



Annual Holiday Party

Good friends & good cheer, it's that time of the year!

*Please come join us at the NOOS Holiday Social
on Sunday, December 6th
at 6 o'clock in the evening*

*Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd*

New Orleans Orchid Society

Directions:

Lakeview Presbyterian Church is located at 5914 Canal Blvd just 1 block north of I-610. The location is easier to reach than our regular meeting place at City Park. Go 1 block past I-610 and turn left on Brooks St (note it is a 1-way street), park in the large parking lot in the back and come in the back door. If you need directions, go to [Google Maps 5914 Canal Blvd](#).

President's Message

This being the last Prez Sez column of my presidency, I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who have been so helpful to me in the last two years.

Our outgoing board and in particular Molly Prokop, Larry Hennessey, and Ann Ebert have been invaluable to me. Without their support and guidance, nothing we've accomplished would have gotten done. Molly thank you for hosting every meeting we had. You are such a generous host.

Ann Roth, thank you for ordering and taking care of our raffle plants; to Carol Molero and Debbie Dinwiddie for keeping "score" of the plant votes. Debbie, thank you for your due diligence in posting the newsletter and housekeeping our website and being our monthly raffle caller, and ditto to you Pat Herbert.

Thank you to Ian Hiler, Ed and Ethel Subervielle, and Larry Hennessey for putting up our exhibits at the "away" shows and Molly Prokop, Pat Herbert, Larry and Ian for being there to take down. I always want to make sure everyone knows that Patricia Sander houses tables and crates, etc. that we may need to set up an exhibit. Thanks Patricia.

Thank you to Larry Hennessey for putting out an informative newsletter every month. Thanks to Lilly Blouin and Karen Smith for initiating our social media this year, Facebook and I think Twitter? (I am such a dinosaur.)

Where would we be without Marian Prigmore our Show Chair? She's already hard at work on the next show. Thank you to everyone who helped with the show from staging, to clerking, to loaning plants, to take down. Thanks to Randy Johnson and Konrad Becnel, our muscle men when we needed them. Thank you Vienna Mackey for booking and dealing with the restaurant and Max Mipro for ordering the bus to transport our judges and clerks. Molly Prokop for being head clerk. (And her sub when she cannot be there, thank you Russel Deroche.)

Thank you Marian for securing your church activity hall for our Holiday Social and for the months of January through June, 2016. Marian and her crew also decorate the hall for our social and always do a lovely, lovely job.

Henrietta Deeters, thank you for hosting our speakers when we needed you to. Everyone of them commented on how nice you make it for them to stay with you. What can I say to Max for bringing the strawberry shortcake every month. Thank you is not enough.

I began with Molly and I will end with thanking her for what she does month in and month out at our meetings: nametag ordering, shirt ordering, committees. She also houses the folding tables we need at our show!

There have been a lot of "thank yous" in this message, but not enough to convey just how grateful I am to everyone who takes an active part in our society. So, for everyone, a really big THANK YOU for making my last two years so enjoyable.

Our Holiday Social is this Sunday, December 6th. This year Marian and Ann have Orchid Jewelry

given to NOOS by Paul Young's daughter, Lynne Grisaffe, that will be sold (at really reasonable prices) for the benefit of the NOOS trophy fund. Also, remember if you brought just one plant to put on our monthly display table, you will be eligible to win one of the special End-Of-Year plants. They are really nice plants in bud or bloom (Thanks Ann for ordering these). You must be at the social to win, so come! Bring a dish to feed 8 people and enjoy the superb food and wonderful company of your fellow orchid growers. I hope to see all of you there as we pass the baton to Russel Deroche and the new Board.

Best Wishes for Good Growing,

Carol

NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY
MINUTES OF 11/17/2015 MEETING

President Carol Stauder called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published.

Reports:

VP – No report.

Treasurer – No report.

Secretary – Ann Ebert stated that she will begin accepting payments for 2016 dues during the meeting - \$20 for an individual, \$25 for a household. She also said that she would be passing around a phone contact list in order to obtain members' primary and alternate phone numbers and an indication of whether they were home, cell or work numbers.

Newsletter - Larry asked for articles and ideas for the newsletter.

Membership – Please see Molly if you would like to order a magnetized aluminum name tag. The tags cost \$6.50 each. Please see Molly if you would like to order a NOOS shirt. We need to have requests for at least 6 shirts before we can place an order. There are various styles of shirts which can be ordered.

Raffle Table: 6 plants and 1 door prize. Members must sign the registration book to be eligible for the door prize.

Old Business:

Our holiday social will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 6 at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. A list was passed around so that each member could indicate the dish that he or she would be bringing to the social.

New Business:

Set-up for the Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show will be on Friday, January 29. Take-down on Sunday, January 31 at 4:00 P.M.

2016 officers were elected by acclamation: President – Russel Deroche; Vice-President – Randy Johnson; Secretary – Ann Ebert; Treasurer – Peggy White (formerly a Trustee). Since Peggy was elected Treasurer, her Trustee position must be filled. Debbie Dinwiddie has removed her name from consideration for Trustee. Ian Hiler is standing to fill the remainder of Peggy's term. Ian was elected by acclamation.

The proposed change to the By-Laws which will allow NOOS to use a member's email address as his or her "last known address" was approved by the membership by a show of hands.

Ann Roth explained the plant give away which will take place at the holiday social. If you brought at least one plant to a meeting for judging during the year, you will be eligible for the raffle of plants at the social. The top 3 winners of the plant judging throughout the year will receive special awards. Ann also stated that there will be orchid jewelry for sale at the social, with proceeds going to the show trophy fund.

Debbie Dinwiddie, website editor, reported that she had made some changes to the website. A map showing the location of Lakeview Presbyterian Church, where our meetings will be held for the next few months, has been added to the website. When we go back to meeting in City Park, she will add a map of the City Park location. In addition, the membership form on the website was changed to list the various committees for which a member could volunteer.

After the break, tonight's program will consist of a plant swap. Offer another plant or money for the plant you want. Paul Young's hangers are available in exchange for a donation to the trophy fund. Carol brought some old issues of magazines which are free for the taking.

Break: Thank you Max for the cake and coffee.

Program: plant swap.

Judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Final count: 38 members and 1 guest present.

Next meeting: Sunday, December 6 – holiday social.

The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

Acadian Orchid Society 55th Annual Short Course

December 5, 2015
Wyndham Garden Lafayette
1801 W. Pinhook Rd.
Lafayette, LA 70508

Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show

January 29 – January 31, 2016
Gautier Convention Center,
2012 Library Lane, Gautier, MS

***Dues are due
January 1***

Dues are due January 1, 2016. Since the December holiday social is our last official meeting of the year, please plan on bringing a check to the social. Otherwise you will need to send a check to the society's P.O. Box, so the secretary can have you current with your dues for 2015. It makes the secretary's job a lot easier if they don't have to remind people to pay their dues month after month as the new year starts.

November Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Ann Roth	Angraceum Memoria George Kennedy
Best Hybrid 1st	Gary Crozat	Blc George Herbert Walker Bush 'Waldor' AM/AOS
Best Species 1st	Larry Hennessey	Bulbophyllum lilacinum