

January 16, 2019 Monthly Meeting Final

6:15 – 6:30 PM Marta Hudson called the meeting to order. Ladies and Gentleman... the show... it's about to begin...

1. Summary of 2019 Show, "For the Love of Orchids"

Marta began with a summary of the show at a high level (finances will be covered at the February meeting) and said: This month, we had our Annual Orchid Show and sale, for the Love of Orchids. I want to start by thanking our Committee Chairs and their teams who did an outstanding job: Please standup so everyone can see who you are! A round of applause to everyone who helped in one way or another at the show.

We received 2nd place on our display, a round of applause and congratulations to Venice who received 1st place. This keep us all humble and give us the opportunity to work harder to better ourselves.

Sixteen of our members submitted (appr) 75 orchids for our exhibit. Not all made it to the display, only 66 approximately did. Some of those went to the individuals table. Fourteen of our members received ribbons: Cathy Lewis 3, Randy Brodsky 2, Ria Escobar 1, Susan Gerhardt 5, Marta Hudson 4, Jack Knuese 3, Monroe Kokin 3, Jill Lopez 1, Tony Nacinovich 1, Dennis Pavlock 1, Patty Quinnelly 3, Cheryl Robbins 1, Cora Sanders 2, Laurie Stoner 1.

We had 4 trophy winners, Randy Brodsky, Micah Dault, Cathy Lewis and Denny Pavlock. A round of applause to all of them. (See link on ABC broadcast: SOS Show & Sale 2019, From ABC Channel: <https://www.mysuncoast.com/video/2019/01/06/annual-orchid-show-kicks-off/>)

2. **Board Changes:** Membership → Eileen Antonelli resigned, Marketing/Publicity. (Bruce Oltchick accepted a position in China) Position Open. **New Committee Chairs:** Halina Farsun Hospitality, Leta Mullolland Membership, and Micah Dault Show Setup and Teardown. Everyone clapped for them.
3. **Membership update:** Leta was busy signing up new members and renewing memberships. There were many guests who came to the premiere. The auditorium was full, at least 150 people came.

4. **Word of the Month - January: Sympodial Vs Monopodial**

Sympodial orchids are one of the two main growth habits of orchids (**monopodial** orchids are the other kind.) These plants have a rhizome at the base (usually horizontal, at least when they are grown in pots), with a series of growths developing upward from it.

5. **Some Announcements:**

We need you to sign up for the monthly ongoing committees of setting up and Hospitality. Clipboards are circulating around the room.

Venice Orchid Show and Sale, Orchids at the Opera February 2-3. Please start preparing your plants for submission for the Venus Show. The Call for blooming plants should go out to SOS members next Tuesday, Jan 22nd. I'm guessing the plant list coordinator would want the plant list back by the 28th or 29th at the latest.

Marta wore Darryl's hat, then took it off and passed it around asking for voluntary donations to help support SOS, and Stig and Darryl's efforts.

6. **Upcoming meetings:** February, 4th Workshop on repotting. Please bring your blooming 'Red Orchids' for a special Valentines Display table.

March 4th, April 1st, *May 7 (changed to a Tuesday)

6:30 – 6:45 – Break. Please buy raffle tickets and have a snack. Marta brought a popcorn machine and movie type snacks for the show.

6:45 – 7:45 Sarasota Orchid Society proudly supports Wild Orchid Man Films
The Sarasota Orchid Society is the fiscal sponsor for the widely acclaimed Wild Orchid Man film series, a collaboration between Stig Dalstrom and Darryl Staffer. Stig, a world renowned orchid taxonomist and artist (born in Sweden, US citizen), was the former Curator of the Orchid Identification Center of the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. He has degrees in civil engineering and horticulture, and is a self-taught watercolor artist. Darryl Saffer is an award award-winning filmmaker and composer. Darryl spent two years studying biology in college before changing his major to music. He has a Masters degree in music theory and composition, and is an award-winning songwriter.

7:45 – 8:00 PM Your Raffle today is donated by Stig and Darryl. Stig's giclee prints and notecards and Darryl copies of various movies from the Wild orchid men series. Raffle will be announced by Susan Gerhardt and Jinny Wiseman.

7:45 – 8:00 PM Q & A

8:15 PM Marta thanked Stig and Darryl for their efforts bringing Australia to us and asked everyone to give them a standing round of applause. Reminded people to watch SNN at 10:00 & 11:00, to view the Premiere be broadcasted. Marta had arranged with SNN to share the story with members of the Suncoast:

<https://www.snntv.com/story/39804300/wild-orchid-man-stig-dalstrom-premiers-new-film>

She thanked everyone for attending, and reminded all to help with cleaning up. The meeting adjourned after she wished everyone a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year. See you all on Monday, February 4th. Clean-up – began.