am on February 14th (Happy Valentine's Day!) in Port St Lucie at the Botanical Gardens which is the same location it was last year. We'll need to have some volunteers to help with it since it's a 60" round table. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Susan Schmidthorst (419-303-3631) or Cathy Gustafson (757-618-0916). As always a meal after the setup will be provided to those who helped with the effort. If anybody has plants they need transported, you can contact Susan or Cathy or Carolyn Greene at (321-506-3909).

Two Weeks after the Port St Lucie show will be the Martin Co Orchid Show. The dates for this show will be March 5th through the 7th. So, our setup for this show will be on March 4th. More to come on this show as we receive the information.

We've begun asking for sponsorship of awards and will be asking for volunteers to work in different capacities at the show. The folks who are already signed up for awards from last year who would like to sponsor the same award, please contact either Carolyn Greene (321-506-3909) or Howard Kramer (772-589-1967). You may also talk to us at the meeting.

At the end of the newsletter is a form for you to use to try to get new sponsors for our show. Many of you know we have had a banner hanging at the show with the names of folks who have helped provide service or donations to us. We're asking that you maybe take this form to somebody who you use for some service such as doctors' offices, hairdresser, auto repair, flower shop, or local store you frequent. These names are seen by everybody who enters the park during our show. It would be good publicity for their business and we'd love to show off their community spirit.

Upcoming Orchid Shows:

February 14-16 - Greater Orlando Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Orlando Garden Club Inc, 710 East Rollins Street, Orlando, FL

February 15-16 – Port St Lucie Orchid Society, Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., Port Saint Lucie, FL

February 22-23 - Naples Orchid Society Show, Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL

March 6 – 8 – Martin County Orchid Society Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, Building G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL

March 13 – 15 - Coral Gables Orchid Society Show, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Garden Room, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL

March 21 – 22 – Jacksonville Orchid Society Show, Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville, FL

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

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 20TH, AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY, Inc.
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TO ALL VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY SUPPORTERS

The Vero Beach Orchid Society (VBOS) is pleased to announce that it will hold its 38th annual American Orchid Society sanctioned show **"The Golden Age of Orchids"** at Riverside Park, Vero Beach, Florida on Saturday April 25, 2020, and Sunday April 26, 2020. The Show will feature displays by members of the Vero Beach Orchid Society, other Treasure Coast Orchid Society's, commercial growers, and individuals from all over the State of Florida.

Fliers are prepared for distribution from Melbourne to below West Palm Beach and as far as the West Central Coast of Florida to advertise the show. We also send releases to all major publications, radio and TV stations in advance of the show for publicity purposes and work with local publications and media stations to publish advance articles on orchids and the upcoming show.

Our show is sanctioned and judged by the American Orchid Society. Awards consist of Ribbons and award certificates, to the best display in each of the assigned categories, and ribbons are awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each category of judging. Honorable mention ribbons are awarded by the judges where appropriate. The award donors will be printed on the award certificates in advance and will be displayed with the winning entry immediately after judging and throughout the remainder of the show.

The proceeds from the Vero Beach Orchid Society are used to promote interest in the propagation, growth, culture, scientific study, and to generate community interest in orchids.

You are invited to join our friends and merchants in Vero Beach in sponsoring the cost of the awards to be made at the show. All sponsors are recognized on a banner displayed (below) at the entrance to the Display/Awards Tent.

Sponsorships are as follows:

Platinum.....	\$ 300.00
Gold Sponsor.....	\$ 150.00
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Bronze Sponsor.....	\$ 75.00
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I would like to sponsor the Vero Beach Orchid Society's 38th Annual Orchid Show **"The Golden Age of Orchids"** with a donation of \$ _____

AND/OR I would like to donate _____ for the Raffle.

Sponsor information: Business/Name _____
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Your support and contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please return this page and your check payable to Vero Beach Orchid Society c/o VBOS Show Chairman P.O. Box 543, Vero Beach, FL 32961. For further information contact Carolyn Greene, Show Chairman at 321-506-3909.

