

December 2, 2019 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Marta Hudson called the meeting to order. Membership chair Leta Mulholland asked to renew the membership for 2020. She reminded members that she had Gift certificates at her table good for Memberships, and or Motes Books. Great Holiday gifts.

We are celebrating today our Annual Holiday party. Don't forget to label your dishes with an **index card**. There is a table in the back left for those who special diets such as gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.

Marta introduced and **thanked the volunteer committees** for the meeting: Susan Felber, Jim Faliszek, & Leta Mulholland - Clean up and set up and Laurie Stoner & Sara for the wonderful spread of food and set up.

Dinner: Member with dietary restrictions went first to get their food, then the Committee chairs and their family or guests, followed by the rest of the members.

Committee chairs will be available after dinner to talk about your Show committees.

Silent Auction: We had 5 plants from Larry Desiano for the Silent Auction Table.

***Something New: Honoring long time members:** We had 8 members present that have been members from before 2007. These were Kay Weber, Laurie Stoner, Cherrie Randall, Karen & Jack Knuese, Lory Boyce, Karen Bologna, & Patti Quinnelly. Marta praised them for their loyalty and dedication and gave them each, a beautiful blooming orchid. Marta thanked them for numerous days coordinating and organizing many activities for SOS. Year after year with love and dedication. They are a great example for us and a tough act to follow.

At your tables you will find 3 things:

1. **Center pieces** are the **Holiday raffle plants**. Susan Gerhardt did an outstanding job creating these gorgeous centerpieces and many of you will be able to take some home. Many thanks to Susan for the effort she put into helping make this celebration a success.

2. Instructions to log into **Website, Facebook** group and page to share events to the members pages. Marta asked... and Instagram? Who uses Instagram? Not more than a hand full raised their hand.
3. Show **committees** jobs descriptions sheet with the name of each volunteer whom chairs each committee.

Marta asked the Chairs of these committees please take the sheets that pertain their committees and be ready at the end of the dinner to meet with potential helpers. Marta explained that there is only a **2- 4 hour commitment**, so please get involved and be part of this awesome organization. Volunteers will receive a free SOS T-shirt and can get into the Show (anytime) free of charge.

List of Show Chairs

Show Food – Patti Quinnelly
Front Door – Roy Krueger
Information & Membership – Leta Mulholland
Judges Dinner on Friday Night – Leslie Castillo
Judging clerks Head – Denny Pavlock
Plant Raffle – Jane Shapiro
Member's raffle – Patti Quinnelly
Show Hospitality Area – Patti Quinnelly
Plant Hotel – Ramsey Sadi
Show Setup and Teardown – Micah Dault
SOS Show Display – Jack Knuese

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

Fundraising sponsor/patron program: Being led by our PR/Ad committee.

Show reminders: For complete details, see Show Schedule in website.

1. Need help to **prepare the plants** for the show? Jack Knuese & Susan Gerhardt would help you.
2. Laurie explained the crucial dates of our 2020 Show, "Orchids in Paradise" She announced if you are considering entering plants to enhance our society display and be judged, there will be an email sent soon with the instructions on how to participate.
3. The cutoff to enter the list of your plants is December 30. Please submit to Laurie.
4. Many plants won't open and if open earlier may fade before the show, so this deadline is reasonable.

5. The set-up date is Friday, January 3rd from 10-3 pm. Most of your blooming orchids are put on display and will be judged by AOS judges for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. The best plants of each category will get a ribbon.

Webpage & Facebook demonstration and hyperlinks. In order to recruit more members we must Engage & Capture new audiences. Please go to your cell phones now or your PC's at home and share the Show event with family and friends. Lets make a presence! *** For your convenience, Marta put a handout together with instructions included at the end of this newsletter.

- Instagram? #orchidshowsarasota, #orchidclubsarasota, #orchidlovers. Videos, photo collages, give photo credits, etc.

Word of the Month last Year... - December (last years) – One word to learn each month: **Volunteer**

Verb: bestow, contribute, donate, give, give away, present

Adjective: freewill, self-imposed, uncoerced, unforced, volitional, voluntary

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

Quote of the Month – December: You either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to take you down. The Choice does not belong to fate, it belongs to you. Josh Shipp

December Orchids Tasks by Dr Motes:

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

During the dinner, Larry Desiano spoke on 'How to buy orchids' Great presentation, very informative and to the point. Great timing before the shopping spree we anticipate for our orchid show.

