

February 4, 2019 SOS Meeting – Final

7:00 – 7:15 pm – Marta Hudson started by welcoming all new members who joined in January!! Guests will also be welcome, at no charge, for no more than 2 meetings

We want to remind people that 2019 membership dues and are now payable and the cutoff for final dues payment is February 15, 2019.

Available Volunteer Positions: PR/Advertising, newsletter editor.

- This year, we are specifically looking for someone to help with contacting the Herald Tribune, local papers and TV stations, magazines to cover our show prior and during the show.
- Karen Bird–Lister resigned, and we need a newsletter editor. Easy position, uploading Meeting minutes, photos and links to our monthly newsletter.

April will be our annual members’ meeting. Anyone interested in joining the board should contact me. We are always looking for new board members. You usually start off on the board doing a well-defined project.

- **Venice Show:** We had a successful Show and did very well. We could not have done it without the help of many! We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped during the Venice Annual Show. We are working on a recognition award for volunteers. **Jack Knuese**, please come to the front, I would like to present you with this well-deserved **trophy**. Thank you again!

First place	2 nd	3 rd	Trophy
Al Langdon	Cathy Lewis	Micah Dault	Hazell Miller
Bob Scully	Cathy Lewis	Micah Dault	Cathy Lewis
Cathy Lewis	Cora Sanders	Laurie Stoner	Susan Gerhardt
Cathy Lewis	Mary Commer	Jill Lopez	
Hazell Miller	Micah Dault	Jill Lopez	
Laurie Stoner	Micah Dault	Hazell Miller	
Monroe Kokin	Micah Dault	Cathy Lewis	
Randy Brodsky	Monroe Kokin		
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Ria Escobar	Monroe Kokin		
Susan Gerhardt	Ria Escobar		
Susan Gerhardt	Robin Bennett		
Susan Gerhardt	Roy Krueger		

- **Englewood show: "Orchids by Lemon Bay"** March 1 - 2, 2019 at Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E Dearborn Street, Englewood, FL. A week before the show Dennis Pavlock will send an email to remind you to submit your blooming Plants.
- SOS Next **Board** Meeting is February 25, 2019 – Susan Felber.
- SOS Next **Monthly** Meeting, March 4. Guest speaker Linda Lowe, an accredited AOS judge will speak about Florida Native Orchids.

Word of the Month: February: **Rhizome** (RYE-zohm): A root-bearing stem of sympodial orchids, prostrate on or under the ground, the apex of which progressively sends up leafy shoots.

7:15- 7:30 - Marta asked to take a 15 minute break. During 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 Maria- Cora Gaffar and Bruce Mickelson.
- Please purchase raffle tickets

7:30 – 8:15 Roy Krueger, lead the workshop. He discussed repotting and why this time of year. There were 3-4 dividing and repotting stations, each had an assigned leader. ... Marta asked to move chairs around and get in close to see what is going on. We encourage you to volunteer to help the leaders divide an orchid. We purchased the orchids for the demonstration from **Plantio** la Orquidea. The resulting plants of the workshop will be offered at tonight's plant raffle. Plantio is having their Annual Spring Sale on February 22-23. Stop by and pick your orchids, lets support our local vendors.

8:15 – 8:30 Display Table: Roy Krueger reviewed all the plants on the display table. On this Valentines month, members brought **Red Plants**. They were placed on a separate table to receive special award.

8:30 – 8:45 Plant raffle: Announced by Jinny Wiseman & Betty Smith.

8:45 PM Marta thanked everyone for attending and meeting adjourned and made a plea for everyone to stay and **help clean up!!!**