

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



April 2017

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Lakeview Presbyterian Church

[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)

7:30pm

Program:

"The Color Blue in Cattleyas, Secrets Behind Coerulea Cattleyas"

Courtney Hackney 7:30pm

Orchid Basics Group Program:

Fertilizer/Fertilizing 6:45pm
Larry Hennessey

From your Pres:

Here comes the show, here comes the show! It is time to check your plants and start making plans for those plants you are hoping to exhibit at the show. Sign-up sheets will again be passed around at the meeting for the raffle table and for anyone willing to clerk at the show. Easy training will be available for any newcomers, so don't be shy. You'll be amazed at how much you can learn just by participating! Don't forget that clerks will get a free breakfast and lunch paid for by the Society. Also, remember those making a donation of \$25, or more, to the Trophy Fund will have their names displayed on a letter-sized poster which will sit on the raffle table during the show. Any amount (\$5, \$10, \$25, or more) can be donated to the Trophy Fund, but due to space limitations, only those who are able to donate \$25 or more can be listed on the sheet-sized poster. And a big "Thank You" to anyone who can donate.

Show posters sheets will be available at the meeting for anyone who can place them in a visible and trafficked area for advertising our show. If you know of any places you frequent that meets that criteria, please ask if they would mind having one on display. This will help spread the information for the show to visitors who frequent that area, and then by word of mouth from all who read the poster. This is one way we can all help to bring more visitors to the show and keep our vendors happy with sales.

Don't forget that we have the Carter & Holmes \$50 gift certificate being raffled. A donation of \$1.00 per ticket will get you a chance to win the certificate in June.

Hope some of you were able to go to the Spring Garden Fair at City Park. I was out of town and missed it this year. There is always a large selection of plants and garden goodies.

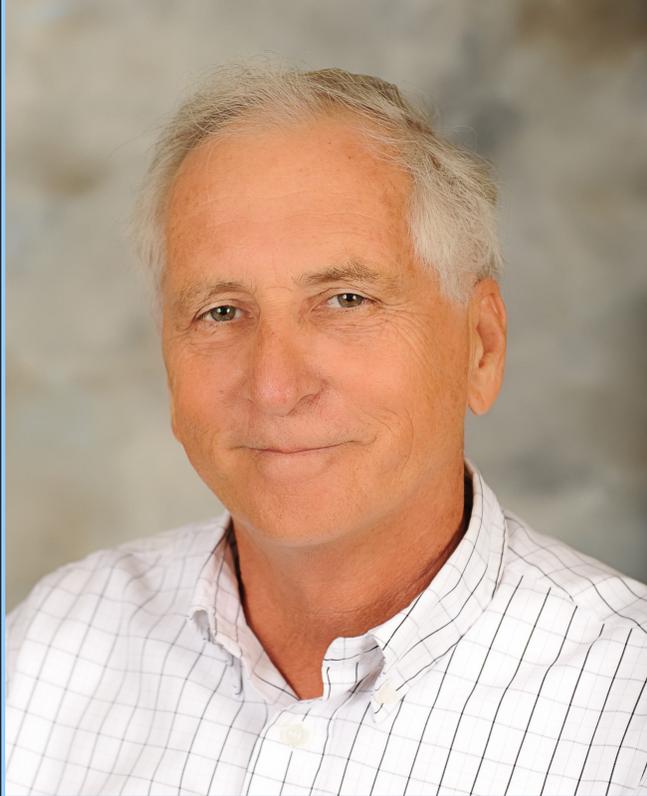
Hope to see all of you at our April 18th meeting at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Remember that the Basics Group will begin at 6:45 pm for 15 minutes of questions or observations you may have, and the Basics

presentation will begin at 7:00 pm.

Hope you are enjoying Spring!

Russel Deroche, Jr.

***April's Speaker
Courtney T. Hackney***



Dr. Hackney is Emeritus Professor of Biology and the former Director of Coastal Biology at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida. He began growing orchids in the Florida Keys in 1962, while working for a small orchid nursery and has continued his interest in both orchid hybridizing and orchid culture since then. He grows many different genera, but his favorite is the *Cattleya* Alliance. He has about 500 mature cattleyas and even more seedlings, but his favorites are classic clones, some of which appeared in orchid collections over 100 years ago. He makes 8-10 hybrids and species sib crosses per year in various genera.

