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Annual General Meeting
Friday April 4, 2003, 7:30PM

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please remember to attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting on Friday, April 4, 2003 at 7:30PM, at Dakota Lawn Bowling Centre 1212 Dakota Street. Elections to the board of directors will take place at that time. There will also be a chance to vote on proposed amendments to the NOCI constitution at that time.

The following members have agreed to let their names stand for election to the Board of Directors of Native Orchid Conservation Inc at the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 4, 2003. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. If you have further questions please contact our nominations chair, Eugene Reimer, at 237-7833.

PEGGY BAINARD ACHESON is a graduate in Environmental Science from the University of Manitoba and our Membership Chair. She has been a director for the past four years. She is a lover of the outdoors, a dedicated volunteer and field trip leader. She and John have arranged some very successful Members Nights for our organization.

BOB JOYCE is a retired firefighter. He has served NOCI in many capacities and been on the board for the past two years. He is the field trip coordinator, and has served on the nominating committee, the constitution amendment committee, and has done fund raising and ticket sales.

JOHN E. NEUFELD is a lawyer and has served as a director for the past four years. He has been on the constitution amendment committee and has worked with Peggy to arrange the successful Members Nights. He is the current Vice-president. John is a frequent field trip leader with a great interest in orchids and photography.

NEWS FLASH RE:AGM SPEAKER: Dr. John Stewart, former head of botany at the University of Manitoba, will speak on "What Do Changing Times Mean For Conservation Strategies?" See you there.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DORIS AMES

On January 30th Richard Reeves and Doris Ames attended the Manitoba Horticultural Association Conference in Minnedosa. They presented a slide show on Manitoba's native orchids. Many of the delegates expressed interest in the show and NOCI's work in conserving native orchid species. They stayed on until Saturday to enjoy some of the other events at the conference. During their stay in Minnedosa, Doris was interviewed on CBC radio about our work with native orchids. A 2-minute clip from this interview can be heard on the CBC website. There is a link to it from our website at www.nativeorchid.com.

We have been carrying on with our survey of timber sales in the southeast. The windchill was very cold some days and the GPS display froze and faded some of the time. We have been given the opportunity to work with students at the University of Winnipeg. They want to build an advanced GIS map model that will predict areas where native orchid species will likely be found. It sounds exciting and could lead to much orchid habitat being protected if it works.

MEMBERS' NIGHT

By Peggy Bainard Acheson

A successful second annual Member's Night was held on January 29, 2003. Approximately 60 members and guests came out to enjoy the presentations, displays, and the Silent Auction. John Neufeld introduced the presenters who included NOCI members Donna Danyluk and Ian Ward, Mike Moore and Aimée Pittet of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Manitoba Region. Doris Ames, president, gave a welcome and update to NOCI's projects and upcoming activities. Donna showed a slide presentation on the Tall Grass Prairie Reserve in Tolstoi and Ian showed some of his best native orchid slides. Mike and Aimee spoke about the habitat protection work of the Nature Conservancy.

Refreshments were donated by John Neufeld's firm, Smith, Neufeld, Jodoin. The Silent Auction proceeds along with donations resulted in a net profit for NOCI of \$111.40.

Thanks to all the members who helped make this event such a success.

Donors were: Alice Warren, Bev Munn, Bob and Kathy Joyce, Candace Ross, Bill and Winnifred Belcher, Richard Reeves, John and Christiane Neufeld, Doris and Al Ames, Adrian Ames, David Johannesen, Ellen Johannesen, Peggy Bainard Acheson, McDonald's Restaurant and Branigan's Restaurant.

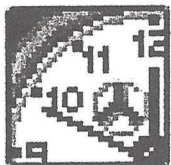
2003 Silent Auction Winners:

Cookbooks - Bernie Reid	Men's Field trip Kit - Keith Huss-Seidel
Walking Stick - Monique Wall	Wood Box Gift Basket - Kathy Joyce
Camping Basket - Mary Wiebe	Cook's Basket - Eugene Reimer
Women's Field Trip Kit - Wayne Campbell	Girls Want to Have Fun Basket - Alice Warren
Bailey's Valentine Bowl - Janice Pound	C.acaule picture and frame(door prize) - Nora Reid

RARE PLANT OF THE MONTH (SEE COVER PHOTO)

Bog Adder's Mouth (*Malaxis paludosa*)

The botanical name is derived from the Greek word "malaxis" meaning "a softening" referring to the succulent leaves and from the Latin word "paludosus" meaning "swampy" in reference to its typical habitat. This very rare S1 orchid is usually found growing on sphagnum hummocks in black spruce bogs. Companion plants are Green Adder's Mouth Orchid, Tall Leafy White Orchid, Small Round-leaved Orchid, Pitcher Plants and Bog Rosemary. Bog Adder's Mouth is very small, only 5-15cm tall and inconspicuous. It has 2-5 basal lance-ovate leaves with foliar embryo plants growing from the leaves at times. If these little plants fall off they will start to grow a new plant. Many tiny greenish-white flowers are found along the top third of the stem. Each little flower when examined closely will be seen to have the greenish-yellow lip uppermost. Bog Adder's Mouth blooms in late July and early August around here. Last year we found one plant that had some seed pods on along with some flowers by August 21. The round pods stick out at a slight angle from the stem. This orchid is so inconspicuous it is often missed. The stems are skinny and break off easily as well. Even when you know they grow in a certain location you won't necessarily find them there every year. Fungus gnats are believed to be the pollinators. It can be distinguished from the other two malaxis species here because it has two or more leaves. The others have only one leaf.



2003 FINAL RENEWAL REMINDER!

Your membership in Native Orchid Conservation is about to expire unless you renew immediately!

You will no longer receive our newsletter or be entitled to go on field trips to witness our wonderful Manitoba orchids. Membership is only \$10.00 per person. Renew immediately and help us continue our efforts to save these rare plants and their habitat. To renew please send your cheque made out to Native Orchid Conservation Inc. to:

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If you have already paid your 2003 membership, we thank you and please disregard this notice.