

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



January 2017

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)
7:30pm

Program:

Fragrant Orchids part 1
7:30pm

Orchid Basics Group Program:

Cultivating Paphiopediums
Carol Stauder
6:45pm

From your Pres:

Goodbye 2016 and hello 2017! This year came in with a bang with storms, and a freeze that probably sent everyone running to the greenhouse to turn on the heat. Hopefully all of your plants have survived and will thrive in the coming months. Check them regularly and listen to what they are trying to tell you.

Again, if any of you have any suggestions for improvement to the things we already do, or new things we might want to test out, please do not hesitate to email me (rderochejr@hotmail.com) with those suggestions.

Hope your holiday season was enjoyable. Even with the rain and wind we had a very good turnout for our Holiday Social at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Sorry if you missed it because there was some very good food and fun. Thanks to all the cooks! Also, thanks to Marian Prigmore and Nancy Click and everyone who help to setup and decorate, and to all who helped pick up the tables, chairs, and decorations after we finished stuffing ourselves. The cleanup was accomplished very quickly with all the help we had, and that helps to make a strong Society.

The new (returning) officers were installed by my magical powers and a "Poof". Thanks to all the returning officers and Trustees and welcome to our new Trustee, Pat Herbert. My sincere thanks to those willing to continue with their positions: Randy Johnson as our Vice-President, Peggy White as our Treasurer, Ann Ebert as our Secretary. And a thank you to our Trustees: Ian Hiler, Molly Prokop, and Pat Herbert. A big "Thanks!" to Vienna Mackey for serving as a Trustee for 2016 and who will be moving this year. Best of luck with your relocation!

Now begins the season of shows. Gulf Coast Orchid Society will begin the year with their show in Gautier, MS, from Thursday, January 27th through Sunday, January 29th. Please consider volunteering to help Ian H. set up and/or take down the show. Unfortunately, I will be in Florida during the show and will not

be able to help. I have not received the schedule yet but assume it will be similar to last year's. Setup is from 4 – 6 PM on Thursday and breakdown is at 4 PM on Sunday. If you have any plants for the exhibit please email their names to Carol Stauder by Wednesday, January 25th (seestauder@hotmail.com or call 888-6639). You can bring your groomed and staked exhibit plants to her house on Wednesday, January 26th before 8 PM, or on Thursday, January 27th, before noon. Make sure your name tags are visible so she will be able to identify each one, and you have your name on each plant pot or basket. And a great thank you to anyone who is able to contribute. Setting up an exhibit does take a little skill and a lot of help, however, you can learn so much just helping to set up. Try it, you might just like it!

It is dues time again! If you haven't yet, please pay your dues as soon as possible. Remember we are a Society made up of volunteers and the more volunteers we have, the easier it is for all of us. If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the Society, please invite them to come to a meeting as a guest.

A heart-felt thanks to the volunteers who continue to give their service to the Society. Larry Hennessey, our newsletter editor, Debbie Dinwiddie, our website moderator, Carol Molero, our judging coordinator at each meeting, Ann Roth who purchases and houses our raffle plants, Arnie Stauder and Debbie D. who have helped sell the raffle tickets. And a most sincere thank you to Max Mipro for all he has done for the Society for many years. Also, a big "Thanks!" to all of you who help to setup and break down the meeting area each month.

Just remember the more you volunteer, the more you learn. Participation is the best method for learning more about orchids and the Society, and who knows you might just make some life-long friends in the process. Try it and see!

Here's to a blooming New Year for all of us!

Russel Deroche, Jr.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show

January 27 – January 29, 2017

Gautier Convention Center,

2012 Library Lane, Gautier, MS

For more info or directions see:

<http://www.gulfcoast.org/event/37th-annual-gulf-coast-orchid-show-%26-plant-sale/6139/>

Dues are now past due

Dues were due January 1, 2017. Please plan on bringing a check to the meeting. 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

January 25, 2016 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST

Novelty Cattleyas - Spotted and Splash Cattleyas with Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids

Message from Louisiana Orchid Connection on Madagascar Plant Group Order:

Once again, we are offering bare root plants from Madagascar. More than 100 species are available. You can see the current offering on our web site, laorchid.com. Look for the tab, Madagascar Pre-Orders. Our cut off date for this group order will be January 22nd. Ordered plants should arrive to you early in April. Please feel free to email john@laorchid.com for a PDF list or ordering details.

MINUTES OF 11/15/2016 MEETING

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

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

Russel notified the membership that our holiday social will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 4, at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Doors will open at 4:00 P.M. for set up.

Reports:

- VP – Randy Johnson thanked Henrietta Deters for hosting last month's speaker, Harry McElroy, in her home. He also thanked Carol Stauder for giving Harry a tour of the French Quarter
- Treasurer – Peggy White reported that the treasury is doing well.
- Secretary – Ann Ebert reminded members that she is accepting dues payments for 2017. \$20 per year for an individual; \$25 for a household.
- Newsletter – Larry Hennessey was not present.
- Membership – Molly Prokop asked new member Antoinette Truxillo to introduce herself. Molly asked members to see her if they wanted to order a name tag or T-shirt.
- 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 thank you note from St. Michael's Special School for the donation that NOOS made in memory of Marian and Jim Prigmore's son, Patrick.
- The Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show will take place January 27 – 29 at the Convention Center in Gautier, Mississippi. Set up will be on Friday, with take down on Sunday.
- Guests Cindy Revisore and Judy Smith introduced themselves.
- Russel reported that NOOS may have lost its non-profit status with the IRS and that we are working on getting it back.

Old Business

- Russel reminded members that we will be raffling (\$1.00 per chance) some orchid jewelry at the holiday social in December. We are hoping to also raffle a \$50 Carter & Holmes gift certificate, but have not yet received it. Ann is following up with Carter & Holmes.

MINUTES OF 11/15/2016 MEETING continued

New Business

- Russel mentioned that we were circulating a list so that members could indicate the dish that they would be bringing to the holiday social. Marian stated that a dish should serve eight people.
- Tonight we are raffling 7 plants and one door prize in addition to the birthday raffle.
- The November birthday drawing was held and Carol Molero was the winner.
- 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. However, trustee Vienna Mackey will be unable to continue because she is moving out of state. Russel asked for nominations from the floor for the trustee position. Molly nominated Pat Herbert and her nomination was seconded. The entire slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

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: A hands-on workshop on mounting orchids, led by Randy, with help from several members.

Judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Next meeting: holiday social at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 4, at Lakeview Presbyterian Church Hall.

There were 36 members and 2 guests present. Russel thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

November 2016 Table Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Gary Crozat	Den Lim Chong Min
Best Hybrid 1st	Gary Crozat	Den Sweet Iyn 'ABC's Midnight Fire'
2 nd	Pat Herbert	Vanda Dino Dream Pink #2
Best Species 1st	Margaret Bossier	Paph bullenianum