

November 1st 2021 Meeting Minutes 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

Orchid Tasks For November by Motes

- Prepare for cold
- Reduce fertilizer
- Apply extra Potassium and Magnesium
- Segregate dormant genera in bright dry area
- Repot plants after flowering
- Groom plants and flower spikes for holiday display.

6:30 PM – Marta greeted everyone continuing to address the ongoing challenges of COVID and social distancing while doing the best to keep you engaged, not isolated, yet protected in the environment you choose to stay.

Membership update – Amy gave us an update on New members, Guests, Forms, Members' dues.

Word of the month: agar (AH-ger): Agar-agar; 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: “Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.” – Sherry Anderson

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” — H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Auctions Kuddos: A big thanks to all who participated donating and, or, purchasing plants. A VERY special appreciation was given to Susan, Larry, Laurie and their committee team members! There were 22 registered Bidders of which 16 were active buyers. Bill Nunez sold - 60 plants in the first hour. SOS welcomed 5 new members at the auction: Jeanette Battle, Barbara Miciak, Nicole Adams, Kitty McGuire, Althea Geiser

Using QR Codes Demo: Point your Smart Phone at the QR Code and be linked automatically to a web page, in the case of the demo to the AOS Website Culture Sheet.

Orchids in Paradise Annual Show & Sale: Kick off initiated by Tracie Cady. Seconded by Marta asking to find sponsors for Booklet. Marta Explained the Sponsor Patron categories.

Nancy Morrison introduced the Volunteer Chairs:

Committee	Chair
Front Door	Roy Krueger
Membership	Amy Boyd
SOS Exhibit	Jack Knuese
Show Clerks	Denny Pavlock
Show Setup and Layout	Laurie Stoner
Judges' Dinner	Tommy Klauber
Show Food and Servers	Patti Quinnelly
Plant Hotel	Karen Clark
Raffle	Jane Shapiro
Show Tear Down.	Laurie Stoner

Nancy demonstrated how to sign up on line to volunteer at the Show on January 8-9 (setup on the 7th).

Newsletter ads: Your Business card in jpg format, \$120/year (monthly newsletter). Send artwork to Marta.

Volunteers Opportunities Available:

President, Fundraiser, Website Editor, Network Administrator (maintenance only as it is up and running thanks to Laurie Stoner): See Marta

Committee Volunteers Orchids in Paradise Annual Show & Sale January 2022- See Larry Desiano (Show Director) and Nancy Morrison.

Ongoing or Upcoming Activities:

- I. **Mentoring program** –Contact Randy
- II. **Next Monthly Meeting *Date Changed:**
 - o TUESDAY, December 7th Holiday Celebration – Annual Potluck event – contact Susan Gerhardt - Demo to prepare Orchids for

the Show. Location: **Sarasota Garden Club (Not at Selby's)**.
An email will be sent out with further information.

- III. **Orchids in Paradise Annual Show & Sale:** January 8-9 (setup on the 7th) – Municipal Auditorium
- IV. **Movie Premiere** – “Wild Orchid Man Search For The Queen Of Sheba” at **Selby's** – January 12th, **2022 (in leu of January meeting)**
- V. **Next Board Meeting:** November 13th via Zoom

6:45 BREAK – Refreshments – Vote for plants - 15 minutes

7:00 Speaker Presentation: Speaker Fred Clarke – Topic "Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower"

Susan Gerhardt introduced Fred and said: Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum and Aussie Dendrobium hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced “the blackest flower ever witnessed”. Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

8:00 PM Virtual Display Table Presentation with Larry Desiano

7:30 - PM Raffle & Silent Auction – Susan

Marta adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone who attended. Reminded all to help cleaning up and wished all to drive safe and stay healthy.