

## **Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting**

**August 5, 2012**

**Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary**

- **President Kit Kitchen-Maran called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.**
- **Kit thanked Bill Overton for managing the plant table. Kit also explained the new processes for the plant table to count votes and give awards. Kit also asked that those who are leaving early to please leave by the rear entrance, so as not to disrupt the meeting. We need someone with a truck to help take down the stands and move them to the trailer. AOS judge, David Junka, is selecting the Gold Ribbon Special Award winners tonight. Kit thanked graphic artist for the design of our new business cards. July AOS had Norm Dolder's orchid on the cover. Dick Pippen has been asked by Selby Gardens to use one of his photos.**
- **Membership Director, Nanette Boerner reported one new member, total membership is now 240.**
- **Plant Sale Chair Sue Roehl reported that the Plant Sale is Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to three. She passed volunteer sign-up sheets. Sue also announced that we still need more donations of plants to sell.**
- **Deborah Gallagher reported that there is a suggestion box at the front for members to make suggestions or comments. She also reported that the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> bus trip is on, going to 5 different orchid houses: Motes, Soroa, Whimsey, Carib, and RF. We will eat our lunch at RF. 8am to 5pm, please arrive at 7:30am. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Raffle on the bus. Cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Deborah circulated a sign-up sheet.**
- **Ted Moore reported on the progress of the restoration of the orchid house behind the Collier County Museum. Still needs more plants, about 100 more.**
- **Ralph Brand is having his orchid sale this Sat. 9am until noon.**
- **Kit thanked the cookie bakers and drink providers. We need additional cookie bakers and drink providers. Please sign up.**
- **Kit mentioned the Macy's Shop for a Cause fundraiser.**
- **David Junka announced that the encyclia Judy Ross that was brought last month was taken to judging and got an AS.**
- **Norm Dolder reported that the speaker next month will be Yolanda Cuesta, Quest Orchids on New Growing Trends in Cattleyas, in October, Fred Clarke, Sun Valley Orchids, on Cynoches and Catasetums, in November, Bill Fender, Fenders Orchids on They're Breeding Mini Cats, and in December, our Christmas Pot Luck Party & Broward Orchid Supply.**
- **Norm Dolder introduced the speaker, Joe Hayden from Sun Bulb Orchids, who spoke about phaleanopsis.**
- **The plant table winners were announced.**
- **Raffle winners were announced.**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.**