

## **Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting**

3 Jan 2019

Submitted by *Cynthia Bock*

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President *Dick Phippen*. He reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers and *Mary Jo Shively* for coordinating. Holiday party was a huge success. *Lanelle Bishop* did a great job. Thank you!

Our 2019 Orchid Show, The Magic of Orchids, Feb 23 & 24, 9am to 5pm, at Naples Botanical Garden will be immediately followed by week-long Orchid Fest. The theme was suggested by *Diane Glover* and *Kimla Stewart*. Schedule of events for that week and more details will be available soon. **We are looking for volunteers for the end of that week to take down the few exhibits that will remain in the hall for Orchid Fest.** The Gardens has asked us to open show at 8am for members only! So come early! Members of NBG or of Naples Orchid Society get in FREE! So pay your dues!

Culture class starts on Jan 12 and runs for 6 weeks, 9:30 to 12:30. Meets at Naples Botanical Garden. You'll receive a handbook and a guidebook to growing orchids in FL, and several blooming size orchids.

### **2018 Annual Plant Table Awardees:**

**1st Place- *Karen Davenport***

**2nd Place- *Eunice Walker***

**3rd Place- *Tom O'Donnell***

*Veronica Catrombon*, Membership Chair, reported that membership is now 194. 384 followers on Facebook. Newsletter is going out digitally, with a link to a printable version. Contact Veronica if you are not receiving it: [Naplesorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:Naplesorchidsociety@gmail.com)

*Sheila Demkovich*, Treasurer, reported our balance in checking is \$17,024 and in money market \$23,479. These accounts sound like a lot but we have the expenses of the show coming up and rent for our meeting space.

*Lanelle Bishop* reported a full bus for the bus trip to Tamiami International Orchid Festival on 12 January 2019.

*Jim Rawson*, Publicity Chair, presented rack cards for the show. Please share!!

*David Orr* asked for signups for the show. Clip boards were passed.

*Kris Morton* asked for volunteers for the show.

*Diane Glover*, 2019 Show Sponsor Chair, reported on sponsors for the show. There will be a silent auction of a Clyde Butcher photo.

***Kit Kitchen Maran*** thanked the members for the scholarship program. Kit suggests that we work on putting a permanent education display on native FL orchids on the new boardwalk extension (being funded by a large funding by the State of Florida). Estimate of cost would be \$5,000. **Kit also reported that 600 ghost orchids have been found in the Fakahatchee Strand.**

The speaker tonight was ***David Orr*** who reviewed the **new show rules.**

The Plant Table winners were announced, and Raffle winners were announced.

The meeting was adjourned. NOS