



CHAOS

Charlottesville Orchid Society

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May 2016 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING:



Sunday 5/1/2016

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

Native orchid field trip

See President's Message for the details!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We have a busy schedule for May. In lieu of our regular meeting, we are going to take a field trip to Lanark Farm to view a colony of yellow ladyslippers in flower (and possibly other native orchids nearby). Our wildflower walk will be held on Sunday, May 1 and will be conducted by Lonnie Murray and Brian Morse. Lonnie is the Chair of the Albemarle County Natural Heritage Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District. Brian is the Principal Wildlife Biologist for the Virginia Forestry and Wildlife Group (a forestry management company that Brian heads). Also assisting us will be Frank Coursey the farm manager for Lanark Farm. Frank has promised to provide a Gator vehicle (or pick-up truck) to allow our non-ambulatory members access to the site. The conservationist motto (take only photographs leave only footprints) is in effect. As always, be careful where you step.

The site is accessed by an easy 1/4 mile walk along a gently sloping forest road. Parking at the final destination is quite limited (5-6 cars) so we will need to meet at an alternate location (perhaps at the entrance to Lanark Farm) and carpool to the site. Lanark Farm is located on Carter's Mountain Road (between Morven Estate and Trump Winery). You may reach Lanark Farm by leaving Charlottesville via Rt 20 (toward Scottsville) and turning left on VA-53 (Thomas Jefferson Parkway just past the entrance to PVCC). Go past Monticello to the James Monroe Pkwy (passing Ash Lawn Highlands) and the James Monroe Parkway becomes Carters Mountain Rd after 2.6 mi. Lanark Farm entrance is on the right (1.7 mi further) just before the entrance to Trump winery (Grand Cru Dr).

Let's plan to meet at the entrance to Lanark at 2:00 pm. From there we will carpool/caravan across Lanark to the forest road that provides access to the site. Please let me know via email (ldudleymiller@aim.com) or phone (home phone 434 823 7049; cell 434 996 2191) if you plan to attend so that we don't leave anyone behind (you will likely not be able to find the site if you miss the caravan). Finally, since this event is outside it is subject to cancellation due to weather. We will try to email you by noon on Sunday if the event has to be cancelled. A make-up field trip for May 15 (in another location) will be planned should cancellation of the 1 May event become necessary.

Last of all, remember that our orchid sale will be taking place at Tabor PC, Crozet, on 7,8 May (10:00 am -6:00 pm on Sat.; 12:00-6:00 Sun). We will have a show table as well as a sale table and show plants will be judged. Set-up is from 9:00-10:00 Sat. Other information about this event will be sent separately.

Dudley

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

CHAOS Wild Orchid Walk

May 1 (weather permitting)

CHAOS Spring Orchid Sale

May 7 and 8, Tabor Presbyterian Church, Crozet, VA

NEWS:

We are in search of.....a Program Director!!! This person will coordinate speakers for our meetings, from within our own membership and outside. Can YOU help our organization by becoming our Program Director??? Please consider it.....



Yellow lady's slipper orchid



SHOW TABLE RESULTS:

*****Results not available at time of Newsletter distribution*****

Show Table Reminder

For all show entries, complete a show table form (plant identification on front, your name on back). After the meeting, leave forms on the table so that results may be tabulated.



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Join us for a *CHAOS* meeting!!!

Be our guest at a meeting because you enjoy orchids!

What's in it for you:

- Speakers who address multiple topics of interest about orchids and growing them
- A show table that allows you to see...and smell!...blooming orchids grown by our members, AND discussion by experienced orchid growers about how those orchids grow and thrive
- Networking with friendly and welcoming people who enjoy orchids and plants, and grow them in their own greenhouses or homes
- Frequent options to purchase beautiful orchids to grow yourself
- Raffles in which you may win an orchid plant for as little as \$1.00
- The option of joining our organization as a member

When: Usually the second Sunday of each month, September through June, from 1:00 to 4:15 PM, with program from 2:30-3:30 PM. Check our website (<http://cvilleorchidsociety.com/>) to confirm a date.

Where: 1024 Carrington Place, off of Rio Road East, Charlottesville. Go to the third floor, "Accounting Solutions".

Hope to see you at our next meeting!