Jack & Susan asked members to 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 Sara Northrop for the SOS website.

Reminders continued through the night to purchase raffle tickets and to purchase your holiday gifts.

Display Table: Roy Krueger reviewed all the plants on the display table. Nice job, Roy.

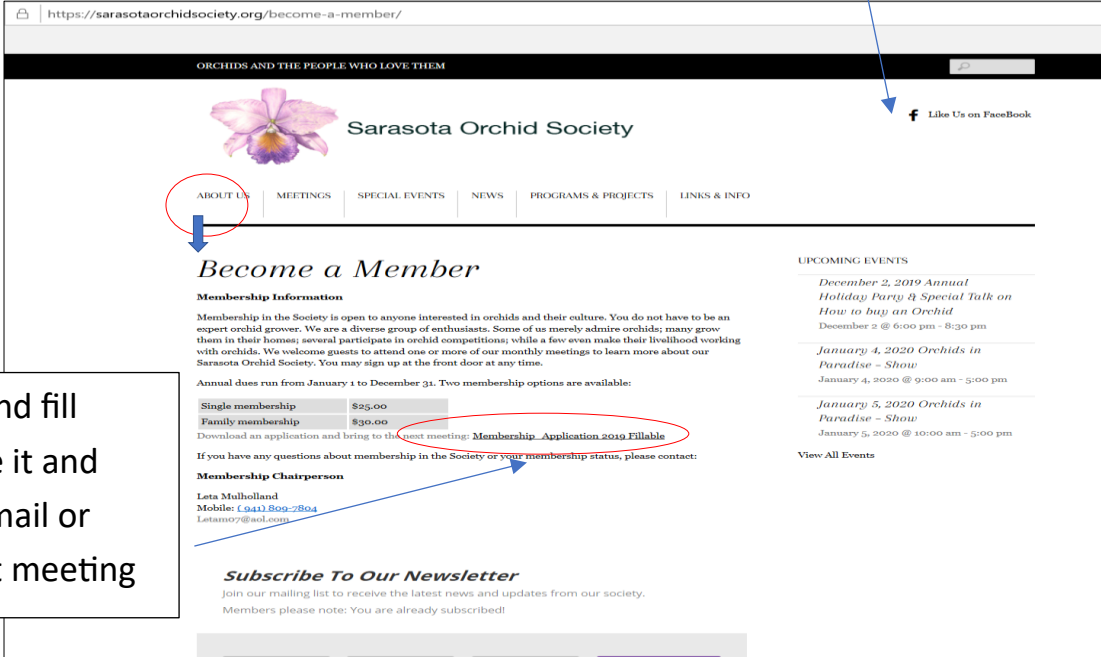
Plant raffle: Our Raffle Plants today were the centerpieces. Please deposit all of your tickets (5 tickets for \$10) in the fancy basket provided by Susan Gerhardt. Centerpiece were raffled individually picking tickets out of the basket. Winning tickets were announced by Jinny Wiseman & Susan Gerhardt.

Meeting Adjournment: Marta thanked everyone for attending, for sharing delicious foods, beautiful people and beautiful orchids. Also reminded everyone to take their utensils back, and to help with cleaning.

She wished her Orchid Family a **Happy Holiday Season**, a prosperous and healthy New Year, and begged them to drive safely. See you all at the 2020 show.

