# New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



# September 2023

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#### **Meeting Notice:**

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 7:00pm Lakeview Presbyterian Church 5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA

**Orchid Basics:** 6:30pm

#### Program:

Hot Growing Dendrobiums Ann Roth



#### Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

# Central La Society Show "Hunting for Orchids"

September 22 - 23, 2023 Kees Park Community Center, 2450 Highway 28 E, Pineville, LA 71360

#### **Belle Danse Orchids Trip**

November 11, 2023

#### Calcasieu Orchid Society 2023 Winter Short Course "All About Orchids"

December 2, 2023
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
715 Kirkman St., Lake Charles, LA 70601
Speakers:
Peter Lin
Thanh Nguyen
Dr. Mary Mancini

#### Hot Summer Orchids by Ann Roth

I follow the St Augustine Orchid Society website for orchid news and especially culture tips. So when I was reading August and September for dendrobiums, it said that the phalaenopsis and canaliculatum types would be blooming soon. I took a walk to my greenhouse and made a list of 10 dendrobiums that were blooming or have bud spikes. Since it's hot outside and my computer room is cool, I went through their genetic background on my dendrobiums using Orchid Wiz. Lo and behold!!! Their genetic background said to grow them HOT, not warm, which means 75-85 degrees at night. No wonder they are happy. The website also told me to use low nitrogen, dilute fertilizer to help the

blooming. I had started that over a month ago. Stop the fertilizer routine after blooming.

I have always said that dendrobiums are among my favorite orchids. Now I have another reason to appreciate them. They thrive in hot weather and reward me with lots of flowers in the fall.



Den Enobi Purple 'Splash' 75% bigibbum



Den Sonia 'Earsakul' 63% phalaenopsis

### Belle Danse Orchids Field Trip Saturday November 11th

Den Lim Chong Min 75% phalaenopsis

We need input from members on preferred mode of transportation. Members are encouraged to participate as this will be an opportunity to get to know each other better along with getting to know the folks at Belle Danse. We have a bus lined up and need to know how many people will commit to riding it. We will meet in the Lakeview Presbyterian church parking lot and board the bus no later than 9:30AM. We will arrive at Belle Danse about 10:15AM. We will board the bus at 2:30PM to return to the church parking lot. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$20.

## Louisiana Judging Center August Meeting Awards

We had five entries and gave three AOS quality awards this month. All three awards were HCC's.



Vanda Huifen Chan 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS 77 pts Al Taylor



Pectabenaria Kat Hawk 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS 79 points Al Taylor



Vandachostylis Ladda Gold 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS 79 points Al Taylor

## Minutes of August 15, 2023 Meeting

President Molly Prokop called the meeting to order.

#### Reports

- Vice President Larry Hennessey and Treasurer Gayle Dellinger were not present.
- Secretary Ann Ebert had nothing to report.
- Out of town show chair Clarine Usher was not present.
- Orchid Basics chair Nancy Dempsey stated that tonight's session included a discussion of temperature and fertilizer. Next moth's session will be on diseases.
- Special Activities Co-chair Susan Goss stated that we will be sending out information about our November 11 field trip to Belle Danse Orchids when our plans are finalized. We plan to meet at Lakeview Presbyterian Church that day. A school bus will pick us up around 9:30 am, take us to Belle Danse and return us to Lakeview Presbyterian for around 3:30 pm. A catered box lunch will be provided.
- Refreshments: Molly thanked those who brought this evening's refreshments.

#### **Old Business**

• Susan stated that Denise Emmer is making arrangements with Trader Joe's to have them donate out of bloom orchids to NOOS.

New Business: None

Break and plant judging.

Program: round table discussion of potting media by Susan, Molly, Carol Stauder and Jim Georgusis.

Plant judging results were presented by Nancy Dempsey.

Birthday raffle.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Our next meeting will be September 19.

Meeting adjourned.