

# November 4th, 2019 SOS Meeting Agenda – Notes

Susan Gerhardt started the meeting by welcoming everyone and all new members. Leta introduced the newest member and guests.

Susan announced that Marta was not going to be present as she was at her son in law's funeral who died last week after a long battle with glioblastoma. Susan passed a card for everyone to sign and told the members that on behalf of SOS, she will deliver flowers to her home.

**2020 SOS Show and Sale:** Theme: **Orchids in Paradise**. Volunteer committee chair, Susan Felber, placed the sign-up sheets at the membership table. For those who already signed up, they needed to go back and write the t-shirt size on the forms.

**Show Raffle Tickets:** Patti Quinelli, 10 tickets for \$10.

**Fundraising sponsor/patron program:** Being led by the PR, advertising committee.

**Advertisers Wanted!** Announced by Leslie Castillo: Want to advertise your business in the SOS newsletter? SOS offers great rates for publishing your company business in the newsletter each month. Please send us your business card in pdf format or request more information to [Marta Hudson](#) or [Ramsey Sadi](#).

**Newsletter Content!** Leslie Castillo also announced that we are always looking for fun and interesting content. Do you have a fun or interesting personal story to tell about your trials and tribulations growing orchids in Sarasota? Have a great orchid travel tale to tell? Send it to Leslie the newsletter editor by the first week of the month, and we may add it to the next SOS newsletter!

Susan reminded members to check our website for updates; thanks go to Sara Nortrup for doing such a fine job managing the SOS website!

**AOS** – Save the date: April 10, 2021. AOS will hold its Centennial gala celebration in Miami.

**Word of the Month: November:** Spike: An unbranched inflorescence of unstalked flowers.

**Quote of the month: November:** "All relationships go through hell, real relationships get through it." Susan proceed to add a quote on Winston Churchill... "If you are going through hell, keep going."

## **Dr. Motes tips for November:**

1. Prepare for cold
2. Reduce fertilizer
3. Apply extra Potassium and Magnesium
4. Segregate dormant genera in bright dry area
5. Repot plants after flowering
6. Groom plants and flower spikes for holiday display

Susan reminded everyone to start getting flowers ready for the show, inspect them and treat with insecticide spray before bringing them in. She also reminded everyone to begin protecting the growing area as temperatures will drop.

**SOS Next Monthly Meeting: Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner** – to be held December 2, 2019.

Details of the dinner were presented by Laurie Stoner: the society will provide a selection of sliced meats, shrimp platters, and rolls, for the dinner as well as ice, sweet and unsweetened iced tea, soda, diet soda, coffee, and water. The tables will be set with napkins, plates, and silverware. You may bring in wine and glasses from home. Each table will have a centerpiece that will be raffled later in the evening.

Please provide one of the following food items listed below that will comfortably serve 8-12 people. Label the dish with an index card. (If the name of the dish is not self-explanatory, list the main ingredients or note that it is gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.) Provide a serving spoon or fork.

Since we are not requiring members to RSVP, please limit guests to one additional person.

Suggested potluck items, by Last Name of member:

- **A - G:** salads, appetizers, vegetable or cheese trays, fruit platters, etc.
- **H - Q:** covered dishes, casseroles, pasta, enchiladas, meatballs, etc.
- **R - Z:** desserts, pies, cakes, cookies, assorted chocolates, etc.

Please remember to take your personal serving dishes and help clean up! We can also use help with set up if you can come a bit early.

**Something new:** Marta wants to honor long time members – Any members prior to 2005 will be celebrated. RSVP needed only for these members. Please sign up at the membership table, we need a head count.

There will also be a short talk on how to buy orchids.

**Next Board Meeting:** December 16, 2019 – Jack & Karen Knuese to host the meeting at their home.

**Raffle:** Plants for the raffle were donated by John Masters, Awesome Orchids, and some were purchased by SOS at Palmers.

**Silent auction:** Two plants were offered in the Silent Auction; one from Susan Gerhardt, and one from Cheryl Robbins.

**AOS Book:** We have only a few copies of the AOS still available for purchase at the membership table for \$15. We are now able to accept a credit or debit card for payment.

**Display Table:** Roy Krueger and Cathy Lewis led the display table. We had many beautiful plants. Members voted for the best species, hybrids, and novice plants. Ribbon winners were announced after which Susan reminded them not to forget to have their picture taken by Sara Northrop before leaving.

**Dennis Pavlock** introduced Guest speaker **Robert (Bob) Scully**, previous president of Jones and Scully Orchids, Homestead, Florida, is an acclaimed orchid hybridizer, orchid grower and certainly one of the elite in the world of orchids.

Bob's presentation explored the early lithographic records of C Dowiana and its contribution through the ages to the most beautiful Cattleya hybrids in the modern era.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. Susan thanked everyone for attending and made a plea for everyone to stay and **help clean up!!!**

Thanks again to Halina with the Hospitality committee, and to Susan Felber & Jim Faliszek and their cleaning committee.

Also a big thanks to Jack and Karen for organizing the members display table, to Cheryl Robbins for working the show table, thanks to Jenny Wiseman and Betty Smith for taking care of the raffle table, and to Sara Nortrup for taking photos of the winning plants.

They've helped make this meeting an enjoyable learning experience. Great teamwork!