NFOS Newsletter December 2022

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**NFOS Holiday Party Dec 6th 6 pm**

**Chef’s Restaurant 291 Seneca St.**

**No gift exchange this year**

**Happy Holidays**

**Happy Hanukkah Dec 18-Dec 26**

**Merry Christmas Dec 25**

**Happy Kwanzaa Dec 26-Jan 1**

**Presidents Message**

Well another year over another great orchid show by NFOS. Congratulations to Peter Martin for winning the show trophy for best exhibit! Attendance was 1200 visitors for our 2-day show. Typically, the March show is better attended than the November show. However, if 400 is the typical average weekend attendance at the gardens, our Nov show has tripled a typical weekend for the Botanical Gardens so job well done. Each of our vendors received an AOS award at the show, and it was the first one ever for Lily & Larry of Bergen Water Garden Nursery. Both Edgar (Windswept) & Jim (Oakwood) each got AOS awards. Welcome to Susan & Jerry Finger from CNYOS they also won an AOS award & they joined as new members of NFOS! Tuesday Dec 6th is our annual Holiday party we are expecting 24 members & NFOS will be in the French Connection Room which is immediately to the right after entering the doors.

**NFOS Nov Mtg Minutes 11-08-2022**

**The Membership meeting was called to order by President Lipowicz at 6:15 PM.**

**The election for Board members was held, administered by Sue Lach. The current slate of officers was re-elected by a near unanimous vote (sorry, Sue Charles).**

**Preparations for the November AOS-Judged show, 11-13-2022 through 11-14-2022 were discussed in full. There are still ribbon clerks needed for Saturday morning’s judging. All clerks and judges are advised to be at the Botanical Gardens House 10 by 7:15 AM on Saturday. Staffing of the Club sales table and the raffle table are set. Classification paperwork and registration forms for plants submitted for judging are on the NFOS website. Paperwork should be submitted to Sue Charles by Thursday.**

**NFOS supplies stored below the Botanical Garden’s garage will have to be moved by Sunday 11-14-2022, as the garage is coming down. A location for our supplies has been designated in the Administration Building. Donna and Sue will get the move started Wednesday morning during our volunteer time at the Garden.**

**The club Show Table was presented by Miwako Leising and Steve Schop.**

**The guest speaker for the evening was Alan Koch, proprietor of Gold Country Orchids, in north central California. His topic was Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture. His main points were to know where and how our orchids grow in nature. Trying to fool Mother Nature never works. In addition he emphasized that in watering orchids and using fertilizers, the plant should be allowed to sit and drain for 25 minutes after fertilizer is applied, as that is the maximum length of time plant roots absorb the fertilizer. Then pure water, rain water, R/O water, or the like should be poured through the plant to get rid of chemical salts.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.**

**Submitted by J. Gibbons**

**NFOS Board Mtg 10/26/22**

**The NFOS Board meeting was called to order on Zoom by President Lipowicz at 8:05 PM. Present in spirit were Donna Lipowicz, Cyndi Robinson, Peter Martin, Sue Charles, Russ Miller, Barbara Domagala, Laurie Joyce, and James Gibbons.**

**Donna reports that the Orchid collection at the Gardens is doing well, with many plants in spike, especially the Cattleya’s. The plants in the cold house, nobiles, dendrobiums, and cymbidiums will have to be moved due to wet conditions. The NFOS supplies at the Gardens will have to be relocated, due to the garage being torn down, possibly during our November show. Arrangements have been made to move everything to the Edmund building.**

**A meeting with the BECBG CEO has been postponed until after the November show.**

**Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will be the guest speaker at our November membership meeting on 11/08/2022. He will have orchids for sale.**

**Our November AOS judged orchid show set-up will be Friday 11/11/2022, beginning at Noon. Four orchid societies will be participating, the Central New York Orchid Society, the Genessee Region Orchid Society, the South Shore Orchid Society (from Ohio), and the NFOS.**

**Plant registration information, including updated forms, details, etc. are now on the NFOS website. The AOS judges want the plants to be displayed on long tables. Sue Charles has new table covers in NFOS colors.**

**Lunch will be supplied for the judges on Saturday, but side dishes from the members are needed for Friday and Saturday. Signup sheets will be available at the meeting on 11/08/2022.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.**

**Minutes submitted by J. Gibbons**

2022 Orchid Shows

March 5-6 NFOS Buffalo NY

March 25-27 GCOA Naples FL

April 1-3 GROS Rochester NY

April 6-10 AOS Coral Gables FL

April 23-24 WSOS Strongsville OH

April 23-24 STOS Binghamton NY

May 13-15 Tamiami Miami FL

August 26-28 OVOF Dayton OH \*\*

Sept 30-2 CNYOS Baldwinsville NY

Oct 7-9 Redlands Homestead FL

Nov 4-5 Krull-Smith Apopka FL

Nov 12-13 NFOS Buffalo NY

**Shows we travel to and do a club display sign up at the meeting. \*\*Bench show**

NFOS Board Members

President: Donna Lipowicz

Vice President: Sue Charles

Treasurer: Laurie Joyce

Corresponding Sec: Cynthia Robinson

Recording Sec: Jim Gibbons

Sunshine Chair: Barb Domagala

Hospitality Dir: Betsy Kusmierski

Webmaster: Dawn Conwell (2023)

Newsletter: Fee Bolden (2023)

At large members; Jim G, Sue L, Peter M, Russ M, Fred P, Tom P, Karen M, Betsy K, Bob H.

**NFOS 2022 Calendar**

**Jan 4th Pick up Orchiata Admin**

**Feb 8th Setting up an orchid display Admin**

**Mar 1st Show prep in Greenhouse 10**

**Mar 4-6 NFOS Orchid Show**

**Apr 5th Paph henryanum Carlos Villarroel Admin**

**May 10th Arthur Chadwick** speaker **GH #10**

**June 7th Plant division & Plant Swap Admin**

**July** 31st **Russ Miller’s Hot Dog Roast 12 noon**

**Aug 21 NFOS Picnic Elma Meadows** 2-6pmBring a dish

**Aug 26-28 OVOF/MAOC Kettering Ohio**

**Sept 13th Leon Glicenstein** speaker **Admin**

**Oct 4th Plant Sale/Show prep** **Admin**

**Nov 8th  Alan Koch** speaker **Admin**

**Nov 11-13 NFOS Orchid Show**

**Dec 6th Holiday Party! Chef’s Restaurant**

**NFOS 2023 Calendar**

**Jan 3rd Planning Mtg.**

**Feb 7th Webinar**

**Mar 3-5 NFOS Spring Show + night hrs**

**Mar 7th Possibly skip as it is right after our show??**

**April 4th Mounting orchids**

**May 9th Ron McHattan speaker**

**June 6th Plant Swap**

**July** **Picnic ??? No monthly mtg**

**Aug No monthly mtg**

**Sept 5th Webinar**

**Oct 3rd Fred Clarke**

**Nov 7th Show Prep**

**Nov 10-12 NFOS Fall Show ????**

**Dec 5th Holiday Party**