

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting January 8, 2015

Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Phippen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures and announced and thanked the refreshment providers. He said that the Holiday Party was a big success, over 100 people attended. He thanked Lanelle Bishop for chairing the committee. Dick announced that the show in February has a theme "Orchids on the Half Shell." The name was submitted by Cynthia Carlson. Our February meeting will be devoted to preparing for the show. David Junka will speak on containers and arrangements. Norm will tell us how to prepare our plants for the show. Dick announced that the Culture Class starts this weekend, Jan 10 – Feb 14 on Saturdays from 9:30 am – 12:30pm. He announced the next Board of Director/Show Committee meeting will be on Jan 15th in Moss Hall classroom B and is open to all. Dick then introduced the new 2015 officers elected at the November meeting. The Plant Table ribbon winners for 2014 were announced.

There are now 6 awards:

1st place \$250: Lola Moncsko Walker	2nd place \$150: Barbara Crist	3rd place \$100: Eunice
4th place \$50: Gail Dorio	5th place \$50: Corrie Van Caulil	6th place \$50: Gary Whitmore

For 2015, the Board has decided to change the awards for the plant table. The six awards will now be: 1st place \$400, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$200, 4th place \$100, and \$50 for 5th and 6th places. Membership Chair Nanett Boerner welcomed our newest members and thanked returning members for renewing. She reported that we now have 95 paid members. Treasurer Bill Overton reported that checking balance is \$17,616.04 and savings \$14,981.13. For 2014, we finished with a surplus of about \$3,000. Plant sale resulted in a surplus of over \$8,000. Laura Stacell reported that she has sign up sheets for the Orchid Show: container displays, cut flowers, and table tops. She also distributed fliers for members to take and distribute. Kris Morton announced that there are sign up sheets for the show. Please sign up as a volunteer. Gail Dorio, sponsor coordinator, reported that she put sponsor sheets on the tables at the Holiday Party. She encouraged members to reach out to businesses to ask for sponsorships. Kit Kitchen Maran announced that, at the November sale, we had attendees fill out postcards. We will be sending these out to create publicity for the Show. She also reminded members about the scarf raffle to benefit the Friends of the Fakahatchee. Director David Orr introduced our speakers, Ken and Judy Russ, of Deerfield Beach, FL, who spoke on "Backyard Gardening." Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were drawn. The meeting adjourned.