February 1st, 2021 Zoom Meeting Final

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

**6:00 PM –** **Culture Class Larry Desiano**

**6:30 PM –** Marta greeted everyone and spoke about the following ongoing topics:

**Members Campaign During COVID-19**:

* Help 2 friends to learn how to use Zoom to increase cyber attendance.
* Facebook participation**:** If you are not already a member of our private group, please ask to join at: [Sarasota Orchid Society Members | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/734554493717443)
	+ We need your involvement and your comments. Need your photos and input.
	+ A week before the end of the month look-out for the Photo Banner Contest for the upcoming month. Need your participation to post within the comment so your beautiful photos can be included to inspire us through the month. "It takes both sides to build a bridge" - Fredrik Nael

**Leta: Membership update:** sign up forms available on the web. Yearly fees waived until April, or until we have a person to person meeting. New Motes Month to Month Books are now available.

**Candidates to become Board Members**: Leta

**Word of the month: Agar** (AH-ger); a gelatinous substance derived from certain seaweeds and used as a solidifying agent in culture media; the culture medium made from agar and used for germinating orchid seed, meristem tissue and the like..

**Quote of the month:** The reason people find it so hard to be happy is that they always see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future less resolved than it will be – Marcel Pagnol.

**Orchid Tasks For February by Motes**

* + Spread snail bait lightly. Spread again lightly in two weeks
	+ Spray for Botrytis using Florida recommended fungicides or Bicarbonate of soda
	+ Begin Spring potting
	+ Watch for mites.

**Seedlings Growing Contest:** Susan Gerhardt

1. Paph. Magic Cherry x (Black Cherry x Voodoo Magic)
2. Eplc. Jackie Bright 'Paradise
3. Den. Nestor 'NN'

 **Ongoing or Upcoming:**

1. **Mentoring program** - Randy
2. **Next Auction February 8 – 9** Larry
3. **Trip to St Pete February 18th –** Susan
	1. **Visit Art Stone & Accent Orchids**
4. **Next Monthly Meeting: \*Monday, March 1st Via Zoom**
5. **Next Zoom Board Meeting: February 22nd**

**7:00 Speaker Presentation**: Speaker: Dr. Courtney Hackney "Reblooming Your Orchids"

Dr. Hackney is Emeritus Professor of Biology and the former Director of Coastal Biology at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida. He began growing orchids in the Florida Keys in 1962, while working for a small orchid nursery. His favorite is the Cattleya Alliance.

He wrote a Growing Tips column for 20 years, and appeared in newsletters around the country. He is also the author of many publications.

**8:00 PM Virtual Display Table Presentation with** Laurie Stoner

**8:30 - PM Door prize** announced throughout the night.

These are the lucky Winners:

1. Encyclia alata – Tracie Cady
2. Brassavola nodosa – Billy Prader
3. Encyclia phoenicea – Stuart Shikora

**Marta** adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone who attended and those who cooperated to make this virtual meeting a success.

Please stay safe and healthy, and may God Bless you!