

Mid-Lakes Orchid Society



Christmas Dinner



The December 13th meeting will be the annual Christmas dinner . The Mid Lakes Orchid Society will provide the main dish, fried chicken. Please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. Join us for some good food and great camaraderie.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

2011-2012 Officers & Directors

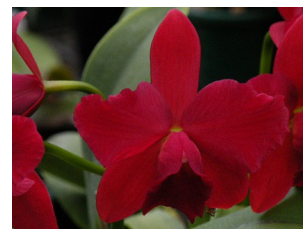
- President: Sheila Alsobrook
- Vice President: Chris Miller
- Secretary: Julia Allen
- Treasurer: Ken Carter
- 1-Year Director: Suzanne Farnsworth
- 1-Year Director: Joan Phillips
- 2-Year Director: Jack Batchelor
- 2-Year Director: Mary Yatsko
- Membership: Mary Yatsko
- Refreshments: Marion Perrott
- Newsletter: Nancy Gassler
- Webmaster: Carlene Crowley

Mid-Lakes Orchid Society

November 8, 2011

Next Meeting

December 13, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Employee Wellness
Center
201 East Dixie Ave.
Leesburg, Florida



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Secretary's Report

The November 8, 2011 meeting was called to order by our president, Sheila Alsobrook, with a Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and a welcome to our new member, Stacey Taylor.

The secretary's minutes were accepted as presented in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary Yatsko, membership secretary, reported that 44 members have either renewed or paid their dues so far this year.

Fund Raiser: Suzanne Farnsworth went over last minute details of the upcoming auction to be held December 3 at Roger's Park in Leesburg. Everyone needs to be at Roger's Park by 11:00 a.m. Sheila Alsobrook will get the key for the building from "Dee". Jack Batchelor will bring the "Monster," the large rack on which plants are hung. Fred Hassut has contacted the local newspapers to insert an announcement about our auction. Printouts and cards advertising the auction were available for members to distribute to anyone interested in attending the auction.

Christmas Dinner: Marion Perrott gave the members three choices of meat for our Annual Christmas dinner at the December 13th meeting. The overall winner was fried chicken.

New Business:

Sheila Alsobrook brought up the subject of needing a back-up place to have our monthly meetings in case the city of Leesburg decides they want to use the Wellness Center for other venues.

Suggestions: Masonic Lodge, Leesburg Arts Center

At the next facility we will need space for our closet holding supplies and library books.

Wally Wilder reminded the society to remember to give our custodian, Ray Evans, an appreciation card and donation after our Christmas dinner meeting. Julie Allen will bring the card to the December meeting.

Program:

Wally Wilder, our speaker for the evening, gave an excellent report on wild Florida orchids using his fantastic photographs. The photos were outstanding and Wally's knowledge is very thorough. Thanks, Wally!

Refreshments for this meeting were provided by:

Snacks: Liz Krech & Shirley Minatelli

Drinks: Liz Ward and Marion Perrott

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia H. Allen, Recording Secretary

Welcome to Our New Members:

John & Shirley Minatelli

Stacey Taylor

Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer's Report as of 11/01/2011—11/30/2011

Balance as of October 31, 2011	\$4,183.34
<u>Monthly Transactions:</u>	
Expenses: Chris Miller (plants)	—\$78.11
Balance Forward	\$4,105.23
Income: Cash & Checks	+\$177.25
Cash Disbursements (speaker & janitor gift)	—\$175.00
Cash on Hand	—\$160.00
Owed to Treasurer (Repay in December)	\$15.00
Deposit for November, 2011	+\$17.25
Balance as of November 30, 2011	\$4,122.48

*** Reminder: Yearly membership dues need to be paid by November. ***



Newsletter Note: If you have anything to submit for the newsletter or if you have questions or comments about the newsletter, please contact Nancy Gassler at 352-753-6437 or na10@comcast.net



Information for New Members



Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from September—June at the Cultural Arts Center in Leesburg.

Meetings usually include a business meeting, guest speaker, refreshments, show & tell plants and a raffle. Speakers often bring plants and/or supplies for sale. Orchid books are available for check-out at each meeting. December & June meetings include a covered dish buffet with meats provided by the Society.

Each Fall & Spring a fundraiser auction is conducted. Members who contribute plants can get a share of the sale price. A potting clinic, that is held at a nearby garden center, is also a fund raiser.

The Society has many knowledgeable, experienced members who are happy to share information with newcomers.

DUES

Singles: \$15.00

Couples: \$20.00

Families: \$25.00

Each membership year begins in September.

Just for a Few Laughs



Two older ladies were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress. One leaned over and said, "Life is so boring. We never have any fun anymore. For \$5.00 I'd take off my clothes right now and streak through that stupid flower show!" "You're on!" said the other lady, holding up a \$5.00 bill.

As fast as she could, the first lady fumbled her way out of her clothes and completely naked, streaked through the front door of the flower show.

Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause. The naked lady burst out through the door surrounded by a cheering crowd. "What happened?" asked her waiting friend.

"Why, I won first prize for Best Dried Arrangement."

Upcoming Events



- December 3, 2011—Orchid Auction at Rogers Park
- April 21, 2012—Orchid Auction at Leesburg Women's Club

AOS Local Event's Schedule

- December 5—Sarasota Orchid Society Auction Marie Selby Botanical Garden
Contact: Carolyn Langdon (941) 773-9188

Local Events Schedule

- Annual Mid-Lakes Orchid Society Auction Saturday December 3, 2011
Rogers Park Pavilion (9th St. & Dixie Ave.)
Leesburg, FL
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chapman's Orchids will be showing us how to mount a small phalaenopsis orchid on a grapevine at the February 14, 2012 MLOS meeting. Those who want to participate will be required to pay a slight charge prior to the meeting.



Wally Wilder, our November speaker, with a photo of one the native orchids he has observed in Florida.

Orchids in Their Native Habitat from Wally's Slide Show



Left:
Ghost Orchid

Right:
Orange Fringeless Orchid



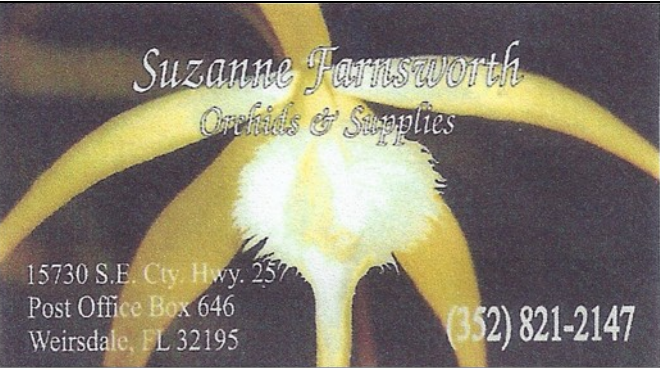
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