



# CHAOS

## *Charlottesville Orchid Society*

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June 2019 Newsletter

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### **2019 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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



**Sunday 6/9/2019**

**Picnic at Jeff and Linda's place!!!**

**(see following note for details)**

## ***ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:***

Hi all,

Regrettably, I was unable to attend the field trip last month. Hopefully many were able to take advantage of the unique experience that Lonnie offered us to visit his place and bog gardens. Personally, I was visiting a far more distant park down in Homestead FL. Once a year the "Redlands International Orchid Festival" at Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead FL has orchid vendors from around the world come to Florida with orchids for sale. This is one of the largest opportunities to acquire unique orchids from around the world in the USA. This was the second pilgrimage for Linda and myself. Although it was a long trip I was able to acquire seedlings and divisions of plants from: Ecuador, Peru, Germany, Malaysia, South Africa, Thailand as well as Hawaii and that other foreign country within a country; California. Many, many other localities were represented but even I have limitations of what will fit in the greenhouse. Additionally we visited the orchid nursery RF Orchids, an outstanding nursery that has been a longstanding fixture of Homestead FL. I do look forward to growing the orchids up and being thrilled when they bloom.

Speaking of greenhouses: Our June CHAOS meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2019 will be a pot luck picnic at our house (Jeff and Linda's) on 126 Reas Ford Rd, Earlysville, Phone 974-9094. Directions: Follow Rt 29 to Airport Rd and turn toward the airport. When you get to the traffic circle in front of the Charlottesville airport go 3/4 of the way around and take Dickerson Rd. Dickerson will end at another traffic circle at which you should go 1/4 of the way around and proceed on Earlysville Rd. You will be driving past the end of the airport runway at this point. Reas Ford Rd will be a left turn and Jeff and Linda's house is on the right less than 1 mile from the intersection. You should be able to see Jeff's new greenhouse as you approach their driveway.

Plan on arriving around 3:00 pm if you desire a tour of the greenhouse, or around 4:00 if you are only interested in the food and other festivities. We will have a small auction of donated and commissioned orchids/supplies. The Society will provide fried and baked chicken as the main course and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided by the society. Please notify Jeff of a headcount of members and family attending the picnic by Thursday (June 6th) so that we may purchase the appropriate amount of chicken. Jeff's phone number is given above and his email address is: orchidstoo@3welec.com. I look forward to seeing everybody there.

All the Best Growing!

Jeff



### ***FIELD TRIP MAY 2019:***

Many thanks to Lonnie Murray for opening his yard and gardens to CHAOS members a few weeks ago!

We got to see some native pink lady slipper orchids, a few in bloom, and discuss their habitat. Lonnie also has a bog garden and a pond, which showcased a variety of carnivorous plants, ranging from pitcher plants in bloom (see below), sundews, Venus flytraps, and bladderworts, along with other bog plants. He told us how he made his bog garden and maintains it, and gave many suggestions for plant sources and resources for anyone interested in starting their own bog garden.

Lonnie also showed us his collections of orchids, citrus trees, succulents, tropical pitcher plants, and fish. It was a great afternoon!

Some great news: Lonnie has decided to join us as a member of CHAOS. Please be sure to welcome him!



**These are the flowers of pitcher plants . Aren't they amazing?**





**A view of Lonnie's bog garden...there is a remarkable variety of different plants in this single photo, from live sphagnum moss to low shrubs to the pitcher plants.  
A special thank you to Eleanor Matano for sharing her photos with us!**





**Lonnie sent us this photo of *Pogonia ophioglossoides*, a mass display  
seen on the property of his friend John Hummer.**



## ***SHOW TABLE RESULTS***

No show table in May!

### *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 2:30 to 5:00 PM, with program from 3:00-4:00 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!**