

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



March 2012

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
City Park Garden Study Center 7:30pm

Program:

"Roots: The next generation"
Bob Chauvin of ABC Orchids

Orchid Basics Group Program:

"Growing orchids in your livingroom (or other rooms in your house)" 7:00pm
Ian Hiler

Prez Sez,

We've had a great start to the spring show season – the NOOS exhibit at the Gulf Coast Orchid Show took First Place in our category. It was a beautiful exhibit. I hope some of you got to Gautier to see it. Kudos to Ian, Larry, Carol S., and Ed & Ethel for setting up. Thanks to Molly for help with the take down. Congratulations to all of you who loaned plants.

In May, we'll mount exhibits at the Terrebonne O.S. Show in Houma and at the Central Louisiana O. S. Show in Alexandria. Our show is the first weekend in June. The Baton Rouge O.S. will close things out in July. Look for details in our Newsletters.

Remember that Spring is prime time for those re-potting chores. Now's the time to take stock of what needs attention and make a plan. You'll be glad you got a jump on things before Summer stresses you and your plants!

Please see Molly to buy raffle tickets for a gorgeous Carolee orchid pin designed for the 19th World Orchid Conference held in Miami in 2008. Tickets will be sold at our meetings throughout the year, with the drawing at our Christmas Banquet. Thank you, Molly, for your generous donation.

Donna

Please note that all members who have not paid their dues will be dropped from the mailing list this month and will no longer be allowed to exhibit plants in the monthly table judging and orchid shows. Please see Larry Hennessey, secretary, for dues payments. Dues are \$20 for an individual \$25 for a household.

***Minutes to the January 2012
Meeting
by Larry Hennessey***

President Donna Stange called the meeting to order on January 17, 2012. Molly thanked Patricia Sander for stepping in for Ian who was down with the flu to run the Orchid Basics Group.

Minutes to the December holiday social were accepted as published.

Molly introduced the officers for 2012.

Vice-President Marion Prigmore made the following announcements: there would be no meeting in February due to Mardi Gras, Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids will be the speaker for March, Show theme nominations would be passed around for members to vote, volunteers needed to make the show a success.

Treasurer Alice Barrios returned after many months of illness and thanked everyone for their get well wishes.

2 new members were introduced: Peggy White and Myra Jones.

SWROGA and Spring AOS show are in Wichita Kansas in the end of April.

Gulf Coast show will be on January 27-29 in Gautier Mississippi. As usual Carol Stauder will accept plants for the show at her house. Ian and Larry will be putting up the exhibit. The Gulf Coast society has a new website at gcorchids.org.

There will be a board meeting followed by a show committee meeting on February 26.

Tri-Center judging tabletop show is scheduled for the last weekend in February in Marshall Texas.

The Shreveport Orchid Society is hosting a IPA Region Tabletop Show and Symposium on March 24.

Memphis Orchid Society show is scheduled for May 18-20.

Donna read a message of the passing of Ervin Granier of the Baton Rouge society.

After a brief refreshment break (cake

provided by Max), Richard Bergeron of the Botanical Garden gave a presentation of the City Park Orchid Collection.

When Richard started rebuilding the collection 15 months ago there were 200 plants of which all were ailing some were already dead. With the help of fellow volunteer Freida Palmgren they have raised funds and obtained about 800 plants. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the collection. Richard and Freida work in the 2 greenhouses behind the large Pelican greenhouse most workdays from 9-12.

The program was followed by the plant table voting results and raffle.

There were 30 members present and 1 guest at the meeting.

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Monthly Judging

<i>Date:</i>	
<i>Award</i>	<i>Member</i>
Best Grown 1st	Molly Prokop
2nd	Carol & Arne Stauder
Best species 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder
2nd	Ann Roth
Best Hybrid 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder

<i>Plant</i>
Lc Mini Purple
V Rothschildiana 'Blue Ribbon' FCC/AOS
Dendrobium rigidum
Jumella comorensis
Angraecum Orchidglade 'J&M'

2012 Orchid Basics Group Programs

January	What is an orchid
March	Growing orchids in you living room
April	Easy to grow species
May	Grooming your orchids for shows, orchid shows, judging and clerking (help needed)
June	Bring plants in for advice, orchids and summer (help needed)
July	Potting and mounting (help needed)
August	Orchid pests and controls (help needed)
September	Easy to grow hybrids (help needed)
October	NOOS officers and members favorite plants (help needed)
November	Bring plants in for advice, orchids and winter (help needed)

Orchid Shows

Shreveport Orchid Society IPA Region Tabletop Show and Symposium

March 24
Barnwell Center
Shreveport, La

Terrebonne Orchid Society

May 4-6
Southland Mall
5953 Park Avenue
Houma, La

Central La Orchid Society

May 11-12
Kent Plantation House
3601 Bayou Rapides Road
Alexandria, La

New Orleans Orchid Society

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

Acadian Orchid Society

June 24-25
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
2206 Johnston Street
Lafayette, LA

