

August 3, 2020 Zoom Meeting – Final

6:00 PM Business Meeting Marta Hudson started the meeting by welcoming everyone then asked Roy to continue with his Culture Class presentation.

6:00 PM – Culture Class Roy Krueger

6:30 PM - Marta Hudson spoke about the following topics:

Pandemic Announcement – Our most important undertaking is to continue supporting our members reaching out to you via Zoom. Its cost effective and a great meeting system that I personally want to encourage you to use. Unless you enjoy our forced seclusion, during these hard times, we must be open minded and willing to adjust to the new normal. We are working diligently evaluating alternatives to keep you engaged and connected and continue to show with pride your beautiful well grown blooming orchids, our God sent sanity. Stay Positive, find interesting things to do, take long walks, find more hobbies, eat healthy, stay hydrated and reach out to others who may need a kind word. Let's make the most of it.

6:00 PM – Culture Class Roy Krueger

Bylaws Implementation: Potential Candidates will be interviewing throughout the month via Zoom. There are candidates that came forward to apply for all of the announced positions but if you have an interest please let Leta, Randy or myself know.

Director Positions Open (odd year):

Development & **Potential Candidates**

Communications **Potential Candidates**

Committee Open Positions:

Set Up & Clean Up; **Potential Candidates**

Refreshment Chair, **Potential Candidates**

Photographer, **Potential Candidates**

SOS Counselors, **Potential Candidates**

Fund Raising **Potential Candidates**

Conservation, **Potential Candidates**

Webmaster, **Potential Candidates**

Show Set-up & Tear down **Potential Candidates**

- I. Proud of our members Susan Gerhardt & Patti Quinelli, made it in the AOS magazine. Outstanding ovation to both of them.
- II. **Word of the month: micropropagation (mye-crow-prop-a-GAY-shun):** The horticultural propagation of plants by in vitro multiplication by tissue culture

(*meristemming) and sterile seed culture.

*The tissue where this growth occurs in plants is called meristem. The meristem is filled with unspecialized meristematic cells, whose job is to divide so that the plant gets bigger.

III. **Quote of the month:**

1. 'Train your mind to see the good in everything. Positivity is a choice. The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.'
2. 'Be strong, because things will get better. Though it may be stormy now, it never rains forever.'
3. 'Your mind is the most powerful weapon that you have. When you fill it with positive thoughts, your life will start to change.'
4. 'The best way to keep stress at bay during COVID-19 is by spending time with people who bring out your brightest smile and not the stress in you.'

IV. **Next Monthly Meeting: *Wednesday September 9th Via Zoom** (not Monday due to Labor Day and can't have a Picnic and share food due to COVID19)

V. **Next Board Meeting: August 31st via Zoom**

VI. **Annual Show & Sale:** Continue conducting business as usual as if the show would go on, at the same time that brainstorming to design the best possible **Plan B** in case that the Auditorium cancels our reservation.

7:00 Speaker Presentation Jim & Melana Davison will be speaking on "Bellina type Phalaenopsis "

Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." Now that Jim is retired, they have opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids. Have 3,000 plus orchids in their personal collection, many thousands in the nursery.

8:00 PM Virtual Display Table Presentation with Roy Krueger

8:30 - PM Door prize announced

Marta Adjourned the meeting and thanked all again for the amazing cooperation and hard work and willingness to explore the "new normal" standards and adapting to the unknown with ease. Marta asked for a round of applause to all those members, behind the scenes, that have made this "virtual meeting" so fun and delightful.

Please stay safe and healthy, and God Bless you!