

# March 4, 2019 SOS Meeting – Final

**7:00 – 7:15 pm** – Marta Hudson started the meeting by welcoming all new members. She welcomed new members, and her own guest Krishenen Cadambi, a 'Life member' of the orchid society of Karnataka, Bangalore India.

We want to remind people that 2019 membership fees are past due.

**Available Volunteer Positions:** PR/Advertising, Monthly Meetings Photographer, Newsletter editor.

**Nominating Committee:** Marta proposed Susan Gerhardt, Bruce Mickelson, Jack Knuese, Jinny Wiseman, herself and was accepted. They will be meeting next week to brainstorm.

**April will be our annual members' meeting.** Anyone interested in joining the board should contact any of the names listed on the committee. Presently we have 9 Board members. We are always looking for new board members.

**Scholarships:** The Board approved 2 scholarships of \$1000 each which will be presented at the members monthly meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Word of the Month:** March: **Velamen** (VEL-lah-min):

The thick sponge-like layer or layers of cells covering the roots of epiphytic orchids helps prevent water loss and aids in the rapid absorption and assimilation of water and mineral nutrients. Plural: velamina.

- SOS Next **Monthly** Meeting, April 1st. - Allen Black.
- SOS Next **Board** Meeting is April 29, 2019 – Marta Hudson.

**Cattleya Symposium:** Coming up August. Contact Dennis Pavlock.

**Englewood Show "Orchids by Lemon Bay":** We had a successful Show and did very well. 49 awards in total. We could not have done it without the help of many! We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped during the Englewood Annual Show. We are working on a recognition award for volunteers. **Jack Knuese**, please stand up! Thank you again!

Its not about quantity but quality. Plants must be show plants! Remember, these shows are judged by AOS judges who set the standards high.

This is how we did:

<b>First place: 22</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: :14</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>: 9</b>	<b>Trophy: 4</b>
2 Bob Scully	3 Bob Scully	1 Bob Scully	1 Susan Gerhardt
4 Cathy Lewis	1 Cathy Lewis	2 Cathy Lewis	1 Cora Sanders
1 Cora Sanders	1 Dennis Pavlock	3 Jack Knuese	2 Laurie Stoner
1 Ginny Wiseman	1 Jack Knuese	1 Micah Dault	
2 Laurie Stoner	1 Jill Lopez	1 Roy Krueger	
2 Micah Dault	1 Micah Dault	1 Susan Gerhardt	
2 Sara Nortrup	1 Roy Krueger		
7 Susan Gerhardt	1 Sara Nortrup		
	4 Susan Gerhardt		

**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 Bruce Mickelson
- Please purchase raffle tickets

**7:30 – 8:15 Marta Introduced: Linda Lowe**, is an AOS accredited Judge speaking about Florida Native Orchids. Lin has been a gardener for almost 50 years, but has grown orchids less than 10. She has lived in Florida for 24 years. She is an AOS accredited judge with the Florida North Central Judging Center and a past member of the Species Identification Task Force of the AOS. She has a Master’s degree from USF and is a Realtor in St. Petersburg.

Lin’s presentation was informative and amusing. She used vivid images with PowerPoint to educate us on which are native orchids or not.

**8:15 – 8:30 Display Table:** Winning plants were photographed by Bruce Mickelson

**8:30 – 8:45 Plant raffle:** Gorgeous plants subsidized by Palmers Orchids and announced by Susan Gerhardt and Jinny Wiseman.

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

She thanked again Halina Farsun and her Hospitality committee, and Jim Faliszek and his committee. They’ve helped making this meeting enjoyable, delicious and orderly.