

**Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
November 5, 2015
Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary**

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm President Dick Phippen presiding.

Dick reviewed the emergency exits and procedures and thanked Michelle and Rose, the refreshment coordinators, and the refreshment providers. Dick circulated a refreshment sign-up sheet for next year and welcomed the members and guests. He introduced our special guests, Shan Wong, who is studying orchid fungi in Miami-Dade County. Kylie Bucalo, a graduate student in GA and an intern at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, who is studying DNA barcoding of orchids in the Fakahatchee.

Dick announced that the Culture Class starts Jan 9th for 6 weeks and is held on Saturday at 9:30 at the church. \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members. He said that it is time to think about show themes. Please submit your suggestions! The show is Feb 27 & 28, 2016 at the Naples Botanical Garden. The person suggesting the winning show theme will receive a prize of \$50!

Holiday Party is December 3rd, 6pm in Moss Hall. Bring your favorite dish, side or appetizer. We provide the meat. Bring non-perishable items for donating to the food bank.

There is a bus trip on Jan 23 to Tamiami Intl. Show, \$30. See Lanelle Bishop for details.

Membership Chair reported that we have 9 guests and 8 new members.

Ramon Chapa has agreed to be Sponsorship chair for the Show. Please talk to business owners about sponsoring.

Treasurer Nanett Boerner reported that we have \$12,729 in the bank.

Sale Chair Sheila Demkovich reminded members that this Saturday, November 14 is our sale, here at the church from noon to 3pm. We need volunteers on Friday to prep and on Saturday.

Nominating Committee Chair Sheila Demkovich presented the slate of Officers for 2016:

**President: Dick Phippen
First VP: David Orr
Second VP: Lanelle Bishop
Treasurer: Nanett Boerner
Secretary : Cynthia Bock
Newsletter Editor: Kris Morton
Membership Chair: Veronica Catrombon**

**Publicity Chair: Jim Rawson
Director 3 year: Mike Brewer
Director 2 year: Sheila Demkovich
Director 1 year: Carolyn Booker
AOS Representative: Bill Overton
Webmaster: Sue Roehl**

Norm Dolder introduced our speakers, John Salventi & Tom Purviance (formerly of Parkside Orchids, Ottsville, PA) speaking on "The Importance of Roots."

Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were drawn. The meeting adjourned.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE: 128 NOVEMBER MONTHLY RAFFLE PROCEEDS: \$251