

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting July 5, 2018

Submitted by Veronica Catrombon for Cynthia Bock

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Dick Phippen. He reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers Marilyn Moser, Ralph Brand, Christine and Tom O'Donnell, Eunice Walker, and Mary Jo Shively for coordinating. Our 2018 Orchid Show was held at Naples Botanical Garden, and a check in the amount of \$12,000 for NOS's portion of the proceeds was received. This reflects a 20% increase from our 2017 Orchid Show at the Garden.

Orchids are for sale this evening that were purchased from Kalapana Orchids in Hawaii. This grower is in the vicinity of the recent and ongoing volcanic eruption on the Big Island.

The program for our August meeting will be award winning grower Thanh Nguyen from Springwater Orchids of Melbourne, FL, speaking about Paphipedilum Culture and Care. Plants will be available for purchase.

Veronica Catrombon reports that we have 182 members, and 330 Facebook Followers. The online Member Directory is ready for use on our website. Members can access this roster from the password protected area.

David Orr introduced Kit Kitchen-Maran, Education Chair and Past President. Kit reviewed the NOS scholarship program and introduced our speakers for the evening. Former intern Adam Herdmann presented the critical 4th year plan for research pertaining to the Ghost Orchids in the Florida Panther National Wildlife Preserve. Current intern Mike Weisenfelder presented a brief introduction to the native orchid research focused on the Ribbon Orchid.

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

The meeting was adjourned.