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NEXT MEETING:



Sunday 9/9/2018

Set-up 2:30 PM; program begins at 3:00 PM

1024 Carrington Place, off Rio Road across from Church of Our Savior

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Fall is almost here and our September CHAOS meeting will be held on Sunday, 9 September 2018. I hope you and your orchids fared well over the summer despite the excessive amount of rain that fell. For those of us who grow our plants outside during the warmer months the weather has been a challenge, especially for plants that require drying out between waterings. Plants that are mounted do better under excessively wet conditions than those in pots and plants in clay pots dry out faster than those in plastic pots. Likewise bark mixes drain better than moss based media. If wet hot summers become the rule rather than the rare exception, we are all going to have to be more aware of Darwinian principles and adapt accordingly.

Our meeting will be held at our usual meeting place (1024 Carrington Place, across Rio road from the Church of Our Savior) and time (3:00 pm). The room setup will begin at 2:30 and those bringing plants for our show table should arrive somewhat in advance of 3:00 so that judging of the show table can be completed prior to the start of our program. Because our speaker is not going to be selling plants, members may bring plants to sell, with a portion of the proceeds to go to CHAOS as usual for sales at a meeting. Please feel free to bring snacks to share. Hope to see you at the meeting on Sunday the 9th..

Dudley



SPEAKER INFORMATION:

Dennis Whigham, PhD
Senior Botanist, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
Founding Director, North American Orchid Conservation Center

The ecology of plants has been Dennis Whigham's primary interest and his research has resulted in journeys through forests, fields and wetlands around the world. Explorations have led to studies of woodland herbs – including orchids, vines, wetland species, invasive species and studies of forests in the tropics, temperate and boreal zones. In recent years, studies of interactions between orchids and fungi have lead in new and exciting directions. Whigham's current research projects focus on the role of wetlands associated with juvenile salmon habitat in Alaska headwater streams; the rarest terrestrial orchid in eastern North America; and an invasive wetland species that is rapidly expanding across the country. His current passion is to establish the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC), an initiative of the Smithsonian and the United States Botanic Garden. NAOCC's mission is to secure the genetic diversity of native orchids for future generations. The NAOCC model for orchid conservation is based on public-private collaborations and there are currently more than fifty collaborating organization distributed across the continent from Florida to Alaska.

Whigham obtained an undergraduate degree from Wabash College and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. He joined the Smithsonian in 1977. Whigham and his collaborators have published more than 250 articles in journals and books and he has co-edited 10 books.





SHOW TABLE RESULTS:

No judging in June! Jeff awarded two points to each plant that was brought for display to our picnic.

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!