BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 30, 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 Steve Plumer, Terre Moore, Richard Davenport, Deb Goldman, Marie Harris, Arlene Cluff, Kris Morton, Sue Roehl, Karen Davenport, Val Rooney, Bob Castonguay, and Rae Jean Walker.

1. The Minutes from the September 2, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Sue Roehl moved to approve them, Terre Moore seconded. and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer Steve Plumer advised the Board that we have $3,783.49 in the checking account and $43,506.40 in CDs. Steve advised that as future CD's matured, he would be transferring the money to new CDs with shorter maturity dates.
3. Membership: Co-Chairs Arlene Cluff and Deb Goldman discussed membership renewals that are being received. There will be an emphasis on Newsletter reminders, eblasts, and member meeting announcements to begin the renewal process.
4. Communications Director Opening: There were discussions regarding Bob Castonguay retiring from this position effective December 31, 2025. An announcement will be made at the October 2 membership meeting regarding this opening.
5. Director Opening: With Carolyn Booker's resignation, we now have a Director opening. There were discussions and it was decided that Val Rooney would leave the Publicity position and fill the open Director position.
6. Open Positions: The Nominating Committee, made up of the three Directors, who are not also officers, will begin the search for a Communications Director and Publicity Chairperson. The Slate of Officers will be presented by Rae Jean Walker at the October 2, 2025 meeting where members will be advised that we have openings for a Communications Director and a Publicity Chairperson.
7. Meeting Programs: Marie Harris passed around a handout with a list of Featured Presenters for the year 2026.
8. 2026 Show: Show Chair Marie Harris advised the Board that Show organization tasks are being addressed as follows:
   a. AOS Judges are in place.
   b. Orchid Rodeo art design for Rack Cards is complete and 2500 cards have been printed.
   c. Two Show banners have been printed and received.
   d. Artwork for AOS magazine articles is complete.
   e. Artwork for use of Show Logo for any future communications is complete.
   f. There is an opening for a sixth plant vendor or some other orchid related vendor. Discussions followed and Marie Harris will reach out to the top three suggested vendors.
   g. Marie advised that Fundraising for the Show will begin shortly.
9. Soroa/Motes Bus Field Trip November 8, 2025: Vice President Terre Moore advised that we currently have 27 reservations out of 50 available seats. An announcement will be made at the October 2 monthly meeting advising we have available seats for members, and if it is determined that there will be space available, the trip will be opened to nonmembers.
10. Culture Class Update: Vice President Terre Moore advised the Board that she and Richard Davenport met with Forest Glen Management to finalize the use of the Community Center for our six Culture Classes beginning March 7, 2025. Terre passed around a schedule of speakers for the six culture classes. All speakers and topics have been confirmed.

11. Yard and Garden Show at UF/IFAS: Arlene Cluff and Deb Goldman will provide all membership materials needed for this event. The Davenports will supply the tent, tables and chairs. Arlene and Deb will have Volunteer Sign-up sheets available at the monthly meeting October 2 for setup on October 24 and volunteers for the two day show on October 25 and 26.
12. Sundance Bromeliads and Orchid Exhibit: Karen Davenport advised the Board that Jackie and Elijah Sperlin of Sundance Bromeliads and Orchids invited NOS to provide an orchid display at their anniversary sale in November. Karen discussed the needs for a one day only exhibit, with set-up on Friday, November 14, and exhibit display for Saturday, November 15 only. The Exhibit will be removed at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Karen and Richard will coordinate registration of and display of plants. A few volunteers will be needed for transporting and supervising the exhibit. There may be a membership table with information about our club and sign-up for the Culture Class.
13. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 4, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center at 6:00 p.m. There was a reminder about the November 5 monthly meeting as it is a day earlier than our usual first Thursday. This reminder will also be given to members at the 10/2/25 monthly meeting.
14. Marie Harris moved to adjourn the meeting, Deb Goldman seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary