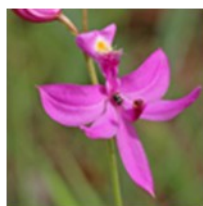


Mid-Lakes Orchid Society



November Program



Wally Wilder, a MLOS member, will be our speaker for the November meeting. Wally is a wild orchid hunter. He grew up “rambling” the woods, lakes, rivers and swamps all over Florida. He has located 100+ variables and species of orchids. One is even named after him. Wally started the pursuit of wild orchids in 2004. He is definitely a valued MLOS member.

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
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- Newsletter: Nancy Gassler
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Mid-Lakes Orchid Society

October 11, 2011

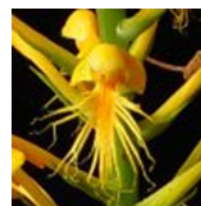
Next Meeting

November 8, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Employee Wellness
Center

201 East Dixie Ave.
Leesburg, Florida



Chapman's fringed orchid

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Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by our president, Sheila Alsobrook, at 7:00 p.m. Guests were welcomed and a call for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was made.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary Yatsko, membership secretary, reported that 30 members have signed up for the new year so far. The cut-off time to renew membership is November of each year.

Fund Raiser: Suzanne Farnsworth went over details of the upcoming auction to be held December 5 at Roger's Park. Plants and workers are needed; Suzanne presented a signup sheet for volunteers.

A reminder was given that the April auction will be at the Women's Club.

New Business:

Suzanne Farnsworth was able to talk the city of Leesburg into allowing our meetings to continue in the building now known as the "Wellness Center" after she explained that we do pay rent.

A request was made by Leesburg High School for anyone interested in becoming a mentor for a student interested in raising orchids. Donna Goodwin explained that it takes 4-5 years to learn about orchid growing, not just a semester.

It was noted that our Treasurer is the person who picks up the mail for MLOS at the post office.

It was stated that the domain for our website has been renewed.

A reminder was given about the Orchid Fest at the Power Plant/EFG in Deland on October 21-22, 2011. Vendors will include: Mac Orchids, Miller's Tropicals, Stilmar Gardens, an herb vendor, a bonsai vendor and an outdoor exotic plant vendor.

For our February meeting Chapman's Orchids will be the program. Mr. Chapman will have some hands-on interaction with the members. There will be a charge for those who want to participate. It was noted that Mrs. Chapman had recently fallen off a ladder and had broken her back and both legs. A get well card was sent from the society to the Chapmans.

Program:

Donna Goodwin of Goodwin Orchids was the evening's speaker on the subject of vandas, which are the Goodwins' specialty. Basic tips on how to be successful with vandas was the presentation topic.

Refreshments for this meeting were provided by:

Snacks: Leslie Davis, Chris Miller and Jessica Case

Drinks: Liz Ward and Ken Carter

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia H. Allen, Recording Secretary

Refreshments for the November 8, 2011

meeting will be provided by:

Snacks: Liz Krech & Shirley Minatelli

Drinks: Ken Carter & Liz Krech

Treasurer's Report

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Ken Carter, Treasurer
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Treasurer's Report as of 10/01/2011—10/31/2011

Balance as of August 31, 2011	\$3,890.26
<u>Monthly Transactions:</u>	
<i>Expenses:</i>	
10/5/11 Nancy Gassler, (copying & postage)	—\$16.28
10/11/11 Chris Miller (raffle plants)	—\$55.64
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	—\$71.92
Deposits (dues & raffle monies)	+\$365.00
Balance as of September 30, 2011	\$4,183.34

*** 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



Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96 year old goes upstairs to draw a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs, pauses and yells, "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having a cup of tea and listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who is at the door."

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

- November 2—Orchid Society of West Pasco Show, Buena Vista Manor Clubhouse, 5112 Rosada Ave., Holiday, FL. Contact: Greg Sytch, 727-841-9618; gsytch@ca.com

Local Events Schedule

- November 5-6—Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair at Simpson Cove on Lake Dora
This event includes orchid growers.
Free admission

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.

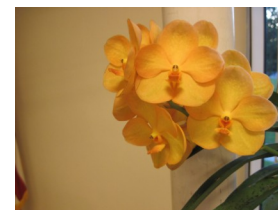


October Meeting Photos



Donna Goodwin, our October speaker, with her vanda orchids.

Mary Yatsko's show and tell orchid.



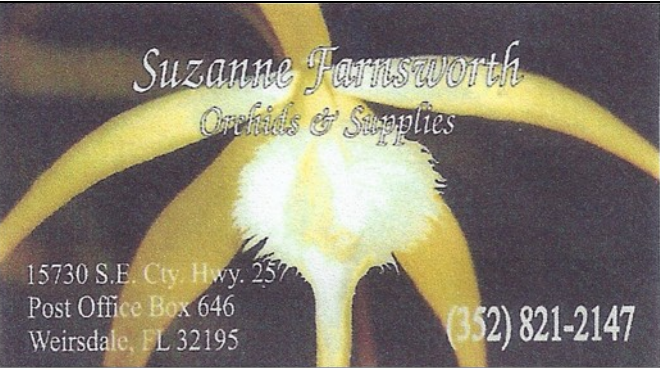
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