

**Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting June 2, 2016 Submitted by Veronica Catrombon,
substituting for 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 Suppes and Rose Anthony, and all those who contributed to the table this month. Mary Jo Shively will be managing the refreshment table for the summer months.

There were 74 attendees, with 4 new members and one guest. Florida Weekly's photographer, Tim Gibbons, was on site before the meeting.

Martin Motes book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month, was available for sale for \$15.00.

Each year, the Board selects a member-submitted theme for our Orchid Show, and that member is awarded \$50.00. This year's theme was "Rainbow of Orchids" submitted by Michele Nowosad. Michele generously donated the award monies to the NOS Scholarship Fund. Thank you, Michele!

Our July program will feature our Scholarship Fund sponsored interns, under the direction of Dr. Lawrence Zettler, Professor of Biology and Director of the Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College. Dr. Ernesto Mujica, of Cuba's Ministry of Science, and leading Ghost Orchid expert, is also expected to attend. 100 Ghost Orchid seedlings from plants at Panther Refuge were distributed at the Naples Botanical Garden—and now are in spike.

Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair, shared that we now have 203 members, with one member joining that evening. Our Facebook page has 106 likes. Veronica mentioned that all NOS events and meetings are posted in the Events section of our Facebook page (Naples Orchid Society), as well as on our website, www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org. The Membership Directory for 2016-2017 (Gold Cover) is now available for members, and will be added to new member packets.

Nanett Boerner, Treasurer, announced that \$4000 was made available to sponsor interns this year.

David Orr, First Vice President, announced that vandas from our shade house are available for sale. He introduced our Speaker for the evening's program, Tom Kuligowski, official photographer for the America Orchid Society's West Palm Beach Judging Center, blogger (<http://angraecums.blogspot.com/>) and card carrying member of the Royal Horticultural Society. Tom's enlightening presentation "Buy It, Grow It, Bloom It" pointed out the questions that orchid shoppers should ask, and the research that should be done prior to making the transaction, to ensure that the new acquisition will thrive in available conditions.

Plant Table winners were announced and awarded. Raffle tickets were drawn.