

May 3rd, 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:

Amy: Membership update: sign up forms available on the web. Yearly fees waived until April so now its your time to renew. You've received invoices/pledges in the mail. Please pay with credit card or send a check to the address in the application. Contact Amy for the New Motes Month to Month Books a most to have for everyone.

Candidates to become Board Members: Please contact Leta, we still have open positions.

Our organization needs new blood and SOS will continue to excel with 'FRESH' leadership, and leaders that can have a positive influence on the members.

Marta challenged members to step-up to the needs of the organization to give current leaders a chance to step-down and focus on their life and other things.

Results of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 26th

Officers for 2021-2022:

Marta Hudson (Past President, Acting President)

Leta Mulholland (Treasurer)

*Open (Secretary)

Directors for 2021-2022:

Susan Gerhardt (Meeting Director)

Amy Boyd (Membership Director)

Ann Votta (Development Director)

Roy Krueger (Education Director)

*Open (Communications Director)

Laurie Stoner (Technology Director)

Larry Desiano (Show Director)

*Open (Director-at-Large -- learn to become a Director or Officer)

Key Open (Non-Term) Positions for your consideration:

Membership Roster (assist during meetings)

Newsletter Editor

Website Editor

Social Media Administrator

Volunteer Coordinator for the Annual Show

Show Hospitality

At the end of the meeting the following vacant positions were filled:

***Secretary** – Randy Brodsky stepped down after 4 years of service and Karen Clark will take his place.

***Communications Director** – Tracie Cady

At the June meeting members need to vote to elect Nancy Morrison for the Director at Large position. (As per By-laws members vote for candidates to the Board at the annual meeting. Due to covid 19, and not being able to meet in person, an exception was made to accommodate other interested Board members. Vacant Board positions can be filled by a Board members vote, as needed through the year)

Word of the month: ubiquitous (yoo-BIK-wi-tuhs): Everywhere; growing in all types of habitats.

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."

Seedlings Contest Update – Susan G by Larry

Orchid Tasks For May by Motes

- Space plants properly for good air circulation
- Trim excessive foliage on trees and shrubs
- Repot Phalaenopsis out of sphagnum
- Initiate preventive spray maintenance program
- Finish repotting of various genera
- Reset vandaceous plants, remove keikes
- Water heavily early in month,
- Initiate preventive spray maintenance program

Ongoing or Upcoming Activities:

- I. **Mentoring program** –Contact Randy
- II. **Next Monthly Meeting:** June 7th Via Zoom –
 - a. Norman Fang – **Topic: "New Color forms of Phalaenopsis species"**
 - b. Scholarships awards
- III. **Repotting Workshop:** 10 & 12 at Palmers, May 22nd
- IV. **Next Board Meeting:** June 28th -

Members Corner Suggestions (New): Board members voted no to a members directory.

7:00 Speaker Presentation: Speaker: Nancy Morrison - "The Native Orchids of Little Salt Spring"

Sarasota Orchid Society member Nancy Morrison lives just outside of North Port, FL where she grows her orchids in their native habitat. When she moved here three years ago, her late husband Billy saw an article in the local paper about an upcoming meeting of the Friends of Little Salt Spring which would feature a program by Dr. Craig Huegel about *Sacoila lanceolata* var. *paludicola* or the Leafless Beaked Ladies' Tress. There is a colony of this threatened native orchid growing in the protected ecosystem which surrounds Little Salt Spring. Nancy now serves on the board of that organization and has been instrumental in enlisting the help of Selby Gardens and Dr. Toscano deBrito to genetically research this orchid which the late Dr. Carl Luer believed was a distinct species.

While preparing this slideshow presentation, Nancy decided to include the other native orchids that can be found in the vicinity of Little Salt Spring and to introduce you to the people who made preserving our native orchids their life's work.

7:00 PM Virtual Display Table Presentation with Roy

7:30 - PM Door prizes donated by Laurie Stoner

1. Blc. Yellow Bird
2. Den. Silver Wings

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!