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Bay Area Daylily Society

January 17, 2009

10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg

1900 Gandy Boulevard

Minutes for December 13, 2008 – Motion made/ approved.

Old Business:

1. Program: John Starnes spoke on "Probiotic Gardening." Members brought a variety of snack foods and Dennis provided soft drinks for the meeting. We had 23 attendees including 4 guests and one winter member visiting from Nova Scotia.

John Starnes talked at length about the benefits of probiotic gardening – reintroducing beneficial bacteria and fungi that keep the pathogenic ones under control. The more beneficial bacteria you have in the garden, the less need for pesticides, says John Starnes. He detailed a variety of ways to introduce these bacteria into the landscape. John went on to describe specific, non-toxic, ways of controlling pests like aphids. He also talked about the importance of PH soil testing so that gardeners will know what the soil may need to get the best performance for plant growth and flowering. Daylilies like a PH of 6.5. John also handed out a recipe for “poop soup”. The members seemed to be very interested and asked many questions about other topics such as compost, roses, making your own Earth Boxes, grub worm control and Lubber grasshopper control.

Dennis Hoffman has plant markers for sale. The price of the markers has increased from last year’s \$14.00 for 50 or \$28.00 for 100. The new price is:

- For members - at cost rounded up, so \$30 for 100, \$15 for 50, \$7.50 for 25 (minimum purchase for members as that is how they arrive) Members must buy at our convenience to get the discount – thus, at a meeting.
 - For Greenfest and our sale, 10 for \$6, 25 for \$15, a markup of double the members's cost.- to reimburse us for ordering, repackaging, storage, and handling.
2. Gloria Hit took T-shirt orders for the National Show, May 20 – 23 in Sanford, FL. She brought samples of T-shirts. They are priced at \$15.00 and XXL \$20.00.
 3. Green Fest plants will be purchased from Dan Hansen’s Bargain Basement. The budget will be determined at our next meeting. The plants will be cleaned,

bagged and tagged at Mark and Dwain's in Plant City on Thursday. It was specifically requested that the leaves be left on the plants, as they seem to sell better with the leaves. Last year Dan cut the leaves off as a favor to us. So we need to request that he doesn't cut the plants back – or maybe not as severely.

4. Organizers of the National show have agreed to credit/refund \$35.00 of the \$250.00 ticket price for volunteers who work in a hybridizer's gardens. The Thursday before the official show attendees, have an opportunity to go on an "open garden" bus tour for \$50.00. Dennis recommends making hotel reservations now if you would like to attend.
5. Kay Smith suggests we begin a schedule for volunteer jobs/shifts on the day of our Spring Flower Show. The show is May 2nd and plant cleaning is the Thursday before, April 30.
6. Kay collected dues from anyone who has not yet paid the \$5.00 fee.

New Business:

Our next meeting will be Feb. 21 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, 1900 Gandy Boulevard. The program will be from Our Vital Earth, making worm tea. Note: Linda Sample writes: The February speaker is Bernie Moro of Our Vital Earth -

www.ourvitalearth.com. Worm tea, worm castings, a bagged mix of 80% cow manure compost and 20% worm castings, and a composter to house worms for it if you want to compost yourself. She should be an interesting speaker, as she believes in her product. When I replanted all my daylilies in Tampa this year I used either her products or horse compost in the planting hole - no commercial fertilizer. The daylilies are loving it! The tea is fantastic for fertilizing orchids. Sandy has used her products and would be a good spokesperson.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45p.m.

Some members went on to Elaine Alito's garden to see her new design and extensive new beds.

Submitted by Kyle Pierson