

# New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



January 2012

## Officers:

President: Donna Stange  
Vice-President: Marion Prigmore  
Secretary: Larry Hennessey  
Treasurer: Alice Barrios  
Past President: Molly Prokop  
Webmaster: Debbie Dinwiddie  
Board of Trustees: Margaret Bossier  
Debbie Dinwiddie  
Carol Molero

## Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
City Park Garden Study Center 7:30pm

## Program:

“Rebuilding the City Park Orchid Collection”  
Richard Bergeron

## Study Group's Program:

“What is an Orchid” 7:00pm  
Ian Hiler

## Message from NOOS Show Chair:

Planning for this year's show has begun. Please consider volunteering to help make our show a success this year. It's time to start thinking about ideas for the show theme. We will be selecting a show theme in the next couple of months.

**Marian Prigmore**, Vice-President

## Gulf Coast Show

We will be putting up a 25 sq.ft. Exhibit at the Gulf Coast Show. Plants can be dropped off at Carol Stauder's house (4712 Ithaca St, Metairie 888-6639) before 8pm on Wednesday or before noon on Thursday. Please make sure plants are groomed, properly staked and labeled with the owner's name and the plants name. Please email ([seestauder@hotmail.com](mailto:seestauder@hotmail.com)) your list of plants beforehand and include a copy of your list when dropping off the plants. Ian and Larry will be putting up the display on Friday morning. Any help with setup or take down will be appreciated.

*As of December 31 dues are past due. Please see Larry Hennessey, secretary, for dues payments.*

*Dues are \$20 for an individual \$25 for a household.*

***Minutes to the December 4, 2011  
Holiday Social  
by Larry Hennessey***

After everyone enjoyed their pot luck dinner, outgoing president Molly Prokop took a moment to thank all who helped make her two consecutive terms as president and present gifts. Those thanked included:

Max for all he does for the society and especially for hosting the Christmas social as he does each year,  
Donna for handling the speakers at our monthly meetings,  
Larry for taking the minutes at our meetings,  
Alice for continuing on as Treasurer all these years and arranging for the judges at each year's show,  
Carol Stauder out past president for everything she does,  
Trustees Carol, Debbie and Margaret were thanked for their support,  
Ann for handling the monthly judging and helping with the raffle table,  
Yvette for welcoming new members,  
Anna Maria for handling the raffle table,  
Debbie for keeping the monthly judging results,  
Patricia for housing the hardware for the show displays,  
Marian for helping with show setups,  
Ethel and Ed for helping with setups and takedowns,  
Paul for show trophies,  
Henrietta for hosting speakers.

A special award was presented to Max for all he does and a special award presented to Molly for a successful two years as president.

Debbie announced the winners of the yearly monthly meeting judging and awarded each a special orchid picked out for them.

1<sup>st</sup> place Carol Stauder  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Ann Roth  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Ed and Ethel Subervielle

Six names were drawn from the 22 who participated in the monthly judging. Ian, Donna and Charlie, Carol Molero, Patricia, Margaret and Max were allowed to pick out an orchid as their prize. 3 names were drawn that were not present and missed out on the opportunity to win an orchid.

The copy of OrchidWiz was won by Marian.

As her final act as president, Molly handed the gavel over to Donna.

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## ***Orchid Shows***

### **Gulf Coast Orchid Society**

January 27-29  
Singing River Mall  
(I-10 Exit 61 [Click for map](#))  
2800 Highway 90  
Gautier, Ms

### **Shreveport Orchid Society IPA Region Tabletop Show and Symposium**

March 24  
Barnwell Center  
Shreveport, La

### **New Orleans Orchid Society**

June 1-3  
Lakeside Mall  
3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd,  
Metairie La

***Tips for Growing Orchids***  
***Orchid of the Month:***  
***Rhynchostylis gigantea***

The dreary days of winter are brightened by the colorful blooms of *Rhynchostylis gigantea* this time of year. An easy to grow species from the Vandaceous group, it is typically potted in a vanda basket with little or no media so it roots hang down in the air below the basket. Give it plenty of water and bright light during the growing season and you will be rewarded with a wonderful display in January. Put it outside under light shade during the warm months so it can enjoy our frequent showers. Water and fertilize frequently. Protecting it during the cold months is simplified because it requires less water in the winter. Just maintain bright light and a high relative humidity in the winter to ensure you should be rewarded with a good show each year. It does not like to have it's roots disturbed so only repot when absolutely necessary. It is best to put in in a basket that won't breakdown and let it's roots hang down from the basket.

There are three color forms: White with spots, a pure white alba, and a burgundy wine variety (sagarik). A new peach/orange variety has recently become available. Flowers are extremely fragrant, about an inch across and are numerous on the semi-pendant inflorescence (20-30 flowers).

**Variety spots**



**Variety red (sagarik)**



**Variety alba**



**Variety peach/orange**

