

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



November 2016

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)
7:30pm

Program:

Plant-mounting Workshop
7:30pm

Orchid Basics Group Program:

TBA
6:45pm

From your Pres:

It seems the cold weather and the rain have yet to make their appearance in this area. Just hoping we won't get more than we need all at once. I'm sure, like me, you have been watering like crazy this past month, and maybe November won't be as dry or hot for us. Keep watering until we get some rain and pray that it is not more than we need.

Top of the New Business this month is elections. The current officers have agreed to continue for another year if no one else is nominated. We will open nominations from the floor before voting if anyone is interested. Vienna M. will not be able to continue as Trustee because she will be moving next year. So, if anyone is interested in being a Trustee on the board please let us know.

Our holiday pot-luck social is quickly approaching and we will be passing around a list for those of you who plan to attend so you can sign up for what you plan to bring. We always try to have a variety of food to enjoy, so please check what others are bringing and try not to have duplicate dishes. The current plans are for December 4th at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. We'll discuss it further at the meeting. Start considering salads, chips and dips, main dishes (chicken, beef, pork), side dishes (casseroles), desserts, meatballs, little smokies, or whatever you would like to prepare. Also, if you can help with setup at the church, that would be great! The Society will pay for a main dish of turkey or ham if anyone is interested in preparing it.

We are planning a plant-mounting workshop this month. Bring any plants, mounts, and mounting supplies you have. We will help each other get our plants off to a good start.

Enjoy all the holidays we are having this month and next, and you can even start getting ready for the New Year!

May your holiday celebrations lift you up and take you into a great New Year,

Russel Deroche, Jr.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

Acadian Orchid Society 56th Annual Short Course

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

Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show

January 27 – January 29, 2017

Dues are due January 1

Dues are due January 1, 2017. Since November is our last official meeting of the year, please plan on bringing a check to the meeting so you don't have to bother with it at the December holiday 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 2017. 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.

Upcoming AOS Webinars

November 28, 2016 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. Everyone is invited. If you have questions, please submit them by November 26th to stillisch@cox.net.

December 13, 2016 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST

Maudiae Paphs: Past, Present, and Future with DaVe Sorokowsky owner of Paph Paradise.

Larry's Tips On how to Survive the Winter

- Stop repotting (wait for spring)
- Clean up your plants and their surroundings
- Start reducing water frequency
- Start reducing the amount of fertilizer so the amount of lower nitrogen is lower (nitrogen is for growth, we want flowers)
- Water only when the plants need it
- Water early on warm sunny days
- Let the phals get a couple of weeks of chilling (should be done before it starts going below 55 degrees)
- Maintain humidity and temperature in the proper ranges (humidity at least 60% and temperature above 55 degrees)
- Maintain proper air circulation
- Watch for pests
 - Snails and slugs
 - Scale - hard and soft
- Watch for diseases
 - Crown rot
 - Root rot
 - Buds rotting in sheaths (cattleyas)
 - Flower spotting – botrytis

A list of items that will help you successfully grow orchids in winter

- Min/Max Thermometer
- Water source with controllable temperature
- Fans
- Humidity Meter
- Mister or Humidity control system (indoor growers may want to use a humidifier)
- Fertilizer with lower nitrogen levels
- Pest Control materials
 - Anti-fungal
 - Anti-bacterial
 - Insecticides

MINUTES OF 10/18/2016 MEETING

7:30 PM - President Russel Deroche, Jr. called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the September 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 November meeting will be a hands-on workshop on mounting orchids.
- Treasurer – Peggy White not present. Russel reported that the treasury is doing well.
- Secretary – Ann Ebert asked new members to see her at the break to complete membership forms and notified old members that dues for 2017 are due at the end of 2016. \$20 per year for an individual; \$25 for a household.
- Newsletter – Larry Hennessey stated that he will be out of the country during the week before the November meeting, so information to be published in the newsletter must be sent to him a week earlier than usual.
- 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 read a lovely thank you note from Marian and Jim Prigmore for the donation that NOOS made to St. Michael's Special School, in memory of their son Patrick.
- Russel asked for volunteers for Show Chairman for 2017.
- Russel said that he spoke to all officers and members of the Board to see if they would be agreeable to serving another term in 2017 and that all were agreeable. Russel also asked for nominations from the floor.
- Russel stated that he had been informed that our AOS membership had lapsed. He will take care of sending in the membership form and dues. Alice Barrios used to be our AOS rep, but Russel has now assumed this duty.
- Carol Stauder notified the members about the sales tax bill we received from the Louisiana Department of Revenue for sales of plants made by individual members at the Spring 2016 City Park Garden Show. Since the bill was made out to NOOS, NOOS wrote a check to the state and is being reimbursed by the members who sold the plants.
- Due to the situation created concerning taxes and our non-profit status by the selling of plants at the Spring Garden Fair at City Park, Russel asked for a motion stating that we will no longer allow the selling of any items or plants in the name of the society due to our non-profit status. It was discussed by the membership and was decided that a motion was not needed.
- Eileen Reed, a guest, introduced herself.

MINUTES OF 10/18/2016 MEETING continued

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 October birthday drawing was held and Diane Seidemann was the winner. Diane graciously gave her plant to Henrietta Dieters, who is celebrating her 99th birthday tomorrow.
- A cake with candles was brought out and everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Henrietta.
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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: “Cymbidiums – Selection and Culture in Warm Climates” by Harry McElroy.

Judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15th, at Lakeview Presbyterian Church Hall.

There were 24 members and 1 guest present. Russel thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

October Table Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Mkra Cleopatra 'Queen Florist'
Best Hybrid 1st	Nancy Dempsey	Monn Millennium Magic
1st	Pat Herbert	(Ascda Jiraprabha x Deva raks) x Ascda Butterfly
Best Species 1st	Ann Roth	B cordata var alba