



Next Meeting March 13, 2021, via Zoom at 7:00pm

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(2020-2022) Marilyn Whittaker, Bob Schust
(2019-2021) Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

Zoom Study Group Minutes from February 13, 2021

Attendees:

Tim Hueston, Joyce Potoff, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose, Marilyn Whittaker, Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein, Carol & Tom Jurek, Mary Alice Paquette, Linda Sule, Caroline Scott

Zoom

Tim Hueston welcomed all to our new Zoom Platform. It was established on February 11, 2021. The monthly rate is \$14.99 and is due on the eleventh of each month. Our license will allow one meeting at a time and will accommodate 100 people for each meeting. The meeting is untimed (the maximum time for each meeting is 30 hours). We can use it for our society meetings, board meetings and study group meetings. Also, we will be able to have program speakers at our meetings. Tim also added that hopefully we will be able to meet in person by the fall of 2021.

Show Vendors

Tim Hueston noted Russ Vernon from New Vision Orchids will no longer be one of our orchid show vendors. Russ will still be available as a program speaker. Natt's Orchids may return as one of our orchid show vendors. A question was brought up if Roberts Flower Supply might come back to our orchid show as a vendor for orchid supplies.

Roberts Flower Supply

An email will be sent to entire SVOS detailing options on ordering orchid growing supplies from Roberts.

Three Orchid Growing Presentations

1) Marilyn Whittaker demonstrated how she saves an orchid that has been broken during repotting or has encountered a mishap. She begins with a clean plant with a good top (at least 3-4 inches long) and sprays its root area with hydrogen peroxide. Then carefully wraps any root(s) with a clean wet paper towel up to where the medium would be. She puts the plant in a clean clear container with rain water. The clear container allows her to watch the water and if it gets yellow she will change the water. She also aerates the water with an aquarium bubbler. To each gallon of rainwater she adds two drops of SUPERthrive. Her plants grow on the window sill of an east window with 60% humidity. Every one-two weeks she will repeat the process with all fresh components. When the plant has grown some white, thick, strong and healthy roots she will repot in the normal fashion. She has tried this process on various types of orchids: phalaenopsis, paphiopedilums, phragmipediums, oncidiums and cattleyas. Some plants grow new roots easily and others have taken up to two months to produce new roots. She then showed some well developed plants that she used this process on.

2) Carol Jurek showed some beautiful phalaenopsis plants that she grew in brown, decorative landscape bark/mulch. The bark was ground up with a leaf shredder. She then added perlite and charcoal to the bark and potted them in a clay pot with a screen in the bottom hole. Normally, phalaenopsis are grown in plastic pots. The plants are thriving and are beautiful. Rollie Wilson commented that he has grown some of his cymbidiums in cedar bark chips and charcoal from his stove with good results. He also uses a 30 |10 |10 fertilizer for extra nitrogen.

3) Tim Hueston demonstrated a cymbidium that he repotted out of season with pictures. On November 21, 2020, he saw some ants in an overgrown cymbidium so he decided to repot it. The plant was so overgrown and tightly compacted that it would not come out of the plastic pot even after soaking. He had to cut the pot apart to remove the plant. There was not much potting mix left in the original pot. He cut the plant into three separate pieces and teased out all the debris. He repotted the pieces in three different sized pots and used three different potting mixes. Then he noticed that one of the plants was in spike. On January 10, 2021, the plant with the spike went into full bloom and was still blooming on February 13, 2021. Tim noted that cymbidiums like to be planted in a deep pot and they want their pot to be full of roots. Also repot them with 2-3 or 3-5 bulbs and pseudobulbs.

Show and Tell

All Zoom participants showed some of their beautiful blooming orchids.

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