



Vero Beach Orchid Society



June 2019

June Speaker: Jim & Melana Davison

Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Until his recent retirement, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva". Now that Jim is retired, their plans for their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I, are full stream ahead. Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and five grandchildren. They live in Homestead with their 4 dogs, four of the five grandchildren and 5,000 plus orchids.

Their interest in the Phalaenopsis species, bellina type especially, come from taking care of over 2,000 phalaenopsis of one of their clients. They have grown to love and appreciate this genus and its species more than they ever thought they would!

Jim and Melana will be speaking on "The Four Horseman" which will be the Culture and Care of the Cattleya nobilior, Cattleya walkerana, Cattleya aclandiae, and Cattleya schilleriana. They will also be furnishing the raffle table and will have a sellers table.

Remember, the next regular meeting will be on June 20th.

VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 6, 2019

President Sherry Cauley called the meeting to order at 6:55. Board members present were: Vice-President Paul Price, Treasurer Addison Marvin, Secretary Joan Kaser, and Newsletter Editor Carolyn Greene, board members Howard Kramer, Jennie Thompson, Susan Scott, Show Chairs Carol Marvin and Doug Mew was also present.

Treasurer's Report: Addison Marvin presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April. We went over the show income and expenses. The report was read and accepted.

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

Old Business: Carol Marvin will not be show chairman next year. Carolyn Greene has agreed to step up to be the chairman with Howard Kramer.

Insurance for the park was discussed and it was stated that our insurance covers us and we send a certificate of liability for the show.

The vendor Tropical Isle will not be welcomed back next year as they are always late leaving and we have to have the park cleaned at a reasonable time. Also there were reports of bad language and that is not acceptable at the show.

We have a new program for judging and even though there were a few glitches we will stay with this program. There was some problem with the lecture tent as people kept walking through during the lectures. We will need to address this problem next year.

New Business The picnic will be the Saturday before Mother's Day and Gary is in charge of the grill. Doug will be at the park early to secure a table and he will also have the meat and rolls. Next year Doug will not be in charge of the picnic and we will have to find another chairman.

We have left over contest plants that Paul has been saving and we will have them on sale for \$10.00. In July we will have an orchid workshop to discuss how to separate vandas and other plants as well as repotting orchids.

We will be looking into having another bus trip and will be contacting orchid growers to see who we can get to visit. We will also plan for a bus trip to Redlands even though it is a year out. We will check with Ft. Pierce to see if there is interest in joining us for the bus trips.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55. The next Board meeting will be June 2, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Kaser, Secretary

Editors Note

What a presentation from Roy Togunaga. We extend a special thank that he was able to fit us into his schedule on this trip to the mainland.

We have a new chairperson for the Society Picnic. Susan Scott graciously volunteered to take over that responsibility. We thank you Susan.

Your board members will be taking the months of July and August off. But, if you have any issues that need to be brought before the board, don't hesitate to approach any one of the officers to get your issue addressed. We'll still all be in touch with each other to ensure the needs of the Society are met. You can always get through the web page or email back to the newsletter address below to contact us.

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

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