

## Manatee Orchid Society Minutes, March 10, 2020

President Louis Mendez opened the business meeting at 7:04 p.m.

In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no financial update.

There was no culture club.

Several members brought in orchids for sale.

Marci Duncan will chair the April and May refreshment committee. Members who signed up to bring refreshments will be reminded via the website and an email.

The Manatee River Garden Club's annual spring tour of gardens and luncheon will be Saturday, April 4th. The tour is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the tour are \$15.00 and the Club's lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is \$12.00 Details on where to purchase tickets for the tour and/or the luncheon are on the MOS website and the Garden Club website.

The speaker for the evening was club member Maureen Hirthler whose presentation was "Growing Orchids Indoors". Maureen has extensive experience growing orchids indoors in a northern environment. She showed photos of her Wardian case terrarium that she had adapted for growing mounted miniature orchids. The terrarium maintained the perfect environment for them. She also showed pictures of orchids grown in limestone caves in Kansas City. The caves were at a constant temperature of 75 degrees and provided appropriate moisture and light levels for a variety of commercially grown orchids.

Mica Dault described member orchids on the plant table.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. and the raffle conducted.

Respectfully submitted, Mercedes Kratz, Recording Secretary