BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, Arlene Cluff, Steve Plumer, Terre Moore, Marie Harris, Sue Roehl, Linda Van Blerkom, Kris Morton and Karen Davenport.

1. Minutes from the April 22, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with no corrections.
   - Treasurer Steve Plumer reported $15,485.00 in the NOS checking account and $44,855.43 in combined CD's and savings account. Steve also announced that Terre Moore has agreed to be an "Acting Treasurer" in his absence. As Second Vice President, Terre is already a co-signer on the bank accounts and will be able to write checks and make deposits. Every effort will be made to have other check signers sign the checks she prepares, just as Steve Plumer does.
2. Membership Co-Chair Arlene Cluff announced that Val Rooney will be assisting with membership activities in her absence. Arlene also advised that she has received the new NOS T-shirts and Richard Davenport will bring them to the next meeting. The cost per shirt will be $30.00. Arlene also advised the Board that there are currently 303 members, an all-time record!
3. Vice President of Programs Marie Harris reported on:
   - Monthly Meeting Programs for the remainder of the year. She handed out a schedule of speakers for both 2025 and 2026.
   - After discussion, it was decided the August 2025 Monthly Meeting would be dedicated to "Orchid Culture 101" since the Club has so many new members just learning about orchids. Marie will come up with a Program which will include speakers on various orchid culture topics.
   - Marie would like to have a Committee for the Holiday Party in December.
   - Marie discussed the issue of email and website inquiries to the club for various topics such as membership information, orchid culture information, speakers for outside organizations, etc. With a few tweaks to the NOS website, scripted responses will be created relating to the type of request which will then link to the website.
   - There were discussions relating to the IFAS Yard and Garden Show on October 25 and 26, 2025, with setup on the 24th. The Board approved participation.
4. Richard Davenport reported to the Board that the 2026 Orchid Show and Sale will be at the Naples Botanical Garden. The dates will be February 20, 21 and 22, with setup on Tuesday 2/17, registration on Wednesday 2/18, and AOS judging on Thursday 2/19.
5. 2026 Show Chair: Richard Davenport announced that Marie Harris has volunteered to be the Show Chair. Marie advised the Board that Terre Moore would be Vice-Chair. The Board unanimously approved.
6. 2026 Show Theme: Marie Harris will work on an announcement asking for recommendations from the membership for the theme.
7. 2026 Culture Class:
   - Based on the 2026 Show dates, the dates for the Culture Class will be the following six Saturdays in 2026: March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 11, and April 18.
   - Location to be determined.
   - Terre Moore has agreed to be the Culture Class Chair and will coordinate with Richard Davenport on the program. Other Board members offered to be part of the program.
   - There are 14 leftover Culture Class Handbooks. It was agreed by the Board that they would be offered to the general membership at the next monthly meeting for a cost of $25.00 each to recoup the club expenditure for production of the book.

- Remaining Martin Motes book inventory will be sold for $15.00 at Member meetings and other events.

8. Education Director Linda Van Blerkom discussed the Education Corner in the Newsletter and the types of articles she would like to include, using links to these documents. She will contact Sue Bottoms with the St. Augustine Orchid Society to obtain permission to use her many orchid culture articles.
9. There were discussions relating to adding additional educational content to the website. Our goal is to always have the "go to" website location for all things orchid.
10. Dates for future Board Meetings. The following dates have been approved by the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club for Board Meetings: June 3, July 8, August 5, September 2, September 30, November 4, December 2, January 6, 2026, February 3, 2026, and March 3, 2026. These dates are the Tuesday preceding each monthly members meeting.
11. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Rae Jean Walker seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary