

MINUTES OF THE MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION OF BC GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, January 8, 7:30pm
Floral Hall VanDusen Botanical Gardens**

(Note: **MSC** stands for moved, seconded, carried)

Lynn Christmas, MGABC Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

1. Welcome and Announcements: Lynne thanked the outgoing council members for all of their hardwork and dedication over their years on Council. She cautioned them to rest a bit, but don't get too comfortable, she will be calling on them in the future. Lynne also announced that our Down the Garden Path brochures are ready and asked that members please take some away for distribution at clinics, etc.

2. Speaker: Susan Lazar introduced our speaker, Bill Bischoff who brought a lovely assortment of hardy Cyclamen for sale to the members. Bill presented a beautiful selection of slides of wild and garden orchids. He described the reproduction structure of orchids which is truly unique in the plant world. Insects are enticed to climb inside of some orchids and are trapped into pollinating in order to get out. Many of Bill's pictures showed orchids growing wild in ditches along highways, which is apparently ideal for many orchids because of the concentration of lime in the gravel and cement. Bill's offbeat sense of humour added to the interest in his presentation and a good time was had by all.

Coffee Break

3. MG Business Meeting:

Lynne Christmas & Doreen Godwin presented certificates to the graduates of the 2006 Basic Training Class.

a) Minutes of November 2007 General Meeting: not available

a) Business arising from Minutes:

b) Treasurer's Report: posted

c) Report from Council:

- today was the first meeting of the new council
- each council member was assigned/selected their areas of responsibility for 2008
- bylaws are not yet back from lawyer, hopefully next month
- nomination forms for members awards will be available from council members next week and must be returned to Lynn Christmas by the end of January. There is a new award for Outstanding Service. The criteria, etc for the awards will be posted on the website.

Next Meeting: Joint Meeting with the Guides **Thursday, Feb 14, 9:30am**

Motion to adjourn & Door prizes: 9:40pm