

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting July 10, 2014

Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Phippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the refreshment providers. He announced that Ralph Brand's annual sale is on August 16th at his home from 9am to noon. He then announced that our speaker at August's meeting will be John Budree from Sunrise, FL who will present "Growing Modern Cattleya."

Treasurer Bill Overton reported that we are financially sound.

Kit Kitchen-Maran showed two beautiful scarves which she made and has donated to be raffled off. One will be for NOS members and support NOS. The second one will be used to raise funds for the Friends of the Fakahatchee. Drawings will be held respectively at the holiday party and at the April 2015 meeting. Kit reported that Dr. Ernesto Mujica from Cuba was unable to get a visa to visit us tonight. We hope that he will be here at a later time to talk about ghost orchid and Cuban Orchids.

Larry Richardson from the Panther Preserve thanked NOS for its support and introduced Ellen Radcliffe, an intern from Dr. Larry Zettler's program of orchid recovery, who is studying the ghost orchid in the Panther Preserve. Ms. Radcliffe made a short presentation about orchid recovery in the Panther Preserve and her plans for research in Cuba this January with Dr. Mujica.

Norm announced that we need donations of plants for the annual plant sale. Please contact Norm to arrange to get them to us. Norm Dolder introduced the speaker, Dr. Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids, who spoke about Cattleyas of Brazil.

The Plant Table winners were announced.

Raffles winner were announced.