

Piedmont Daylily Club

Club Meeting

February 21, 2015

Welcome

John Smethurst

- Pledge of Allegiance
- There was nothing new to report on members with illness
- John Smethurst wished Ralph Marmion and Liz Quinn a Happy Birthday
- Food was provided by Connie and Milton Moffett

Region Survey

Ray Quinn, Region 15 President, sent a survey to be completed by members with respect to membership and interests. John Smethurst asked everyone to complete and return to Liz Quinn. She will compile and send a report to Ray Quinn.

Membership

2015 Year at a Glance was distributed to those members present. The members were asked to post copies where they could to encourage people to visit the meetings. J. D. Stadler and Terry Baucom would distribute at local clubs they are speaking at in April and May.

A notice appeared in the community news of the Charlotte Observer for south Charlotte.

Val Levesque has accepted the board position of Treasurer.

Website & Miscellaneous

Ralph Marmion gave an update on his advances and challenges on the Club website. He has updated the Region 15 and National links, updated the local gardens links. Also, updating photos to more current, Milton Moffett has provided him the photos he has taken. He would like to add member photos, as well. The challenge is the company the hosts the website is not co-operative wants to charge for time. The long term goal is to redesign and move to another host.

Anne Smethurst informed she had been working on a Facebook page for the club. It is her understanding a valid e-mail is necessary. She had also investigated a program called Meetup, it is free for the first 50 members, \$14.95 per month, which would be \$180.00 a year.

The need for a speaker and microphone had been introduced Ralph Marmion and John Smethurst had researched and found the size the Club would need was a lapel microphone versus a hand held microphone and the speaker would need to be 30-40 pounds preferably a speaker on wheels. It was suggested we asked the church to use their system.

Missing journals – John Smethurst had found about 7 from his collection. There are still quite a few missing.

John Smethurst said the Church Garden should be updated with more current Region 15 and Club hybridizer plants and have easy access to the member gift plant. Judy Davisson and J. D. Stadler care and hold these plants for new members. Also, redo the sign to invite visitors to the monthly meetings.

Tom Foster was asked to contact Habitat for Humanity to give the plants removed from the garden to them.

June Show

Connie Moffett announced the show preparation was moving forward. Connie had received confirmation from four of the judges. Thanked those for volunteering to be a Chairman. J.D. Stadler will Chair the auction and education; Anne Smethurst will chair the Photo Contest, the Design Form, Nancy Moore and Jerry Blake have accepted as Co-Chairs. Anne Smethurst asked the members to go thru their photographs now. There are 6 categories and each member may submit 2 photographs in each category and photographs must be taken no more than 2 years prior to the show.

Education Spot

Michael Luther introduced Sandy a Master Gardener from Union County to present our first Education Spot. Sandy informed on how easy and important soil testing is for gardeners to have success for plants they grow. Gave a tutorial on the how to gather, label and mail the sample. During the months of April through November the testing is free to homeowners. She also brought sample kits to distribute.

Speaker

Sandy announced today's speaker, Stan Southerland of Chapel Hill, NC. Stan has hybridized rhododendrons for 20 years. His goals are to create a rhododendron that is heat tolerant, disease and insect resistance. He has hybridized several plants in red, yellow and multi colors. He is working on tropical colors. Most of his plants were short and full.

His contact information: StanSoutherland@gmail.com, 908 Highland Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516, 919 548-9778.

Door Prize Recipients

Guest: Jean Wilson

Members: Val Levesque, Martha McCombs and Stan Southerland.

Several guests signed in as members.

There were 19 members and 7 guests in attendance today.

Next Meeting March 21, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth M. Quinn

Secretary

