

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



February 2017

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)
7:30pm

Program:

Pests and Pest Management
Bob Danka, Entomologist 7:30pm

Orchid Basics Group Program:

Open Forum
Carol Stauder 6:45pm

From your Pres:

Happy Mardi Gras and Black History month. Hope you are all enjoying the mild weather by getting outside and getting a start on what seems to be a very early Spring. We are experiencing some of the warmest February weather in some time and some of the most dangerous. In my 65 years in this area I have never experienced such violent weather in South Louisiana. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who felt the worst of it. This climate is drastically changing from the one in which I grew up.

A big "Thank You" to Ian H. and all those who helped to set up and take down the GCOS show exhibit in Gautier, Mississippi. Thanks also to Carol and Arne S. for collecting the plants for the exhibit at their home, and especially Carol S. for her consistent job of registering the plants and making the name tags. Sorry I was unable to be there this year because of a trip to Orlando, but I know I left the responsibility in very competent hands. From the picture of our exhibit I was sent, it seems everything made it there intact.

Ann R. has reported that she will have some blooming plants for the raffle this month. I will also have some Phaius that are currently in bud and will probably be blooming for the birthday raffle.

Our show is just around the corner and the theme will be "A Salute to Orchids". Remember to keep June 1st - 4th open for our show at Lakeside Mall. If you can help with initial setup of tables and staging, please contact Marian P. and offer your assistance. If you prefer a calmer, more gossipy position, the raffle table is a great place for you. If you want to learn as much as you can in a short time, clerking might be the best fit for you. Any experience in helping with the show will be quite educational, and the work will be accomplished much quicker when more hands pitch in.

Don't forget that if you have any suggestions on how we can increase the education and information at our meetings, please don't hesitate to email your suggestions

to me – rderochejr@hotmail.com . Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Tuesday, February 21st.

Good growing and blooming,

Russel Deroche, Jr.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

Mobile Area Orchid Society Show

February 18 – February 19, 2017

Bellingrath Gardens & Home

12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, Theodore, AL

Calcasieu Orchid Society Show

"Orchids at the Opera"

April 17, 2017

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church,
715 Kirkman Street, Lake Charles, LA

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

March 14, 2016 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST

Greenhouse Chat

Join Ron McHatton for a Q&A session on orchid culture. Everyone is invited. If you have a question, please submit your questions by March 12 to stillisch@cox.net.

Field Trip to Louisiana Orchid Connection

NOOS will be making a field trip to Louisiana Orchid Connection the morning of Saturday March 4th. We will meeting behind Red Lobster on Causway Blvd. at Lakeside Mall and leaving at 8:30. The address is:
353 E Airport Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Please park at the office next door.

February's Speaker Bob Danka



Bob has been growing orchids – sometimes well, often haphazardly – since 1993. He enjoys the orchid hobby because of its endless challenges, the interesting biology of the plants, and the friends and mentors he has had in the Baton Rouge Orchid Society. His tastes in flowers run toward the pretty, the ugly and the fragrant. Bob is trained as an entomologist who conducts research and breeding with honey bees in support of the U.S. beekeeping industry. This career has taken him around the world, and afforded insightful opportunities to witness how orchids grow in Nature. But south Louisiana is home, and the siren song of chasing birds and fish often distracts him from his best intentions to carefully culture his plants. When it comes to managing orchid pests, he suggests doing as he says, not as he does.

Minutes of January 17, 2017 Meeting

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

Russel reminded the membership that you must be current on your dues in order to be eligible to win the door prize or the birthday raffle.

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

Reports:

- VP - Randy Johnson stated that the February program will be a presentation by Dr. Bob Danko on Pests and Pest Management. The March program will be a potting workshop. The April program will be a presentation by Courtney Hackney on Cattleyas. Courtney will be selling plants and copies of his book, American Cattleyas. Randy is organizing a field trip to Louisiana Orchid Collection in Baton Rouge for Saturday, March 4.
- 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 asked members to see her if they wanted to order a name tag or T-shirt.
- Ian Hiler, out-of-town show committee chairman, spoke about the upcoming Gulf Coast Orchid Society show in Gautier, MS. Ed and Ethel Subervielle and Carol Stauder will be assisting him with setting up our exhibit and Molly Prokop and Pat Herbert will be taking down the exhibit. Ian also said that there is a new show this year in Calcasieu Parish. He said that he is willing to do a small tabletop exhibit of about 20 plants by himself at the Calcasieu show. Ian is NOOS's rep with the Southwest Regional Orchid Grower's Association. He gave a brief description of SWROGA's orchid conservation efforts and encouraged donations to the cause.
- 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 Ann E. their birth dates so they can participate in the monthly birthday raffle.
- There were no new members or guests present.
- Russel stated that the 2016 officers are also serving in 2017. Vienna Mackey will no longer be able to serve as trustee because she has relocated out of state and Pat H. has agreed to fill her spot.
- Russel reported that NOOS may have lost its non-profit status with the IRS and that he is working on getting it back. He asked the membership if anyone knew what year NOOS applied for non-profit status with the IRS. Someone suggested that he check with Alice Barrios, the former Treasurer.

Minutes of January 17, 2017 Meeting continued

- There was a question from one of the members regarding whether we received the Carter & Holmes gift certificate which we were going to raffle. Ann E. stated that she had emailed Carter & Holmes to inquire about this, but had never received a reply. Russel said that he would check into this. He also stated that if we did not receive the gift certificate, we would refund the money to those who had purchased tickets.

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: Fragrant Orchids Part 2 presented by Randy.

Judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize. The birthday raffle was won by Denise Emmer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21, at Lakeview Presbyterian Church Hall.

There were 26 members and no guests present. Russel thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

January 2017 Table Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Angraecum Orchidglade
Best Hybrid 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Angraecum Orchidglade
Best Species 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Paph wardii
2 nd	Patricia Sander	Rhy gigantea

NOOS Exhibit Results from Gulf Coast Society Show

Exhibitors	Name	Ribbons
NOOS Exhibit		2nd
Ann Roth	Den. Field King 'Viroj'	2nd
Carol & Arne Stauder	Den. Pixie Princess 'H&R'	1st
	Paph. wardii	Tricolor/1st
	Paph. wardii	2nd
	Jumellea comorensis	2nd
	Renet. Sunrise 'Prasong'	2nd
	Phal. Kenneth Wong	1st
	Mlca. ringens	1st
	Angcm. Orchidglade	Tricolor/1st
Ethel & Ed Subervielle	Ctt. Tutankamen 'Pop'	2nd
	L. discolor	2nd
	Rhy. gigantea	3rd Trophy – Best Species Trophy – Best Grn Vanda
Konrad Becnel	Cattleya aclandiae	2nd
Marian Prigmore	Rlc. Mount Anderson	2nd
	Tol. Red Barry	2nd
	Aerdr. Kinneree 'Redland Gold'	1st
	Vaso. Vibon Velvet 'Crownfox'	2 nd Trophy Best Vanda Flower
Pat Herbert	Ascda. Thanakern 'Yellow Gold'	1st
	Ascda. (Thai Ruby x Kultana)	Tricolor/1st
Randy Johnson	Rlc. Exotic's Perfection 'Pink Cloud'	2nd
	Den. Spring Doll	2nd
	Ctt. Pop City 'NN'	3rd
	Rlc. Mem. John Yee	1st



NOOS Exhibit at GCOS Show