



# Vero Beach Orchid Society



February 2025

Speaker – Mark Peterson

Our speaker for February, will be Mark Peterson. He has been growing orchids since 1975, does his own hybridizing and flasking, and has about 1,000 orchids at his home in Lake Wales. As a semi-retired international business professor and Trustee of the Boca Raton Orchid Society, Mark helped arrange a one-credit course with the University of Florida about starting and operating an orchid business. Mark will provide the raffle plants and will have plants for sale. These plants will be divisions from his collection of species, cattleya species and hybrids, and other select orchids. Closer to the meeting date, he will provide more details about some of the plants he will have for sale.

Mark will do a presentation about the main groups of orchids entitled “Picking the Perfect Plant – for You. Our meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. There will be raffle plants and plants for sale. Hope to see you all there.

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## Vero Beach Orchid Society Board Meeting Jan 3, 2024

Present: Carolyn Greene, Jeanne Thompson, Deborah Ford, Doug Mew, Cathy Gustafson (absent), Joanne Brown, Rose Ann Jones, Paul Price

**Meeting opened:** 6:30 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December Board meeting were approved as read.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report was approved as given.

**Other Business:**

We are still waiting for a contract from McKee Botanical Gardens scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Ramble update: Possible date in May. Paul Price is researching transportation companies.

Martin County show: To date, no information has been received.

Port St. Lucie show: The dates for the show are April 5th and 6th; setup date is April 4th.

Deb Ford completed a survey of our show vendors regarding our show at McKee Botanical Gardens in September and reported that all are interested.

April show progress: To date, we have 5 orchid vendors and 4 non-orchid vendors. We need to notify the tent company regarding the tent required and order the banner for the show tent.

### **New Business:**

Jeanne Thompson reported that the speaker for January's meeting is Tony Millett; she is working on securing speakers for February and March.

In other business, Rose Ann has confirmed dates for the yearly picnic and the Appreciation party.

The yearly picnic is scheduled for Saturday May 3, 2025, at Hobart Park, pavilion 2. The Appreciation party is scheduled for December 6, 2025, at Marsh Landing in Fellsmere.

### **Board meeting dates 2025:**

Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 2, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6 and Dec 4. The Board's meetings will continue to be held at Bob Evans at 6:30 pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.**

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### **Editor's Notes**

Dues: Your yearly dues, if you chose to continue with us, are due by the meeting in February, otherwise, you will be removed from the newsletter distribution. You can either pay at the meeting, or send it to the post office box. The address for the post office box and the renewal fee is below, under the list of officers.

Badges: There will be new badges made for every member who renews their dues on the month after the renewal. To those who renewed before the beginning of the year, your badges will be available at the February meeting.

Martin Co Show: The Martin County is approaching quickly. It is only 2 weeks away with the set up on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am at the Martin County Fairgrounds. We have a 4-foot round table to fill, so the more plants we have, the better able we are to make a beautiful display. If you have any plants with blooms that you'd allow us to borrow for the display, we would appreciate it. You can either bring them yourself to the Martin County Fairgrounds, or you can call Carolyn (321-506-3909) or Cathy (757-618-0916) for pickup before and delivery after the show.

PSL Show: The Port St Lucie show will be on the first weekend of April. Set up will be on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the show on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, with tear down at 4pm on Sunday. We have a 5-foot round table to fill, so it's even more important to have plants available for the display. Again, if you have any plants with blooms for this show, please contact Carolyn or Cathy.

Our April Show: There have been 13 vendors currently on the list, with many more responses being anticipated. Our normal number of vendors is 20 (or more) in most years. We're hoping to have as many this year as we had last year, which was 25.

We currently have 6 award sponsored. So, we have 14 more that are needing sponsors. You may select which

award you'd like to sponsor, on a first come, first served basis. The trophies currently available, are 1) Best Representation of Theme; 2) Best Society Display; 3 & 4) Best Phalaenopsis Alliance (Individual or Commercial); 5 & 6) Best Cattleya Alliance under 5 inches (Individual or Commercial); 7&8) Best Cattleya Alliance 5 inches or larger (Individual or Commercial; 9 & 10) Best Vanda Alliance (Individual or Commercial); 11 & 12) Best Oncidium Alliance (Individual or Commercial); 13 & 14) Best Cirripedia Alliance (Individual or Commercial). Please specify whether your sponsorship will be for either an individual or commercial trophy.

Volunteers: Folks, we will have a need for folks to help with setup and tear down, helping occupying the tents of vendors, when needed, distributing water to vendors, cleanup and trash monitoring of receptacles, welcoming the vendors as they arrive and showing them to their space and helping with placement of trophies after judging is complete. As you can see, we still need volunteers for nearly all the activities that need to happen to make our show a success. We'd like to have enough folks so nobody has to spend the entire day, or even the whole weekend at the park. Every one of us benefits from the proceeds of our show, so we'd like to see more able-bodied people help. Thank you to all who have already volunteered.

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DUES FOR 2025: SINGLE MEMBER DUES \$20.00

FAMILY DUES: \$25.00

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