

March 1st, 2021 Zoom Meeting

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:

Ongoing 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](#)
 - 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: Please contact Leta as April is our Annual Members Meeting and members will vote for potential candidates to the Board.

Word of the month: overpot (OH-ver-pot): To pot an orchid in a container larger than necessary, allowing more freedom for root growth or for greater plant growth, or allowing for a greater time interval before repotting; in inexperienced hands, this can be detrimental to the plant.

Quote of the month: Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections. Anonymous

Orchid Tasks For March by Motes

- Watch out for Mites
- Spray for Thrips
- Repot genera emerging from dormancy: catasetums, calanthes, soft cane dendrobiums
- Continue general re-potting of cattleyas, oncidiums, hard cane dendrobiums etc.
- Make top cutting of teretes, semi-teretes and reed stem epidendrums
- Move Landscape plants gradually to brighter light
- Apply time release fertilizer

Seedlings Growing Contest: Susan Gerhardt will check again in 2022.

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

Ongoing or Upcoming Activities:

- I. **Mentoring program** – Marta asked to Contact Randy
- II. **Trip to St Pete February 18th** – Susan gave a summary of outing
 - a. Visited The Duncan McClelland Gallery, Art Stone & Accent Orchids
- III. **Next Monthly Meeting:** Monday, April 5th Via Zoom-
 - a. **Speaker:** Andrea Niessen (Miniatures you can grow indoors)
 - b. **Annual Members Meeting** – Board elections
- IV. **Repotting Workshop:** Hands-on April 24, 10:30 am at Plantio La Orquidea – 3480 Tallavast Rd, Sarasota
- V. **Silent Auction:** TBD
- VI. **Next Zoom Board Meeting: April 26**
- VII. **Orchid Shows & Spring Sale events:**
 - a. Tampa Bay Show & Sale: March 6-7 – 5500 Memorial Pkwy
 - b. Palmer Orchids: March 12-14 - 22700 Taylor Dr. Bradenton

7:00 Speaker Presentation: due to technical difficulties this presentation was rescheduled to March 22nd 7-8 pm. Peter T. Lin will speak on: The Three "A's" of the Orchid World: Angraecum, Aerangis, and Aeranthes".

Peter started growing orchids over 35 years. About 15 years ago is when he got bitten by the orchid "bug". He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts.

Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, and received numerous AOS awards. Has a great orchid collection at his home in Southern California.

7:00 PM Virtual Display Table Presentation with Larry Desiano

7:30 - PM Door prize announced throughout the night.

These are the lucky Winners:

1. Potinara Elizabeth Palmer 'Sunbulb' – Nancy Morris
2. Epc. Charlie Brown – Judy Greenhill
3. Den. Hawaiian Punch – -Mirtha Ledesma

Marta adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone who attended we made lemonade out of lemons and had a real nice social gathering afterwards among the members who were present.

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