

# NEPOS Notes

Northeastern PA Orchid Society Newsletter  
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Meeting Date: **1 pm Sunday,  
December 7, at Mubeen's  
community room**

<http://www.eastmountainapt.com/>

Directions: see newsletter

Refreshments: Caterer

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## **\*\*NOVEMBER—SHOW TABLE WINNERS\*\***

### **Best of Show Table**

C. Mossiae, exhibited by Richard/Jan Jost



### **Second Best of Show Table**

V. Nora Potter, exhibited by R&J



**Congratulations to the winners.**

**\*\*PREZ SEZ \*\***

I'm in Panama. See you at the party.

Regards,

Alan

## **\*\*SHOW TABLE \*\***

### **November Results 10 people entered 34 plants**

#### *Class A*

1<sup>st</sup>: C. Mossiae, R&J; 2<sup>nd</sup>: B. digbyana 'Alpha', Troy Prutzman.

#### *Class B*

1<sup>st</sup>: Phrag. Besseae Flovum Golden Talisman, Greta DeRocher; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Phrag. Dick Clements, Beth Thompson.

#### *Class C*

1<sup>st</sup>: Cym. Amazing, Greta DeRocher; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cym. Dayanum, Carol Homisak

#### *Class D*

1<sup>st</sup>: Den. Aussie's Chip, Greta; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Slc. Chrystelle Smith 'Aileen', Beth.

#### *Class E*

1<sup>st</sup>: Sten. Longifolia, Greta.

#### *Class F*

1<sup>st</sup>: Den. Baby Blue 'Carmela', Troy; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Den. Maiden Charlotte, Greta.

#### *Class J*

1<sup>st</sup>: Odt. Tropical Beauty 'Everglades', Ruth Herman; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Milt. Clowesii (normal form), Troy.

#### *Class K*

1<sup>st</sup>: Phal. Ignacious, Ruth H; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dtps. Newberry Parfait Picotee, Marie Jabyac.

#### *Class L*

1<sup>st</sup>: L2, No entry on registration sheet; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brs. Datacasa 'Coos Bay', Jack Buziuk.

#### *Class M*

1<sup>st</sup>: V. Nora Potter, R&J; 2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Sansai Blue, R&J.



## **\*\*POINT STANDINGS \*\***

### **Points for November**

Betty Bunnell—34  
Jack Buziuk—113  
Lorraine Cole—5  
Susan Crane—33  
Greta DeRocher—135  
Alan Fenwick—40  
Connie Hathaway—18  
Ruth Herman—70  
Carol Homisak—104  
Marie Jabyac—59  
Joyce Jenkins—33  
Richard and Jan Jost—142  
Beth and Jeff Kasprzak—78  
Ruth Lloyd—30  
Julie Manson—5  
Dawn Mortimer—28  
Evelyn Napierski—10  
Jean Nudo—10  
Troy Prutzman—50  
Henrietta Schneikart—59  
Terri Shudak—39  
Nancy Sibio—71  
Marianne Williams—26



### **\*\*Minutes From November\*\***

Marie Jabyac presided. Meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm. Two officers were present, along with 19 members and 2 guests.

- Secretary's report: No changes
- Treasurer's report: none
- AOS Rep: none
- Website: Nancy has a friend who needs web-design experience and has volunteered to take over the Web site duties. Also, we've changed to a different host, which is only charging us \$50/yr instead of \$179.95. Nancy did some updating to remove old information. We thank Jan for her efforts with the Web site over the past year.

- Library: Located in cabinet. See Ruth Herman to borrow or return books or tapes.
  - New Awards Quarterly CDs have been received.
  - Ruth showed the newest purchase, an encyclopedia containing 800 species.
  - There was some discussion of the Orchid Wiz database. The drawback for the club is that it's only licensed for two computers, so members wouldn't be able to borrow and use it. Someone will look into whether there's a multi-user license available, and if so what it would cost. Marie suggested getting a desktop computer for the club, but between storage and use issues, it was decided this wouldn't be practical. Richard suggested a laptop, but that would cost at least \$500.

#### **Old Business:**

- Betty mentioned that the Wilkes-Barre Horticultural Society show is the same weekend as the NE Fair. It was decided that it's more important for the club to support the Fair, although the option remains open for anyone who's interested in entering.
- Maryanne reminded us to let her know when someone is sick or has a special occasion, so she can send a card on behalf of the club.
- There was some discussion of whether we can get a key to the firehouse thermostat, or whether we can have someone turn the heat on for us for meetings.
  - Another possibility is to have the thermostat set to turn on

at ~12:00 and off ~3:00 every Sunday. (It looks like a programmable thermostat.)

