

September 3, 2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes

6:30 PM President Marta Hudson greeted everyone.

So glad you could all come out on this Labor Day Celebration and I hope everyone will enjoy the food!!!

Anyone seen our Facebook page? Do you like what you see? Need you to take photographs at all the meetings and submit your best ones so we can use them in Facebook and other advertisements.

- Marta asked to begin eating and reminded the members to take home dishes and utensils they brought after the meeting. Asked to go ahead and serve themselves and if everyone agreed, she would be talking through the meal in an informal kind of way. We will not have a speaker tonight nor a break. We will be on a break the entire meeting. So go ahead please, and enjoy tonight's wonderful meal and orchids from Palmer Orchids. After a few minutes, Marta made the announcements.

- **Announcements:**

- **We have a Plant Raffle tonight.**

- The Plant Raffle plants are on the table in the back of the room. See Jenny for buying the plant Raffle Tickets; All the gorgeous plants were subsidized by Robert & Ashley Palmer at Palmer Orchids, we all thank them for coming.

Our Raffle is going stronger and moving really fast. The bucket placed in front of each raffle plant gave the members time to decide on their favorite plants during the meeting and not wait until the last minute as was done before. All the winners were very happy with the quality and beauty of the plants.

- **Saturday workshops**

The forms for the workshop were circulated through the room. If you want to participate, please email marta at martadiashudson@gmail.com

- Cathy Lewis – Re-potting - September 22 from 10-1 pm, bring a brown bag lunch and water and be comfortable. Strongly suggest to carpool. Location, Palmer Orchids. Advance payment is required to reserve your spot. If no money today, sign in and receive an email with invoice to pay online. Also we have gift certificates available. Marta clarify that the best time to take classes and learn, is when you are not busy. When the spring comes and you have got to repot 50-200+, there is no time to take classes, so now it's a good time to start preparing.
- Kay Weber will be offering another workshop on 'Mounting' in October 20th at 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Location to be announced. Sign up sheets are circulating, but payment of \$25 must be received to save the spot. Location TBD.

- **Board meetings**

- Past meeting was August 27, 2018 – at the lovely home of Mary Jo Zaksas, who graciously opened the doors to let us view her unique

collection of Dracula, monkey, ghost and other fabulous orchids growing in a control environment. It was very interesting. Please see photos posted on Facebook.

- Upcoming board meeting: October 29, 2018 at the home of Eileen Antonelli. Need a 'Volunteer Coordinator' who will work alongside with membership and myself to help recruit members to do different jobs. This person will keep the sign-up sheets and assign volunteers to the different positions. This person will coordinate 3 or 4 more volunteers during the show.
- We also need a corresponding secretary to write notes to our members and send them the 'Welcoming' letter. Graciously, Jinny Wisemen accepted the position.
- In October we will be passing signup sheets to volunteer for various tasks at the January Show. Other Volunteers will sign up later to help bring supplies back and forth to the 3 orchid shows we participate in
- Ongoing reminder, joining the board is a great way to not only serve the club, but it's a wonderful way to learn something new, and work alongside like-minded people. It is a good idea to get many positions of "helpers" that will later turn into replacements, as they are needed.
- **Word of the Month - One word to learn each month:** Marta said that the word of the month was mistakenly omitted, but it will be added next month. For August, it was supposed to be **Epiphyte, Epiphytic:** Also called "air plants," they have some advantages over other plants. The term indicates a plant that lives off other plants, but in a non-parasitic way. There, you'd see orchids growing out of other plants, such as tree bark.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner!! Great food and wonderful desserts!!!

- Don't forget to vote for the best species, hybrid, and novice plants on the display table. The ribbon winners were photographed by Karen Bird-Lister for our SOS Website.
- Cathy Lewis & Susan Gerhardt ran the Show and Tell plant table. Susan had asked to send an email to members to ask them to bring smallest blooming plants. People liked the idea but there weren't that many.
- **8:15 - 8:30 Plant raffle:** Plants were subsidized by Jim Roberts and announced by Jinny Wiseman
- **8:30 PM Clean-up** - Marta reminded members that everyone needs to help cleaning up before leaving, today specially we need to make sure we take all of our utensils home. She reminded to be safe and drive carefully and thanked everyone for attending.
- **8:30 PM Meeting adjourned**