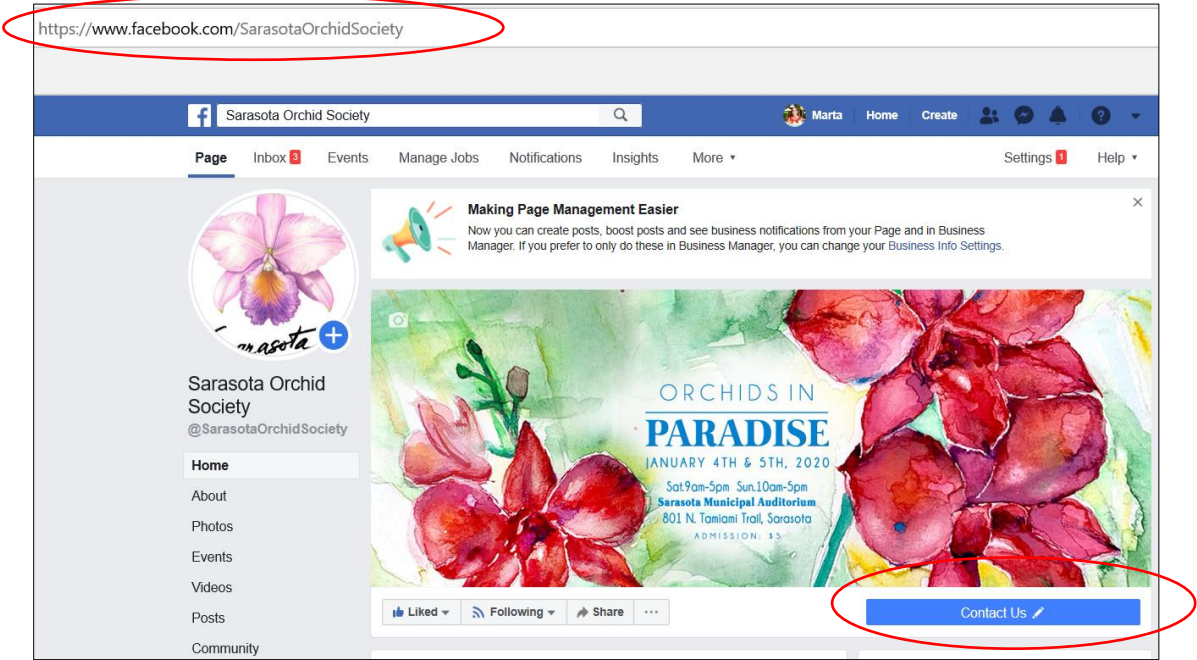
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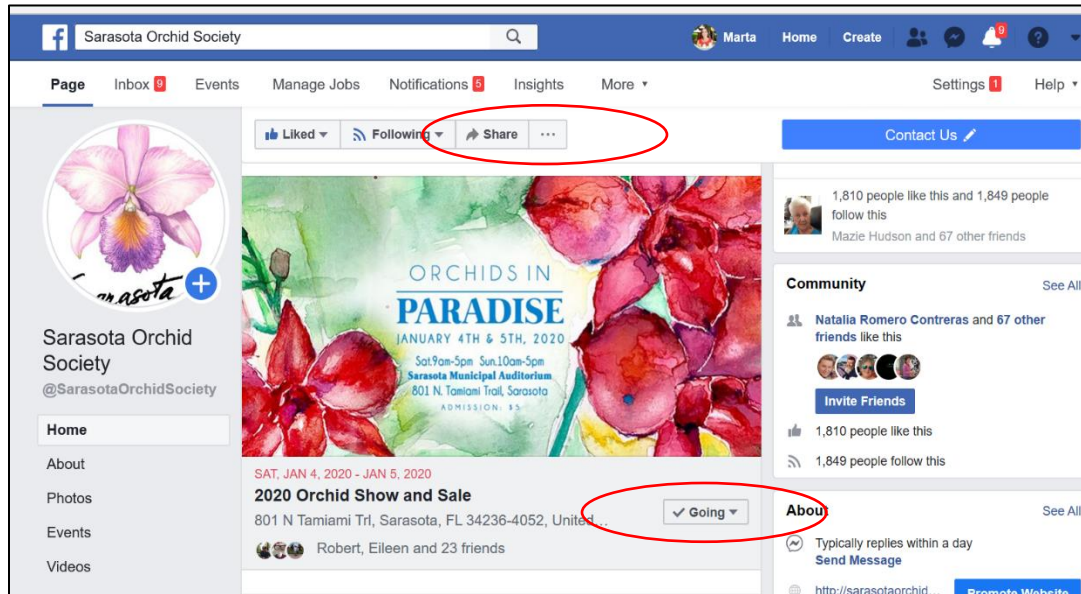


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