

AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY 2021
NATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 24th-27th
SHERATON TAMPA BRANDON HOTEL
TAMPA, FLORIDA

President's Committee

President Joanna Schimek called the meeting to order.

Roll call by Joyce Melebeck, President Joanna Schimek, 1st VP Todd Alvis, 2nd VP Ann Peltier, Recording Secretary Joyce Melebeck, Executive Secretary Gloria Mikulenska, Treasurer Walter Bissell and Carolyn Cormier-Stoute

Joanna Schimek appointed Carolyn Cormier-Stoute to represent Chairman (Fred Roush) on the Board of Directors. A motion was made and approved.

Board of Directors

Called meeting to order. Carolyn Cormier-Stoute, Ottmar Schimek, Nancy Kopp and Carolyn Cormier-Stoute for Fred Roush, all present, Connie Roush, Ryan Perry and Pat Merritt absent.

The presidents meeting started off with Todd Alvis discussion on hybridizer. As the number of shows were cancelled in 2021, it had an impact on the number of Best of show seedlings for Seedling of the Year (SOTY).

Any AHS member is eligible to enter one cultivar that hybridized and grew from seed into the 2021 seedling of the year competition by meeting the following:

1. Notify Todd of the cultivar to be entered into the SOTY program.
2. Need to register the cultivar with International Hibiscus Society (HIS),
3. Provide a picture of the bloom and
4. Provide 10 to 12 plants of the cultivar by March 15, 2022.
5. Be able to provide plants to the SEC on July 8, 2022, at the AHS Convention.

A motion was made by Ann Peltier and 2nd by Carolyn Cormier-Stoute. All approved

Judging: the following proposal was presented by the Judges committee and passed without opposition.

All chapters must have a Judges class no later than the 2nd meeting in 2022.

A Show Judging Coordinator should take care that Novice/Jr Judges are not placed in the 1st position at the table.

If the 3rd judge (circling judge) disagrees with the decision of the Sr. Judge and after the Novice/JR Judge and after discussion are unable to agree, the bloom is sent to another table to be judge.

Amateurs can only be an amateur for 2 consecutive years only, after that you move to the next category.

A motion was made and passed.

Friday June 25th, 2021

General Session

President Joanna Schimek welcomed everyone. Carolyn Cormier-Stoute gave the invocation and the pledge

Roll call: Joanna Schimek, Todd Alvis, Ann Peltier, Joyce Melebeck, Gloria Mikulenska, Carolyn Cormier-Stoute, and Walter Bissell all present.

President Joanna Schimek divided the group into the various committees for discussions.

President Joanna Schimek talked about the 2022 election. It was proposed and passed that officers that should have been inducted in 2020 would be inducted this session.

There will be no National Election in 2022 and the terms of the new officers will be extended by 2 yrs.

Walter Bissell gave treasurer's report and reported an increase in Members At Large (MAL).

Carolyn Cormier-Stoute announced what was made on raffle tickets sold \$1,240.00 for the AHS treasure.

Then another \$2,200 to the AHS Treasury from Saturday night auction after banquet.

Judges Training was presented by Marti Graves.

Seedling Evaluation Committee (SEC) Chairman: Sam Andrew

These plants have been dropped by the SEC:

- Class of 2018: Mt Meru, and TX Brown Select,

- Class of 2019 dropped where Angels Choice, Hot Chocolate Dream, Raspberry Center, Judi and Sweet Pea.

General Session June 26th, 2021

Joanna welcomed everyone,

Roll call: Joanna Schimek, Todd Alvis, Ann Peltier, Gloria Mikulenska, Joyce Melebeck, Walter Bissell and Carolyn Cormier-Stoute all present.

Invocation by Marti Graves

Convention for 2022 was announced to be in Lafayette, LA.

Chapter President's Report':

Conrad Sunrise - Maureen Buono, reported all Botanical Gardens and meeting rooms closed due to Covid. Everyone quarantined due to Covid.

Harry Goulding - Dave Wallin reported that they just had their first meeting since Covid.

James E Henry - Wanda Schmoyer – Chapter put together an online class for judges training, 14 participated and passed. Beth put together zoom meeting to continue chapter communication. They conducted 2 virtual plant sales that were successful.

Lonestar- Gloria Mikulenska started 2020 out with board meeting in January and planned agenda for the year. March came and had to cancel meetings due to Covid.

Mathews-Falman - Gary Mathew-in 2020 they were able to get one show in. The show was well attended.

