

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



October 2016

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)
7:30pm

Program:

Cymbidiums: Selection and Culture Warm
Climates by Harry McElroy 7:30pm

Orchid Basics Group Program:

Potting soils for various orchid genera
Russel DeRoche 6:45pm

From your Pres:

Pumpkin month has arrived with some wonderful weather. Hope you have had time to enjoy the outdoors. The plants seem to be smiling with this cooler weather. I'm looking forward to a long Fall and mild winter.

Now is the time to start thinking about preparations for winter and how best to care for your orchids. Remember that some need a cool spell to start setting their blossoms and some don't like to be cold at all. Be aware of your plants' needs and treat them accordingly. Some may need a burst of fertilizer and some may just want to rest for a while. Get to know your plants, have a little pep talk with them, and listen to what they are telling you.

Please remember those who have been affected by Hurricane Matthew and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The devastation it left was considerable, and I hope if any of you had family or friends in its path, they are safe. I did hear from EFG Orchids and their greenhouses and personnel are safe and secure.

Acadian Orchid Society is having its 56th Annual Louisiana Orchid Short Course on December 3rd in Lafayette if anyone is interested in going. Featured speakers will be PETER LIN, Diamond Orchids (www.diamondorchids.com), Topics: Mini Cattleyas and Genus: Dendrobium), and JIM ROBERTS, Florida SunCoast Orchids (floridasuncoastorchids.com), Topics: Growing Dendrobium Anosmum and its Hybrids and What is Wrong With This Picture (Pests & Problems). See the registration form at the end of the newsletter if interested.

Enjoy the Fall weather and good growing,

Russel Deroche, Jr.

This month's Speaker and Program Information



Harry McElroy

Cymbidiums Selection and Culture Warm Climates

Harry McElroy seen below in his collection of approximately 3000 cymbidiums in Jacksonville Florida. Cymbidiums that grow in hot climates are my specialty. My experiment with warm growers began in 1991 when I arrived in Jacksonville with about 200 cymbidiums and was informed by an expert that they wouldn't grow here. I offer proof that you can grow cymbidiums in warm climates want to convince everyone else that they can too.



A Native of Arkansas but transplanted to Idaho a very early age, I grew up working on farms. No orchids but learned a lot about growing things from Potatoes and Pinto Beans. Always looking the sky I chose a career in aviation and

joined the Air force after college. Assigned to the SAC for 8 years as a member of an ICBM Launch crew then on to civilian life. A field engineer (Technical Representative) for 32 years until retirement in 1999. The Aviation finally behind me after specializing Electronics. (Missile, guidance, control and checkout USAF and aircraft autopilots and flight controls for Sikorsky Aircraft company) The past 16 years have been full time between my orchids and a small farm near Conway Arkansas.

It would take a page to list all the places I have traveled to but Viet Nam, Philippines, Israel, Norway, Demark, Germany, France, Holland, Greece, Italy, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic are examples.

Information about the program can be found at: <https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=CCBE8D3704208251!5710&ithint=file%2cpptx&app=PowerPoint&authkey=!AM-2lfeRII0vhz8>

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The Society will be hosting dinner with our speaker Harry McElroy at 5:00 at Deanies.

October 18, 5:00 PM
Deanie's Seafood Bucktown
1713 Lave Avenue
Metairie, La 70005

MINUTES OF 09/20/2016 MEETING

7:35 PM - President Russel Deroche, Jr. called the meeting to order.

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

Russel reminded 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 October meeting will be a presentation on Cymbidiums by Harry McElroy.
- Treasurer – Peggy White 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 was not present.
- Membership – Molly Prokop was not present.
- Ian Hiler, out-of-town show committee chairman, was not present.
- 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 may win the door prize.

Announcements

- Russel requested members to give him their birth dates so they can participate in the monthly birthday raffle
- Russel reported that the Board approved a donation of \$150 to St. Michael's Special School, in memory of Patrick Prigmore. Russel asked everyone to keep Marian and her family in their thoughts and prayers.
- Russel asked for volunteers for Show Chairman. Our 2017 show will be from May 31 through June 4.
- Eli Sproles brought in a plant which he bought on ebay. It has a color break in the flower, which is a sign of viral infection. He passed the plant around so that everyone could get a look at it.

Old Business

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

New Business

- Tonight we are raffling 7 plants and one door prize in addition to the birthday raffle.
- The September birthday drawing was held and Arne Stauder was the winner.

MINUTES OF 09/20/2016 MEETING continued

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Break and Plant Voting

- Thank you Max for the cake and coffee.
- Russel reminded members to purchase raffle tickets if they haven't done so yet.
- Russel asked members to vote for the best species flower, best hybrid flower, and best grown plant of those being exhibited tonight.

Program: Three short presentations: "Mounting Orchids" by Carol Stauder, "Vandas" by Russel Deroche, and "Dendrobiums" by Randy Johnson.

Judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 18th, at Lakeview Presbyterian Church Hall.

There were 32 members and 2 guests present. Russel thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

**American Orchid Society Fall
2016 Members Meeting
and
Huntington's Annual
International Orchid Show**
October 19-23.

**THE SHREVEPORT ORCHID
SOCIETY PRESENTS
ORCHIDS ARE WILD!
HOSTING THE SOUTH WEST**

REGION ORCHID GROWERS ASSOCIATION (SWROGA) FALL MEETING, SHOW AND SALE

NOVEMBER 4, 5, AND 6, 2016
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820 CLYDE FANT PARKWAY
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Acadian Orchid Society 56th Annual Short Course

December 3, 2016
Wyndham Garden Lafayette
1801 W. Pinhook Rd.
Lafayette, LA 70508