

May 4, 2020 SOS 1st Cyber Meeting

6:00 – Marta Hudson started the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced the speaker.

She addressed the current situation by saying: Many of you know that it has been my vision as President of SOS to renew, energize and expand our active membership. Little did I know that Covid-19 would appear and lead us into uncharted waters. However, your Board members team responded quickly and worked efficiently together to change our meeting format but we did it! Congrats and a huge thanks to all of those members, behind the scenes, that have made this “virtual meeting” work tonight.

6:00 – 7:15 PM -- Speaker: David Haelterman, Topic: Orchids of Colombia in Their Native Habitats.

- Belgian Agronomist and Environmental advisor, mainly interested in Agroecology and Permaculture.
- Developer of urban agriculture projects
- Orchid passionate grower of Cattleya, Masdevallia, Restrepia, Odontoglossum, Stanhopea and allied as well as Maxillaria
- Orchid taxonomist, interested on their biogeography and conservation in the wild.
- Traveled extensively thru Central and South America to picture orchids in the wild. Explored ecosystems in search of wild orchid registrations,
- Workshops and talks on orchids of Colombia in their native hábitats, orchid conservation as well as on some genera such as Stanhopea and Maxillaria among other related topics.
- Tourism guide specialized in Orchidaceae and botanical tours. Lives in Colombia.

7:15 – 7:30 PM – Conclusion of Announcements: Marta Hudson, asked for a round of applause for David. Presentation went well and members enjoy watching his collection of slides of beautiful orchids growing naturally in Colombia in an environment similar to ours here in Sarasota.

1. Members Annual Meeting - Board elections – Motions to approve new Directors
 - a. Leslie Castillo
 - b. Larry Desiano
 - c. Cheryl Robbins
2. 2021 SOS Annual Show ‘Orchids in Paradise’
 - a. Looking for volunteers to work on the committees; See susan Felberg
3. Word of the month: **Tuberoid (TEW-ber-oyd):**
A thickened root resembling a tuber, as those found in many terrestrial orchids.

4. Quote of the month: **5 Things to do instead of Complain:**

- a. Practice Gratitude
- b. Praise Others
- c. Focus on Success
- d. Let Go
- e. Pray and Meditate

5. Next **Board Meeting**, the 'Annual Organizational Meeting': May 11th

At this meeting we will discuss the proposed Bylaws which will be presented to the membership at the June 1st meeting.

6. Next **Monthly Meeting**: June 1st

If Bylaws are approved at the next Board meeting, the bylaws will be emailed to the membership prior to June 1st members meeting. Members can email questions ahead of the meeting so the committee can prepare the discussion.

Mentoring Program: Randy Brodsky - ongoing.

Kiki Club: Potential new workshops by Larry Desiano & Randy Brodsky

Scholarships: There will be 2 scholarships of \$1000 each. Barbara DelGato, and her committee will present winners at the June 1st meeting.

SOS 2019 Expenditures – Ramsey would have led this topic but prefer not to cover on cyber-meeting. Please contact him directly with any questions.

Cattleya Symposium: - Sara Northrop - Uncertain if it will take place or not.

7:30 – 8:30 - Culture Class with Roy Krueger &
Virtual Display Table with Roy Krueger

8:30 - Marta Adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone again for cooperation in swimming these uncharted waters and adjusting with her to this 'New Normal'. Please stay safe and healthy, and God Bless you!