Mike Bernard Acadiana - Ann Peltier reported that both our early spring visits to Dupont Nursery and Festival Des Fleur sales were cancelled. In March they received green light for a show on May 16th, 2021. They sold 900 plants in about 30 minutes. This was expected due to Covid and the freeze in February which LA and TX experienced. Total new member of 77.

New Orleans - Robert Price reported no shows or sales due to Covid, also Robert Price replaced Father Gerlich as president due to Father Gerlich leaving on an assignment to Boston.

Red Stick – Todd Alvis reported that they had their 1st show at LSU. All plants were sold out in about 30 minutes. All fertilizer and handbooks were also sold out.

Space City – Joyce Melebeck had our show planned out, we ordered plants for show. Then received word that the building was closing due to Covid. One of our growers sold plants out of his yard and proceeds came to chapter. No meetings for next few months. This year we were able to have meetings with masks and distancing.

Sunset - Greg McClain stated that they were also impacted by Covid. They were not allowed to meet in large groups.

Seed Bank – Don Bernard thanked everyone for sending in seeds.

NEW BUSINESS

Mentioned that Chapters sending a newsletter to the Seed Pod should be sent on time.

Carolyn announced \$1,240.00 on raffle tickets sold.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned.

AWARDS

The **Harry Goulding Grafting Award** for 2019

Awarded to Rod Hendrick, *presented and accepted by Todd Alvis.*

The **Norman and Beverly Brubaker Award** for the 2019 Judge's Favorite Bloom

Awarded to Dancing Fire, hybridized by Nola & Carlos Reynolds, *presented and accepted by Sam Andrews*

The **Norman Reasoner Award for Most Amateur Exhibitors** in the 2019 show season was
Won by the Sunset Chapter, *presented by Rita Hall and accepted by Greg McClain.*

The **A. B. Morrison Award** for the hybridizer with the most Best of Show Seedlings in 2019
Won by Todd & Janelle Alvis, Red Stick Chapter, *presented by Greg McClain.*

2019 Gold Seal Sweepstakes Awards:

Amateur – *presented by Ann Peltier*

Florida: Madeleine “Micki” Dougherty, James Hendry Chapter
Louisiana: Mary Jones, Mike Bernard Acadiana Chapter, *accepted by Carolyn Cormier-Stout*
Texas: Morgan McLaughlin, Space City Chapter, *accepted by Joyce Melebeck*

Collector – *presented by Micki Dougherty*

Florida: Nancy Kopp, James Hendry Chapter
Louisiana: Steffan Callegan, Red Stick
Texas: Joyce & CJ Melebeck, Space City Chapter

Open Collector – *presented by Carolyn Cormier-Stoute*

Florida: Gary Mathews, Mathews-Fallman Chapter
Louisiana: Sam & Lynn Andrews, Fairhope, AL
Texas: Gloria Mikulenska, Lone Star Chapter

Commercial – *presented by Nancy Kopp*

Florida: Bill Bryan, Buena Vista Hibiscus, Orlando, FL, *accepted by Krista Mathews*
Louisiana: Todd & Janelle Alvis, Red Stick Chapter
Texas: Todd & Janelle Alvis, Red Stick Chapter

2021 Seedling of the Year (SOTY) – Paul Felsberg Memorial Award

5th Place **Fare Maiden**, Don & Carolyn Florus, hybridizers
4th Place **Texas Sands of Time**, Don & Carolyn Florus, hybridizers
3rd Place **Twilight Diva**, Don & Carolyn Florus, hybridizers
2nd Place **Carousel Dreams**, Dupont/Gerlich, hybridizers
2021 SOTY **Mocha Stone**, Don & Carolyn Florus, hybridizers

The Nola Reynolds-Ann Mitchell Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to Fred & Connie Roush, *accepted by Rita Hall, Greg & Brenda McClain, and Tim McClain.*

Presidential Awards for Outstanding Service – presented by President, Joanna Schimek

Todd Alvis, First Vice-President
Ann Peltier, Second Vice-President
Gloria Mikulenska, AHS Executive Secretary

Induction of New Officers

Officers:

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| President | Todd Alvis |
| 1st Vice President | Ann Peltier |
| 2nd Vice President | Frank Sullivan |
| Recording Secretary | Joyce Melebeck |
| Executive Secretary | Joanna Schimek |

Directors:

Gloria Mikulenska

Karen Sullivan
Micki Dougherty
Ryan Perry (unable to attend)