

# March 4, 2019 SOS Meeting – Final

**7:00 – 7:15 pm** – Marta Hudson started the meeting by welcoming all new members.

SOS orchid family news:

**Monroe Kokin:** Its with a heavy heart Marta gave the news of his passing last month. Many of us will miss Monroe Kokin's friendship and service over the last 20 years. He was a truly gifted orchid grower known for his stunning bulbophyllum specimens, a 3 term president of SOS, chairman of the Annual show for many years, as well as a gifted AOS photographer. He shared his wealth of knowledge to mentoring newbie growers and taught orchid culture classes at Selby Gardens. A faithful patron to the Wild Orchid Man films series and the Bhutan orchid research projects sponsored by the society. Marta asked all members to stand up and have a minute of silence in his honor. All members stood up to honored him.

**Barry Reese:** Bill Rich has kept us informed on Barry. He is in a nursing care facility so he'll need rehab to walk again. He can talk just fine but doesn't have much use of his arms either due to secondary infections. He's bored and craved company. So far, he has received a lot of cards but few visits or even phone calls. He is in room 108 (within **Freedom Square in Seminole:** 727-398-0166. His direct# 727-398-0108. Afternoons after 4pm are best to call.

**Quote of the Month:** Marta asked a member Florence Jackson to read it from the screen: Those who died yesterday had plans for this morning. And those who died this morning had plans for tonight. Don't take life for granted. In the blink of an eye, everything can change. So forgive often and love with all your heart. You may never get to have that chance again.

Marta continued, presently we have 9 Board members. We are always looking for new board members then asked Jack Knuese the head of the nominating committee to present the candidates to the Board. He proceed to ask for approval, and second. The new members voted in were Leta Mulholland, Susan Felberg, Susan Gerhardt, Bruce Mickelson.

Jinny Wiseman accepted to be the Sunshine Chair. She will write kind notes to our members in need. Jim Hanlon is our new newsletter editor.

**Available Volunteer Positions:** PR/Advertising.

**Mentoring Program:** We have 20 candidates.

**Scholarships:** There will be 2 scholarships of \$1000 each. Barbara DelGato, and her committee will present them at the meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note the date change.!

**SOS 2018 Expenditures** – Ramsey lead this topic.

**SOS Next Monthly Meeting**, May 7th. – Bruce Michelsen will speak about insecticides. More to come in the website and Facebook.

**SOS Next Board Meeting** is April 29, 2019 – Patti Quinnelly home.

**Word of the Month:** April: **Peloria** (pe-LOR-ee-a):

Abnormal regularity of structure occurring in flowers normally irregular; generally applied to orchids where the petals have lip characters or colors. Also when lips take on petal characteristics.

**Cattleya Symposium:** More will be discussed at the May meeting.

**7:15- 7:30 - Marta asked to take a shorter break.** During break, please buy plants from

- Our guest speaker Allen Black
- Silent auction: some are from Monroe Collection, Denny and Amy
- 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. Plants subsidized by Allen Black.

**7:30 – 8:15 Marta Introduced: Allen Black.** He is a hobbyist (i.e., non-commercial), novelty orchid breeder. Many of the orchids shown here are from his breeding efforts. He spoke about the ‘Novelty Brassavola/Cattleya Alliance Breeding - Spiders And Stars’.

**8:30 – 8:45 Display Table:** Roy Krueger & Cathy Lewis briefly spoke about the award winning plants on the display table.

**8:45 – 9:00 Plant raffle:** Announced by Jinny Wiseman & Susan Gerhardt.

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

Thanks again were given to Halina and her Hospitality committee, to Susan Felber & Jim Faliszek and their clean up and set up committee. They’ve helped making this meeting enjoyable, delicious and orderly. Please be safe!