

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



August 2016

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, August 16, 2016
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)
7:30pm

Program:

Round-robin clinic

Orchid Basics Group Program:

Vandas
Russel DeRoche 6:45pm

From your Pres:

After a record warm July, we are now steaming into August. Keep yourselves and your plants well hydrated. The early rains tend to cool things down for a short time, then the steam begins to rise as it warms again.

As some plants take their summer rest, others, that love the heat, will begin to spike and flower. Make note of which plants rest and which grow this time of year. You might want to mark the different bloom/grow/rest periods with different colored plastic ribbons or plant tags, to keep abreast of their growth cycles. This can also help to better schedule when you fertilize and when, and how much, you water.

I have several Vandas that are starting to spike now and hope you experience the same with your collections. My greenhouse has been in the upper 90's to 100 degrees F for some time and this may have put them into some stress and caused the spikes to form. Am not quite sure but something has started the spiking and a rise in temperature is the only difference I've noticed. Have had to water them more on days with no rain and that may have helped. I usually get consistent spiking from late Spring and into the Summer. This year I seem to be getting more spikes later in the Summer. Because of the heat I have not been fertilizing as much, but have been giving a few of the plants some worm tea from my worm bed. The tea comes from the liquid that flows from the bottom of the worm bed from the vegetable, grass clippings, and dried up leaves that are put in the bed for food for the worms. The concentrate is mixed with water when watering. Enjoying your plants and don't forget to talk to them. They love it!

Remember you have to be present to win the birthday month raffle plant and the door prize. Several of your names have been called for the birthday raffle, but you were not there. Try to make more meetings, especially for your birthday month. You just might win a surprise plant!

Good growing and hope to see you at the

meeting on August 16th,

Russel Deroche, Jr.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

**American Orchid Society Fall
2016 Members Meeting
and**

**Huntington's Annual
International Orchid Show**

October 19-23.

**Acadian Orchid Society
56th Annual Short Course**

December 3, 2016

Wyndham Garden Lafayette

1801 W. Pinhook Rd.

Lafayette, LA 70508

July Table Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Phal cornu-cervi
2nd		
Best Hybrid 1st	Ann Roth	Blc Williette Wong 'The Best' AM/AOS
2nd	Molly Prokop	Blc Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'
Best Species 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Phal cornu-cervi
2nd	Mary Bahn	B nodosa
3rd		

MINUTES OF 07/19/2016 MEETING

7:40 PM - President Russel Deroche, Jr. called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Russel informed the membership that through the remainder of 2016, our meetings will be held at Lakeview Presbyterian.

Reports:

- VP – Randy Johnson stated that the program for the August meeting will be a round-robin clinic. Members will form small groups which will circulate from station to station for discussions of various topics relating to orchids.
- Treasurer – Peggy White was not present due to her upcoming shoulder surgery. Russel reported that the treasury is doing well.
- Secretary – Ann Ebert asked new members to see her at the break to complete membership forms.
- Newsletter – Larry Hennessey requested ideas for the newsletter.
- Membership – Molly Prokop told members to see her if they wanted to order a NOOS name tag or shirt.
- Ian Hiler, out-of-town show committee chairman, thanked everyone who filled in for him and handled the set up and take down of our exhibit at the Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show.
- Raffle Table: Members and guests may buy chances for the plant raffle. You must be present to win. Members must sign the registration book to be eligible for the door prize. Only members can win the door prize.

Announcements:

- Russel welcomed the new members and guests, and asked them to stand and introduce themselves.
- Russel requested members to give him their birth dates so they can participate in the monthly birthday raffle.
- Russel reminded members that the society has a Facebook page, which was set up by Lilly Blouin-Collins. He also stated that he has added a link to the page regarding orchid water culture.
- Nancy Dempsey mentioned that she is teaching a beginner's course on orchid growing through the People Program on the Westbank. Classes start August 15.
- Russel stated that the dates for our 2017 show will be June 2, 3 and 4. It will be held at Lakeside Mall.

Old Business:

- Russel reminded members that we will be raffling (\$1.00 per chance) some orchid jewelry at the holiday social in December.

MINUTES OF 07/19/2016 MEETING Continued

New Business:

- Tonight we are raffling 7 plants and one door prize.
- The July birthday drawing was held and John Kelly was the winner.

Break and Plant Voting

- Thank you Max for the cake and coffee.
- Ann Roth reminded members to vote for the best species flower, best hybrid flower, and best grown plant of those being exhibited tonight.

Program: “Orchids Under Glass: A Discussion on Terrarium Culture” was presented by Zack Goodnow of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society.

Judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 16th, at Lakeview Presbyterian Church Hall.

There were 30 members and 10 guests present. Russel thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.