

President's Report NOCI AGM Feb25, 2011

Announcements

Herbarium Tour Thursday March 3, 2011 –sign up sheet available at the back

MOS Orchid Show March 25-27 Theme Orchid Celebration. They put on a wonderful show. Be sure to come out for it. We are looking for volunteers to sit with our display. Sign up sheet at the back of the room.

Presentation

Thank you all for coming out for our agm this evening. Looking at the agenda it promises to be a fun evening, with a raffle and wonderful goodies to go along with the business meeting and slideshow and I hope you have a wonderful time.

The first order of business is a presentation. This year John Neufeld our long time vice president is stepping down from our board. Personally and on behalf of the board I want to thank you John for all the good work you have done for NOCI and to wish you and Chris all the best on your retirement. We are so glad that you are still volunteering with us and hope to see you out on the field trips this summer. Please come up and accept this little gift as a token of our appreciation.

Tribute to Bud Ewacha

On a sadder note some of you may know that NOCI founder Bud Ewacha passed away on Feb 16th. An obituary notice appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press on Feb 19th and I will read it for those of you who missed it:

Bohdan (Bud) Ewacha

Suddenly on February 16, 2011, Mr. Bohdan (Bud) Ewacha passed away at the Concordia Hospital.

Bud was predeceased by his wife Joan, his brother Henry and both his parents. He is survived by his son David (Christine, grandchildren Brandon and Katelyn), his son Kevin (grandson Nicholas), his daughter Susan, and his very special friend Margaret Koop.

Bud spent his working years mainly at Canada Post, but retirement didn't slow him down. He became an environmental activist working diligently on preserving natural orchids in the wilds of Manitoba. He co-founded the Native Orchid Conservation Inc. and later founded Conserve Native Plants Society. He was a long-time member of the Manitoba Orchid Society.

A memorial gathering will be held from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Wednesday February 23 at Cropo Funeral Chapel 1442 Main Street, Winnipeg. A brief service will follow at 1:30pm.

I would like to add that Bud worked very hard to get NOCI off the ground in the early years. He was ever energetic and enthusiastic when leading survey and field trips and was remarkably skilled at identifying native orchids in the wild. He was one of the first to raise the profile of native orchids in this province and the wild populations are safer now because of his work.

Review of NOCI Activities Feb 19/10- Feb 25/11

Feb 19/10- NOCI agm

Feb 25/10- social marketing workshop- Peg and Doris

Feb 26-27- Endangered Species Conference- Derrick, John N., Peggy

Feb 28/10- MOS meeting re 2010 orchid show- Doris

Mar 1/10- Meeting re planning field trips-John Dyck and Doris

Mar 3/10- NOCI board meeting

Mar 19/10- scouting trip to Birds Hill re plant growth- 3-flowered avens in bud -Eugene and Doris

Mar 25-28- MOS Orchid show- NOCI won 1st prize for our educational display

Apr 7/10- Board meeting at new meeting place at UFCW training centre 880 Portage Ave

Apr 11/10- scouting trip check plant growth- southeast- crocus in bloom

Apr 28/10- met with Lynsay Perkins from Shaw TV re video Brokenhead Wetlands - Richard and Doris

Apr 29/10- Doris and Will met to discuss poss. Orchid seed macro photography for powerpoint.

May 4/10-Doris and Will started looking at seed collection through the microscope

May 5/10- NOCI board meeting

May 14/10- Photo clinic- Bill Bremner

May15/10- Tree sales Polo Park -Peg and Doris

May 16/10- Portage Sandhills scouting trip-John Dyck and Doris

May 20/10- orchid seed examination and photos- Will and Doris

May 22/10- First field trip to Portage Sandhills- John Dyck and Doris

May 25/10- meeting Debwendon- Doris, Eugene, Richard

May 28/10- Doris attended memorial Dr. Pruitt

June 1/10- NOCI board meeting

June 3/11- Scouting trip Hadashville Ski Trails-John D., Doris, Willl, Eugene

June 4/11- Belair scouting trip- Richard and Doris

June 5/10- Hadashville Ski Trails- field trip- John D. and Doris

June 6/10- scouting trip Mt. Nebo- John D. and Derrick

June 7/10- Belair FAM trip with Travel Manitoba and free lance photographers- Richard, Doris, Eugene and Loretta

June 8/10- meeting with Nicole Bruce(bookkeeper) re books- Derrick, Doris, Peg, Eugene and Nicole.

June 12/10- Field trip Mt. Nebo- Derrick and John D.

June 15/10- survey trip Camp Morton area re Ram's head lady's-slipper and other orchids- Eugene and Doris

June 26/10- Brokenhead wetlands field trip- Richard and John

June 29/10- Debwendon meeting- Brokenhead-Richard, Mike, Doris, Eugene

July 6/10- NOCI board meeting

July 12/10- survey trip Lauder Sandhills re Western Spiderwort- Eugene, Doris, Ed Zalusky

July 13/10- scouting trip Towle property- John D. and Doris

July 21/10- set up for RM of Reynolds Wildflowers ppt and display at E.B. Wildflower Festival- Eugene and Doris

July 24/10- E.B. Wildflower Festival-Doris and Eugene

Aug 4/10- NOCI board meeting

Aug 10/10- meeting MB Transportation re permit brushing trails Brokenhead- Mike, Richard, Carl and Brian

Aug 17/10- Rich, Mike and Doris resurvey Brokenhead Trail for brushing route
Aug 25/10- Doris and Richard resurvey parking lot new Brokenhead trail site
Sept 8/10- NOCI board meeting
Oct 5/10- newsletter Richard and Doris
Oct 22/10- NOCI Members Night
Nov 3/10- NOCI board meeting
Nov 12/10- Doris interview re orchid conservation CKUW arranged by Dustin
Dec 1/10- NOCI board meeting
Dec 6/10- newsletter- Richard and Doris
Jan 12/11- NOCI board meeting
Jan /11- newsletter-Richard and Doris
Feb 5/11- Reel Green Film Festival display- Dustin and Doris
Feb 14/11-Steinbach and Area gardening club- powerpoint Orchids;Beauty and Diversity-Will and Doris
Feb 16/11- St. Andrews Church- Wildflowers of Reynolds slideshow- Richard and Doris
Feb 19/11- Seedy Saturday display-CMU- Peg, Doris and Derrick

So you can see that it was another busy and fun year for NOCI. Many thanks to the members and volunteers who make this organization possible by your many contributions, as volunteers, as donors and as participants in our events. It has been fun working with the new board members and I appreciate their contributions and new ideas. Long time board members continued to provide the thoughtful direction and good work that has always been such a benefit to NOCI. Long time member Richard Reeves continues to make an enormous contribution as newsletter chair and field trip leader and Will Milne has taken over as web administrator with barely a ripple or hiccup (well perhaps the occasional burp☺). Our field trips were especially successful thanks to John Dyck our intrepid field trip coordinator and he tells me that he has great plans for the upcoming field trip season. All of us but especially me missed seeing Eugene out to field and survey trips this year due to illness. I hope he can enjoy this summer with us and take some more of his great photos. Thank you.