

# April 5th, 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:

**Leta: Membership update:** sign up forms available on the web. Yearly fees waived until April and you will be receiving invoices/pledges in the mail. For your convenience you can pay with credit card or send a check to the address in the application. Contact Leta for the New Motes Month to Month Books which 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:** Carotenoid (ka-RA-ten-oyd): A type of naturally occurring fat-soluble pigment responsible for the yellow through orange shades of flower color.

**Quote of the month:** Vivian Greene explained, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain." Or as Sting sings, "When the world is running down, you make the best of what's still around."

## **Orchid Tasks For April by Motes**

- Full speed ahead with repotting
- Water heavily and well
- Don't forget to fertilize
- Spray for mites and thrips

## **Ongoing or Upcoming Activities:**

- I. **Mentoring program** – Marta asked to Contact Randy
- II. **Next Monthly Meeting:** Monday, May 3rd Via Zoom-

- a. **Speaker:** Andrea Niessen (Miniatures you can grow indoors)
- b. **Annual Members Meeting** – Board elections
- III. **Repotting Workshop:** Hands-on April 24, 10:30 am at Plantio La Orquidea – 3480 Tallavast Rd, Sarasota
- IV. **Silent Auction:** TBD
- V. **Next Zoom Board Meeting: April 26**
- VI. **TBA Orchid Silent Auction**
- VII. **Play Day - Kokedama Japanese Art** (mini Phals mounting) – TBD

**Members Corner Suggestions (New):** Make a member's directory available to members. Choice to participate, Choice to include email and/or phone member or preferred communication method.

**7:00 Speaker Presentation:** ANDREA NIESSEN - ("Miniature Orchids of Colombia and How to Grow Them") was born in Cali, Colombia to a German family. She received her high school degree from the Cali German School and was an exchange student in Claremont, CA where she graduated again at the St. Lucy's Priory High School. She went on to earn a Biology degree with an emphasis in Botany at the Universidad del Valle, Cali. Andrea then earned a Master's of Science with a major in Electron Microscopy and a minor in Virology from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. She worked as a research associate at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in the Pastures Entomology Department and later in the Virology Unit. She has been a dedicated hobbyist orchid grower all of her life. Andrea is a board member and former president (1992 -1997) of the local orchid society, Asociación Vallecaucana de Orquideología, and a judge of the Colombian Orchid Committee.

Andrea has lectured about Colombian Orchids in Colombia, USA, Canada, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Nederland, Singapore, Ecuador, South Africa and Germany. With her husband, Juan Carlos Uribe, she has maintained her own orchid nursery since 1989. ORQUIDEAS DEL VALLE, which has grown to include two retail shops, an online shop, two nurseries, one warm growing and the other for cool growing plants plus laboratory facilities for seed flasking. ORQUIDEAS DEL VALLE has attended many National and International Shows, World

Orchid Conferences and European Orchid Conferences lecturing, exhibiting and selling the beautiful and diverse orchid species from Colombia.

**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. Maxillaria tenuifolia – Johanna Rehmani
2. Blc. Hsinying Grand Catherine 'NN' – Judy Greenhill
3. Rth. Paradise Beauty 'Golden Angel' – Ann Votta

**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!