2012 Gulf Coast Show Results

First Place for 25 sq ft Society Exhibit
Best Grown Vanda: Rhy. Gigantea
Best Flower Vanda: Ang Orchidglade

21 of the exhibit's 36 plants received
ribbons

Blue Ribbons (11):

Paph Honey
Bulb. sumatranum
Ctism Jumbo Prime
Ang Orchidglade
Den Pixie Princess
Paph liltii
Epi Miracle Valley
Paph Song of Love
Iso major
Paph In Charm Cloud
Bro Jamaica Jester

Reds(5):

Rhy Gigantea
Den Lavendar Star
C. percivaliana
Mkra Jiravut
Cycl lindleyanus

Yellows(5):

Blc Wanda's Fire
Cym Super King
Ctna Maui Maid x Little Stars
Bulb lasiochilum
Lhta inbricata



Illustration 1: New Orleans Orchid Society Exhibit at 2012 Gulf Coast Show

Subject: AOS Corner

Are you in need of a gift for your favorite orchid hobbyist? As a member of the American Orchid Society, you may get a 5% discount on all purchases from the following vendors as an added benefit of membership: [Exotic Orchids of Maui](#), [June's Orchid Estate](#), [Krull-Smith](#), [Orchid Doctor](#), [Orchid Inn, Ltd.](#), [Seagrove Orchids](#), [Sunset Valley Orchids](#), and [Woodstream Orchids](#). Another gift option could be to purchase an AOS gift membership or renewal -- for a 2 year renewal they will receive directly from AOS headquarters a certificate worth worth \$30 off of an order of \$100 or more from your choice of one of the following vendors: [Carmela Orchids](#), [Carter & Holmes](#), Dan & Margie Orchids, [Exotic Orchids of Maui](#), [Gold Country Orchids](#), [Hillsview Gardens](#), [Indoor Gardening Supplies \(IGS\)](#), [June's Orchid Estate](#), [Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies](#), [Krull-Smith](#), [Little Brook Orchids](#), [Marsh Hollow Orchids](#), [Mountain View Orchids](#), [New Earth Orchids](#), [Norman's Orchids](#), [OFE International](#), [Orchid Doctor](#), [Orchid Inn Ltd.](#), [Piping Rock Orchids](#), [Quest Orchids](#), [RF Orchids](#), [Ravenvision](#), [Roberts Flower Supply](#), [Soroa Orchids, Inc.](#), [Sunset Valley Orchids](#), [Tropical Gardens Orchids](#). Some of these vendors allow these certificates to be used at the shows if they are vending (be sure to have the certificates in hand however in order to take advantage of this benefit). Information on how to contact these vendors, as well as many others, may be found in the 2012 Orchid Source Directory (OSD) which was mailed to all AOS members last fall. This directory also has a listing of the then-current Affiliated Societies of AOS (a more current

updated list is on the AOS website). I have been told by some that they never leave home without their OSD and that it is a great tool for discovering local orchid 'spots' while on a road trip.

An orchid event not to miss coming up (April 25 – 29, 2012) is the AOS Trustees and Members meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kansas, sponsored by the Kansas Orchid Society – besides a show and all the AOS Committee meetings, the annual election of officers and trustees will take place. More detailed information and registration forms may be found on their website at www.kansasorchidsociety.com or on the AOS website under Events/Orchid Event Calendars/Members Meeting Datebook. There are also many regional local shows coming up in the near future. They are all listed in the new calendar format on the AOS website under Events/Event Calendar/Show Schedule. Be sure to check out all the possibilities in your region. Orchidists, through their affiliated societies work very hard to put these shows together and we should all support their efforts by attending or participating in the staging of the shows.

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Affiliated Societies Committee
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TIPS ON GROWING ORCHIDS

Orchid of the Month: **Bletilla species and hybrids**

Not everyone knows there are a group of orchids that can be used as landscape plants in our region. Bletilla species and hybrids are completely cold hardy in our area. The only requirements Bletillas have is well drained soil and partial shade. Make sure you keep them out of midday sun and you should be rewarded with blooms every spring. This group of plants is propagated by underground bulbs that go dormant during the winter and develop new growth in the spring. Individual bulbs planted in the garden quickly grow into large clumps in just a couple of years.

There are three general color forms: various shades of purple (Bletilla striata and it's related hybrids), white (Bletilla striata alba), and yellow (Bletilla ochracea). Flowers are extremely fragrant, up to 2 inches across and 6-8 flowers on an semi-erect inflorescence.

Bletilla striata



Bletilla striata alba



Bletilla ochracea