- Julie got information about making a reservation at Francis Slocum State Park for next year's picnic in September 2009. The fee is \$103 for a pavilion with electricity. Betty offered her house (in Falls) as an alternative. Since there's no need to hurry about the reservation, it was decided to revisit the issue in January.
- Several people indicated interest in ordering from Carter & Holmes through their special offer. Jack will coordinate.

#### **New Business:**

- Marie suggested that instead of the gift grab bag for the holiday party, that each member donate \$10 to give to (up to 3) charit(ies). Motion was passed.
  - Ruth Lloyd volunteered to collect the money and deliver it to the treasurer at the party.
  - At the party, we'll vote on which charities to give to. Some suggestions put forth by members:
    - Honesdale animal shelter (recent fire)
    - Orchid society conservation fund
    - Catherine McCauley house
    - St. Joseph's Center
- Ruth Lloyd spoke to Larry Lavelle at *Home and Backyard* about having a show focusing on the club and orchids. He and Paul Epton are interested in coming to a meeting to discuss. Since the date for this is open, and will be after the holidays, the matter was tabled for a future meeting.
- Nancy brought up the possibility of having "outside" fundraisers for the club—selling candy, raffles, etc.—to raise more money.
- Plant raffle winners: Marie Jabyac and Beth Thompson

Refreshments were served at 2:15. After the break, Jack gave a very interesting presentation on how he grows his orchids. Many thanks for a very informative discussion—I'm sure we all learned some tricks.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Beth did a run-down of some of the plants exhibited by members. We'll try to make this a regular feature of future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sibio  
Secretary



### **\*\*Special Notes\*\***

Richard said that he and Jan won't be attending meetings regularly any more, because of the distance and cost. We thank them both for their years of involvement in the club, and hope to see them at gatherings and events.

Jungle Paradise had an open house on the weekend of November 22-23; it will remain open as a business into 2009—hopefully through the Bloomsburg Fair—but after that will close down operations. Jan says: "If people want stuff, now is the time to get it. We have lots of intergeneric oncidinae, Phals, Catts, and other stuff in spike, bud, and bloom now. If you're into rescuing plants from possible freezing, act now!"



### **\*\*HOLIDAY PARTY CHANGE OF PLANS\*\***

The Holiday Party will be catered at the community room in Mubeen's apartment building. It will be BYOB, with coffee, soda etc. included with the meal.

The address is

712 WILDFLOWER DRIVE  
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18702

Directions from Scranton & North:

- Get on I-81 South
- Take exit number **170A** to get on PA115 South towards Bear Creek. Drive for 0.7 miles.
- Turn LEFT onto Wildflower Drive. Drive for 0.3 miles.
- Keep LEFT to stay on Wildflower Drive. Drive for a short distance. Destination will be on the right.

Directions from I-81 North are the same as above.

Directions from Dallas and points west:

- Head South/East on Memorial Hwy/PA-415
- Continue on PA-309 South
- Continue on PA-115 South
- Turn left at Wildflower Dr.

### **\*\*Refreshment List 2009\*\***

Jan 4: Mubeen Mohiuddin, Julie Manson

Feb 1: Beth/Jeff Kasprzak, **(open)**

Mar 1: **(open)**

Apr 5: Marianne Williams, Greta DeRocher

May 3: Ruth Herman, Carol Homisak

Jun 7: **(open)**

Jul 5: NO Meeting

Aug 2: **(open)**

Sep 12: **SATURDAY** – PICNIC @ Frances Slocum St. Pk.

Oct 4: Ruth Lloyd, Nancy Sibio

Nov 1: **(open)**

Dec 6: HOLIDAY PARTY



## **\*\*Holiday Party Buffet Menu\*\***

Roasted Chicken  
Ham w/ Pineapple  
Roast Beef w/ Mushrooms  
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy  
Rice & Vegetable Medley

Penne w/ Broccoli  
Garden & Caesar Salad  
Chocolate/Yellow Cake  
Coffee ~ Tea ~ Soda  
(B.Y.O.B.)



### Special December Raffle

The Orchid Club will be holding a special on-going raffle starting at the September 2008 meeting with the drawing to be held at the December 2008 meeting.

1st prize Hand-quilted Tote Bag  
(Donated by Betty Bunnell)

2nd prize Embroidered Towel Set

3rd prize \$10 Wal-Mart Gift Card

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00  
Jean Nudo will be selling tickets at each meeting.

Buy a ticket at every meeting thru December  
and multiply your chance of winning!!  
(Proceeds benefit the Orchid Club General Fund)

