



# Mid-Lakes Orchid Society

Leesburg, Florida USA

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Leesburg Cultural Center

201 E. Dixie Ave Leesburg Florida 7:00 PM

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Photo is of L. Phelps Blue Passion  
"Phelps Farm" Courtesy of Paul Phelps

## This month's Speaker: Paul Phelps from Phelps Farm in Tampa

**"Twenty-two years ago, Paul Phelps opened an orchid nursery with his wife**

**Patricia on their five-acre Keystone property. Today they sell and breed 30,000 plants.**

**... Paul and Patricia Phelps began selling orchids from a single greenhouse...**

**Today, the couple spend eight to 12 hours a day watering and feeding their stock of 30,000 plants...**

**The couple breed and sell orchids...**

**the award-winning, \$350 "Brassia Sunrise Glow" spider orchid, with its 18-inch-long flowers... is a special Phelps Farm variety, one of the nursery's 818 orchid hybrids and an Award of Merit winner from the American Orchid Society...**

**Paul will be bringing plants for purchase at the meeting as well as some raffle plants.**

March 8,2011  
Mid Lakes Orchid Society  
Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by our President, Mary Yatsko with the call of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes had a correction stating the months the MLOS year ran from and to. The year was incorrectly stated as running from June through May. The correct year runs from September 1 to August 31. The corrections were made and accepted.

The Treasurer's approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Committee Reports:

**Fundraiser:** Suzanne Farnsworth went over the need for volunteers for the Orchid Auction to be held April 16 at Roger's Park. Orchid donations are really needed as well as volunteers to help with the running of the auction. Please step up in any way you can!

**Fundraiser-** The drawing for the hand painted Ghost Orchid donated and painted by Jennie Nelson was won by none other than our president, Mary Yatsko!!! Great going!

**Wally Report:** Wally stated that it has been too dry to see any - The orchids may be late in blooming due to the lack of rain.

**Mary Yatsko** appointed a nominating committee to gather names of potential candidates for the upcoming election in May . The Nominating Committee members are: Suzanne Farnsworth, Sheila Alsobrook, and Fred Hassut. Each agreed to serve in this capacity.

**MLOS By-Laws - Article V, Section 1.NOMINATIONS.** *President to appoint nomination committee at the regular meeting in March and said committee to report slate of candidates for election during the regular meeting in April. Election to take place during the regular meeting in May. New Officers and Directors to be installed at the June meeting.*

Jack Bachelor was the speaker for this meeting. He provided many tips on the care of orchids; how and when to treat for fungus, insects. There were many questions from the members and the answers were informative. A very informal and educational discussion.

Saul Goodkin made a motion we have Paul Phelps from Phelps Farm in Tampa be the April meeting speaker. His fee of \$301.00 includes the provision of the meeting's raffle plants. Motion seconded and approved by a vote of the members.

Suzanne Farnsworth inquired about our website and noted it had not been updated in some time. After the break, guests were welcomed and welcomed a new member.

Refreshments were provided for this meeting by the following:

**Food:** Bev Copeland, Carol Rock, and Jean Harrman

**Drinks:** Liz Ward and Ken Carter. Thank you so much to each volunteer that donates their time and awesome goodies!

**Of course, the tireless behind the scenes coordinating of our dedicated Refreshments Coordinator, Marion Perrott. This is a huge job and she's done an awesome job. Many thanks to Marion!!!!**

After the Show-N-Tell and Auction, and Silent Auction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

*Julia H. Allen*

Recording Secretary

# Treasurer's Report

**Balance as of February 28, 2010** **\$3001.65**

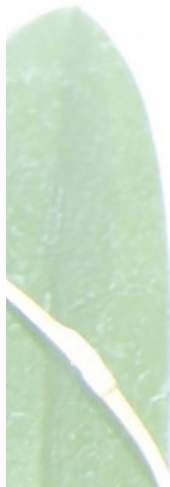
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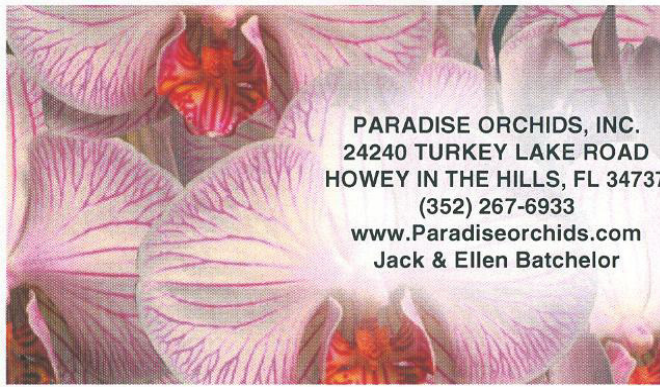
Raffle Plants	-\$72.00
Membership list expenses(Joan Phillips)	-\$14.75
Newsletter ( Valerie Miller)	-\$17.35
Picture raffle	+\$139.00
Membership and pins	+\$20.00
Raffle	+\$173.00
Silent auction	+\$153.03

Total inflow                   +\$485.03

Total outflow                 -\$104.10

**Balance as of March 31, 2010** **\$3382.58**





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