BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2025
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

1. The Minutes from the August 5, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed. Linda Van Blerkom moved to approve the Minutes, Terre Moore seconded. and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer Steve Plumer advised the Board that there is $1,867.10 in the NOS checking account and in combined CD's and Money Market Certificates there is a total of $51,334.11. Steve reviewed some of the recent check activity, including paying the Directors and Officers Liability and the General Liability policies, and purchase of orchids for the repotting class. When the next CDs mature, the funds will be transferred into the checking account.
3. Membership Co-Chair Arlene Cluff reviewed promoting renewals for memberships through the NOS Newsletter and Website. There will be a drawing from member renewals for a winning orchid basket at the January meeting.
4. Vice President of Programs Marie Harris discussed the upcoming "Hands-On Potting Class" and asked Karen Davenport to review the plan for the meeting, Terre Moore has ordered and received the orchids, and Jim Rawson and Karen have purchased all potting materials. Richard and Karen Davenport will be the Featured Presenters.
5. Marie Harris reviewed future programs for 2025 and 2026.
6. 2026 Show:
   - Marie Harris, Show Chair, revealed the 2026 Show Banner art provided by our Graphic Designer.
   - Marie, Richard Davenport, Terre Moore and Jim Rawson met at the Botanical Garden to review layout of the outdoor vendor area and indoor area in Kapnik Hall. Some proposals for the indoor layout included using 8' tables in lieu of 6' tables and rearranging some vendor and plant display areas. Adequate lighting remains a concern.
   - Marie reviewed the need for one more plant vendor and a possible second vendor selling something other than plants. These decisions will be needed soon in order to proceed with the rack card design.
7. Terre Moore advised the Board that we have sold 22 seats for the bus Field Trip to Soroa/Motes on Saturday, November 8. Terre will continue to advertise the trip in Newsletters and at monthly meetings.
8. Terre also discussed the 2026 Culture Class. She is setting up a schedule of dates for classes, speakers and topics, and overseeing the revisions to the handbook.
9. Arlene Cluff discussed the UF/IFAS Master Gardener Yard and Garden Show on October 25 and 26. Arlene will have sign-up sheets for volunteers at the next member meetings, and will promote the need for volunteers for set-up on Friday, October 24, and staffing the membership table for three-hour increments on Saturday and Sunday through the Newsletter and e-blasts.
10. Secretary Karen Davenport advised the Board that Sundance Orchids invited NOS to host a small Orchid Exhibit on their property during their 25th Anniversary sale in November. Karen will coordinate the details with Jackie Sperlin, the owner of Sundance, and get back to the Board concerning the feasibility. It would not be an AOS judged show and the biggest question is security.
11. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 30, at Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
12. Marie Harris moved to adjourn the meeting, Kris Morton seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary