



Niagara Frontier Orchid Society News

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<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesday, March 4th <u>Meeting:</u> 7:00 pm <u>Topic:</u> Compots purchased at WOC</p> <p>Tuesday, April 8th <u>Meeting:</u> 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tuesday, May 6th <u>Meeting:</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday March 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 pm COMPOTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens 2655 South Park Ave Buffalo, NY 14218</p>
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<p>MARCH DESSERTS</p> <p>1. Pat Baron</p> <p>2. Alice Siemieniak</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Check out the Society Website www.buffalonyorchids.org</p> 
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NFOS Regular Meeting 01/08/2008

1. The sign-up book for our February show is ready for members' entries! Please consider enriching our show with your volunteerism!
2. Motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter, Sue Charles accepted and Tony Verdi seconded. Carried.
3. Next board meeting was scheduled for February 14th, 2008 in the DiDomenico residence.
4. No old business needed to be discussed:
 - Botanical Gardens update:
 - Our president Joe DiDomenico was elected to the Gardens Board of Directors.
 - The idea was raised to sell off surplus orchids in order to prevent overcrowding of our growing areas.
5. In preparation for our February show, members are encourage to look for raffle items.
6. World Orchid Conference: Many members will attend the Conference. Please be advised that during the same time the Tamiami Orchid show is occurring as well, only 15 minutes away!!
7. Meeting night change: Joe DiDomenico explained the reasons causing the change in meeting night. Motion was made by him to accept this change, and Dick Deer seconded it. One member expressed concerns regarding a conflict with another meeting.

Dr. Tom Nasser from Carolina Orchids gave a compelling talk featuring Bulbophyllums, and also did our show table for the night.

NFOS REGULAR MEETING 02/05/2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm—30 mins. late. Only 18 members attended. President Joe DiDomenico was still in Florida at the WOC, hence VP Sue Charles lead through the meeting.

1. Delphine Verdi presented her treasurer's report. Motion was made and seconded. Carried.
2. Delphine also explained her WOC experiences and impressions
3. Joe DiDomenico purchased orchids for the BGH collection and also found some decent compots for dub sales at the WOC. Some vendors even donated plants for the Florida house!! He also made a very valuable contact with a Floridian botany professor, who promised to offer his expertise in planning for a authentic display at the Florida house.
4. Orchid Extravaganza: At Longwood Gardens Feb.4 - March 31,2008. The possibility of renting a charter bus and planning an excursion were discussed.
5. Our member Bud Prawel finally left the hospital and began rehab.
6. The issue of possible having to file a tax return this year due to recent changes in the tax law was discussed.

7. About 90 members have paid their dues for 2008.
8. Preparations for the NFOS spring show and sale are in full progress; the need for volunteers and plant exhibits was stressed.

Respectfully submitted, Petra A. Link

BOARD MEETING 01/03/2008

Seven members attended the board meeting: Joe and Diane DiDomenico, Russ Miller, John Kociela, Sue Lach, Sue Charles, and Petra Link.

1. Botanical Gardens update: Joe DiDomenico was elected as a member of the Gardens Board of Directors as a liaison to all volunteers.
2. Orchid display area plan and funding: Many ideas were already suggested in a past meeting. We are currently trying to work together with members of the Koi Society to create waterfalls for our new display area.
3. We caught a year-end special concerning orchid management software. 'Buy 3 get 5'. The extra copies will be either sold or raffled off.
4. Program Committee: Purchasing compots or plugs for member raffles as future meeting was suggested, i.e. dendrobiums, miltonias and the unusual. Dick Sauger named Carmella orchids as a reputable plug/compot vendor. Since this vendor will be present at the WOC, Joe DiDomenico made a motion to purchase several different plugs/compots there. Motion was accepted, seconded and carried.
5. Change of meeting night to facilitate speakers: The meeting night was moved to the first Tuesday each month to better coincide with other clubs' meetings in order to share speakers. The board decided to get a vote from the general membership for approval of the new meeting day and time during the next meeting.
6. February display dates (Feb. 23rd-24th) are now on schedule with the Gardens. Show preparations, i.e. planning and advertising will need to be done asap.
7. Todd Zinz, director of BGH facilities, formulated a letter asking for approval to sell off surplus orchids, to abolish overcrowding and the accumulation of multiple plant duplicates.
8. Gretchen Miller memorial: Since we have Fred's 'o.k.', motion was made by Brigitte Sauger to purchase a 5' redwood bench from Fox's lawn furniture. It was seconded by Sue Charles. An in-memoriam name plaque will be installed on it, and the bench will be placed near the epiphyte house display.
9. Deb Florian from 'Recreations by Deb' asked to be a vendor at our February show.

