

October 1, 2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes

7:00 – 7:15 PM Marta Hudson called the meeting to order. She greeted everyone and introduced a new member. Membership chair Eileen Antonelli and Janine Flickner were absent, Hazel Miller sat at the membership table.

- If someone wants to join today and doesn't have cash or check, Ramsey can set them up and bill them by email. If they don't pay within 30 days they will be deleted. You can always buy gift certificates.
 - Speaking about Ramsey, please address any questions you may have about the Treasurer report directly to Ramsey.
- Our September annual potluck was a complete success, short and sweet. Palmer orchids provided the raffle plants.
- Today the plants are provided by Plantio La Orquidea
- We had 5 plants for the Silent Auction Table. Remember each month, you can bring in a couple of plants, just email Dennis Pavlock ahead of time with the Plant's Name
- First Saturday workshop update. Palmer had everything set up and charged us back \$60 for supplies. Cathy Lewis generously donated her time for this event.
 - Next workshop is with Kay Weber will be offering a workshop about mounting in October 20th at 10:00 am. Location to be announced. Signup sheets are circulating, but payment of \$25 must be received to save the spot. Class will be postponed for the spring, if not enough people sign up.
 - Any potential teachers please contact me to arrange future classes.
- The Parade of Collections will take place in the Spring. So far we have 3 houses for the tour.
- **Some good news**, our meetings used to adjourn at **9:15 pm**, and now our target is 8:30 pm saving 45 minutes.

New Business:

- The SOS next month meeting will be on the first Monday, Nov 5th and we will talk about our Annual Holiday party in December and the Mentoring program.
- Next board meeting: October 29, 2018 – Eileen Antonelli
 - Board Positions: Next month I will announce 2 board members I will be recommending for Hospitality and for Storage Management also coordinating the Set up and Clean up for each individual meeting.
- **Word of the Month** - One word to learn each month: **Unifoliate** (yew-ni-FOH-lee-ayt): One-leaf
- One of our very dear members Eric Hagerstrom, Jane's husband, passed away. Funeral service was Monday Sept. 10th at 1pm at the Veterans National Cemetery. Some of us were there to accompany Jane during this hard time. Eric did a wonderful job on the poster design for our annual Orchid Show for many years while Jane took care of all the publicity and did a great job at the front door taking and organizing the survey. The Sarasota Orchid Society made a gift to **Asolo Repertory Theatre** in memory of Eric Hagerstrom.
- SOS Annual Orchid Show update:

Laurie Stoner addresses the members and asked them to please sign up for one of the Committees; You will see in the book that is being sent around there are shifts for most of the volunteer work. The requirement for each committee is only about 2 hours so please get involved and be part of this awesome organization. Volunteering has its benefits, e.g. you can get into the Show free. These are the positions on the presentation on the screen.

Show Food – Food for SOS members and Vendors Please have food at auditorium
 Suggestions: salads, chili, soups, casseroles. You must take your dish & utensils home the SAME DAY

Front Door -- Welcome people to show; Collect \$5 entrance fee; Monitor front door – Roy Krueger

Information & Membership: Inform guest of value of SOS membership including pass out SOS brochure, answer general questions, sell Motes Orchid Books (\$20.00), Culture Books (\$1.00) and Gift Certificates – Eileen Antonelli

Judges Dinner on Friday Night -- Help serve dinner, setup and cleanup – Susan Gerhardt

Judging clerks -- Locate plants for judges, note judges' decisions, place ribbons on plants. – Learn how plants are judged by teams of AOS judges

Plant Hotel -- Give tickets to guests who want their items held

Plant Raffle – Sell raffle tickets at the Show for the hourly Plant Raffle – Patti Quinnelly

Show Hospitality Area – work in the area where the food is being served for the 2 days of the Show – Halina Farsun

Show Setup and Teardown – Help load the Rental Truck with all the materials that are needed for the Show that we have in the storage shed; Breakdown and transport all the Show materials from the Show back to the Storage shed

SOS Show Display – Help set up the SOS Display for the Show – Jill Lopez

Show Marketing and Publicity -- Mostly emailing various publications and calendars to get the word out about the Show

Marta announced that each year, every SOS member is responsible for selling, or buying, 10 Plant Raffle tickets for the annual show in January. Patti Quinnelly is the coordinator for that project. Tonight, she has many of the ticket packages prepared for you. Please see her before you leave so we don't have to spend extra money mailing the materials to you.

7:15 – 7:30 Marta asked to take a 15 minute break.

- During the break, please vote for the best species, hybrid, and novice plants on the display table. See Jack to ask any questions about voting.

- The ribbon winners were photographed by Karen Bird-Lister for the SOS website. SOS invested in a black background and spot lights to be able to have better photos.
- Please purchase raffle tickets
- Please buy plants from Plantio La Orquidea

7:30 – 8:15 Roy Krueger, introduced our very own member orchid growers panelist for an interesting discussion and we all learned great insides from our peeps Jill Lopez, Laurie Stoner, and Cora Saunders. They responded to questions such as how long have they been growing, how big a collection, where do they grow etc. Other questions from Roy were, favorite genra, most fun to grow, easiest to grow, hardest to grow, their favorite plant, growing changes they've tried lately, and if they could grow only one plant which one would be. A Q & A from audience followed.

8:15 – 8:30 Display Table: Roy Krueger and Cathy Lewis reviewed all the plants on the display table.

8:30 – 8:45 Plant raffle: Plants were provided Plantio La Orquidea and announced by Jinny Wiseman & Betty Smith.

8:45 PM Marta thanked everyone for attending and meeting adjourned.
Clean-up – began.

Notes:

August: 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.

July: Backbulb (bak-buhlb) An old pseudobulb, often without leaves but still alive and bearing one or more eyes, frequently used for propagation, located behind the actively growing portion of a sympodial orchid (Store water in pseudobulbs). We all learn from each other and learning together is more fun. (note: sympodial orchid vs monopodial = single upright stem such as vandas and phals)

June: Mericlone (MAIR-i-klohn): An individual plant produced through meristem tissue culture propagation and treated as a vegetative division of the clone from which it was produced. We all learn from each other and learning together is more fun.

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/additional-resources/basic-orchid-glossary.aspx>