

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting  
April 7, 2016  
Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Phippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures.  
He thanked the refreshment organizers, Michelle and Rose and all those who brought in the tempting goodies.

Dick circulated a sign-up sheet for May, June, July and August refreshments.

He announced that Marcella Coe, a long-time member, passed away at age 95.  
She will be missed.

David Genovese shared his story of receiving a cutting of one of Marcella's plants nine years ago – *Dendrobium crumenatum* 'Marcella Coe'. The flower resembles a little white dove. It only blooms for one day a year.  
Divisions of this plant have been donated to NOS.

Dick shared that Naples Botanical Gardens has provided us with our share of the income from the show, \$10,000.

At the March board meeting the board voted to create a "Student" category of membership. We can now welcome students into our membership for \$10. Kit is working with students on the display at Collier County Museum. The board also voted to create an educational committee  
With Kit Kitchen-Maran, Chair, and Sheila Demkovich and Carolyn Booker  
As members.

First event: potting workshop on Sat., Apr. 16 from 9am to 10:30 am at the greenhouse. A sign-up sheet was circulated and participants will meet at a location to be determined and car-pool to the greenhouse.

Dick reported that at the May meeting, David Junka will give a hands on presentation called "Divide and Conquer."

He reported on behalf of Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon that we have 4 new members, for a total of 194 members and 11 guests tonight!

Board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 5551 Ridgewood Drive, Suite 300 starting at 6:30pm.  
All are welcome.

Lanelle Bishop reported that there is a bus trip to Redlands on Sat., May 14th. First come first ride. Sign up to get on the bus. \$30, includes admission + \$5 to spend at the show. So far 16 people are signed up, room for 4 more.

David Orr introduced our speaker, Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids speaking on "Vandas & Vandaceous Type Orchids."

Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.