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Minutes of the Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Barb Ford, president. Today's agenda is a slide show of the Orchid Society of Romania, presented by Cathy Green. Minutes were taken by Dave Miller, secretary.

General Business

Barb Ford reported that the Executive Board met the previous week with the focus on future programs. How to keep old members interested while having programs which are informative for new members. After the June meeting Barb hopes the society can get speakers from orchid greenhouses to speak at our July and August meetings. October will probably be a member's plant sale and nomination of officers and November will be the holiday dinner and election of officers. There is no meeting in December.

Barb Ford and Paul Bujak reported that the weekend of May 16-17 at the great Lakes Judging Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan will have judging and several speakers on a number of subjects. Barb suggested that next year the society may want to plan a one day trip.

Paul stated there was a problem with registration at the Cleveland show, as plants were being registered without knowing all the specs (like color or size). Often the plant was in a display before it was registered. Barb says she does much of the registration as well as the name tags, so it takes a long time. The suggestion was to have the members do most of the registration before even bringing the plant in. It is not difficult in most cases. On a similar note: if a flower could fit into two categories

put it into the first one, as the judges can always move it forward into the next category if they decide to do so, but can't move it back.

Edgar Stehli announced that Wayne Roberts (Roberts Flowers) open house will be the weekend of May 16-17, and Edgar's Open house (Windswept in Time) will be Memorial Day weekend May 23-24 from 11am to 5pm both days. Windswept in Time Orchids can be contacted at 440-838-5757.

Several raffles also took place during the meeting.



Show Table

Bernie Skalak – Cattleya Firedance, LC Kathleen Clark ‘America’, SLC Best Friend ‘Cleopatra’, Paph. Wizard. Warren Stoutamire – Serapius lingua, Disa sagittalis. Cathy Green – Phaleanopsis, Cattleya or Laelia, Dendrobium perrardii, Phaius. Edgar Stehli – Leptotes bicolor, Cattleya skinneri, Acantephippium. Jackie Muster – Doritaenopsis Coral Mask.

June Meeting

Mon. June 8, 2009 at 6.30pm

at the Portage Lake Kiwanis.

June Program

The June meeting will be our annual picnic and member's plant sale. The Society will provide the chicken and members will provide the side dishes, salads and desserts. The rule of thumb is that the first third of the alphabet brings breads and salads, the second third brings side dishes and the last third brings desserts. However, if a member has a favorite dish that is not in their group they can go ahead and bring that. We just want to avoid having too many desserts and not enough side dishes. Members can bring a guest and they need to also bring a place setting for themselves and their guest.

Orchid Garage Sale

Mary Bell and Jackie Muster are going to have a garage sale at Mary's house, which is 5 minutes from our clubhouse. There will be lots of orchids for sale as Mary and Jackie need to clear their greenhouses. There will be Catts. Onc. Paphs. Dends. and lots of species and hybrids. Most will be \$5 and \$10 with a few varieties a bit more expensive. They emphasize "the prices will be cheap". There will also be clay pots and orchid magazines for sale. The time is June 20th from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. The address is:

48 Flowerdale Drive

Akron, Oh 44319

Tel. 330 644 6867

You can also contact Jackie for more information at 330 837 8027

May Presentation

Member Cathy Green presented a slide show on the Romanian Orchid Society. Romania was a prosperous country under King Michael 1, but he was forced to abdicate in 1947 when the Soviet Russians came in. Under Soviet rule from 1947-1958 there was considerable repression. The Soviets retreated from Romania in 1958 and Nicolae Ceausescu seized the country. His policies almost bankrupted the country leading to widespread starvation and poverty. After he was deposed and executed in 1989 conditions improved. The Greeks are assisting in the rebuilding and although the cities are modern the rural areas continue to be very poor. In the aftermath of living under a totalitarian government, in 1990 Andrei Lenad founded the Orchid Society of Romania, primarily to protect the country's native orchids. There continued to be considerable repression even at this time and Andrei found himself at odds with the government and on several occasions was not allowed to leave the country. There are a number of native species in Romania, but due to construction, outdoor activities, and general ignorance of what plants are many of the orchids and their habitats are being destroyed. Due to the work of Andrei Lenad and others this trend is slowly being reversed.

Thanks to Cathy Green for this informative presentation.

New Website

Just a reminder that the GAOS has a new website. Please go and look at the new site and remember that if you are willing to view the newsletter online you can e-mail me and ask me to remove you from our snail mail list. Find it at www.thegaos.org