

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting January 4, 2018 Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Phippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked our refreshment coordinator, Mary Jo Shively and all the refreshment providers. Dick reported that the Holiday Party was a roaring success, with lots of good things to eat and good camaraderie. Lanelle Bishop and Carolyn Booker did a marvelous job. Our show is in one month, Feb 24 & 25 at Naples Botanical Garden. Members get in free (with 2018 dues paid). Show theme has been selected: Jewels in the Garden, submitted by Marilyn Moser.

Kris Morton is seeking volunteers for set up, hosting, and take down. Help is needed Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sun.

Culture Class starts in one week at Botanical Gardens. Space is still available. Contact Dick for more info. Dick also announced the winners of the Plant Table for 2017: 1st place, Jim Longwell; 2nd place, Karen Davenport; 3rd place, Eunice Walker. Dick encouraged members to compete with these winners.

Feb meeting is Feb. 1, speaker will be Ron Krueger on Orchids we should learn to grow.

Membership Chair Veronica reported that we have 248 followers on Facebook. Please share! Veronica welcomed new members. Total members will be announced later.

New treasurer Sheila Demkovich had no report. Board meeting will meet on Jan 18th at usual meeting place.

David Orr spoke briefly about the Plant Table judging and encouraged members to bring in plants. Tonight's speakers are the three 2017 Plant Table winners: Jim, Karen and Eunice who shared their secrets for growing winning plants.

Plant table winners were announced and Raffle winners were chosen.