



# CHAOS

## *Charlottesville Orchid Society*

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February 2019 Newsletter

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### **2016 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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### ***NEXT MEETING:***



**Sunday 2/10/2019**

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:***

We have no President's Message, as Dudley completed his service as our President at the end of December. Election to be held.....and many thanks to Dudley for serving as our President for the past three years!



### ***SPEAKER INFORMATION:***

Our speaker will be Sara Hurdel. Sara began growing orchids in 2007. She has been part of the Maryland OS Away Show crew for nearly as long, and is currently an Associate Judge with the American Orchid Society and a member of several local societies. She maintains a large, diverse collection indoors under lights, and has received AOS award recognition for culture, flower quality as well as her own orchid displays.

Her topic will be "What's Eating Your Orchids". Sara begins her talk with a horror story illustrating what can be found within a new otherwise healthy looking plant if you look.

Sara will be bringing plants for sale, primarily Habenarias. Therefore there will be no CHAOS member plant sales at this meeting.



### ***SPECIAL REQUEST:***

Orchid Origami display!!! Those of us who attended the September 2018 meeting were excited by our speaker, Dennis Whigham, not only for his talk, but for his presentation of orchid origami kits that help support the North American Orchid Conservation Center. The assembled paper orchids are truly beautiful! Please bring any constructed Orchid Origami projects for a special display on Sunday.

### ***AN INVITATION!***

The Virginia Orchid Society cordially invites the Charlottesville Orchid Society to participate in its 2019 orchid show: Orchids Great and Small from February 22, 2019 through February 24, 2019, at Strange's Garden Center, 12111 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23233.

Please see your email for an attachment with details about this show.



### ***SHOW TABLE RESULTS:***

No show in January 2019 due to snow-cancelled meeting!

### *CHAOS Monthly Show Table*

As part of each regular meeting of CHAOS, we have an informal show table. The intent is to show off your flowers and plants, and to allow others to enjoy them, too. In the spirit of informality, we have categories related to the number of plants you are growing – we don't want someone just starting to feel like they need to compete with the old pro.

Each meeting three people (usually the person leading the evaluation and the two who are standing nearest) are asked to look over the plants and select what strikes their collective fancy. We often have new people participate – it's a great ice breaker. So, one time the species plant aficionados will pick the tiny no-see-ums, and other times it just that one plant that really grabs your eye, or it's the monster plant with a bazillion blooms. At the end of the meeting the selected plants are briefly discussed and cultural tips for especially challenging plants are noted. By keeping it informal we want to encourage people to bring plants and share what it is that brings us all to an orchid meeting.

See the CHAOS website for a PDF form with four slips can be downloaded for your plants. Or pick up a slip from the folks setting up the table. On the back add any particular culture tips that you used to for growing and blooming your plant.

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!**