He wrote a Growing Tips column for 20 years, which ended in December 2013 that appeared in

newsletters around the country and has published in *Orchid Digest*. In 2004, he published "American Cattleyas", the culmination of a decade of study and interviews, which summarizes in old photographs and print how all of the modern cattleyas came to be. The book also describes what we know about cattleyas and cattleya hybrids, how to grow them, and what to expect from modern hybrids.

He and his wife Rose live in Jacksonville, Florida adjacent to a tidal swamp. Rose paints and he enjoys the *Epi magnoliae* (conopseum) growing in trees in his backyard. His orchids reside in a brand new 24'x25' Florida shade house adjacent to the swamp.

***Upcoming Orchid
Shows & Events***

**Calcasieu Orchid Society Show
"Orchids at the Opera"**

April 22-23, 2017

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

2017 AOS Spring Members Meeting

In conjunction with

**Redland International Orchid Festival
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden**

May 17-21, 2017

**New Orleans Orchid Society
Show**

June 3 thru 5, 2016

Lakeside Mall

***Welcome
New Member***

Judy Smith

Minutes of March 21, 2017 Meeting

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

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the newsletter

Reports:

- VP - Randy Johnson stated that the April program will be a presentation by Courtney Hackney on blue Cattleyas. Randy asked for a volunteer to take Courtney fishing.
- Treasurer - Peggy White reported that the bank account was in good shape.
- 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 asked for ideas for the newsletter.
- Membership - Molly asked members to see her if they wanted to order a name tag or T-shirt. She encouraged members to have shirts and name tags to wear to the upcoming show, so that NOOS members can be easily identified to the public and to vendors.
- Ian Hiler, out-of-town show committee chairman, said that he will set up and take down a small tabletop exhibit by himself at the Calcasieu show, which is April 21 – 23. He needs approximately 30 plants. Ian asked members who want to exhibit plants to bring them to Carol Stauder's house the Thursday before the show. He asked Carol S. and Ann Roth to select the plants to be exhibited.
- 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 announced that dues are past dues and that names of non-paying members will be dropped from the roster on March 1.
- Russel requested members to give Ann E. their birth dates so they can participate in the monthly birthday raffle.
- Russel asked everyone to read the newsletter and to contribute to it if they could.
- Ann Roth thanked Kent and Sheila Daniel and Molly Prokop for the plants they donated to tonight's raffle table.

Old Business:

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- Ann Roth asked for monetary donations, by cash or check, for purchasing trophies for our upcoming show. She needs the donations by April. Most people contribute \$20.00 - \$25.00, but donations in any amount will be gladly accepted. If your donation is made early enough, you may have the opportunity to designate the particular trophy you wish to sponsor.

Minutes of March 21, 2017 Meeting continued

- Christian Bordelon suggested that we have NOOS business cards printed, with meeting dates and other information on them. Members could hand these out to people they meet who express an interest in orchids. Christian offered to look into this.

Old Business:

- Show chairman, Marian Prigmore, asked for volunteers for the upcoming NOOS Show, June 2 – 4. Ours is the largest orchid show in the South, with over 20 exhibits and about a dozen vendors. There are many ways to participate. We will need help with staging on Wednesday, May 31 and exhibit set-up on Thursday, June 1. For many years, we held the show at Lakeside Mall without having to pay the mall. A few years ago, management at Lakeside Mall began requiring payment of \$1800. This has made raffle ticket sales at the show critical to our financial well-being. Each vendor at the show donates a plant to be raffled. We sell raffle tickets for the donated plants at our table at the show. Marian passed out a sign-up list for volunteers to staff the raffle table in two-hour shifts.
- Molly Prokop spoke about the need for clerks at the show. We usually have about 20 judges at the show. The judges are organized into 6 or 7 teams. Each team needs 1 or 2 clerks. We will pair beginner clerks with an experienced partner. Clerks help to locate the particular plants that are being judged by the team, record information on the winning plants and place ribbons on the winners. It is a very educational experience. Judging begins around 8:30 AM on the Saturday morning of the show and ends around noon. Clerks must be available to work during the entire judging period. Free breakfast (at Café du Monde in the Mall) and lunch (at Mr. Ed's) is provided for judges and clerks. A chartered school bus will transport judges and clerks to Mr. Ed's for lunch, so you don't have to lose your parking space at the mall. You have the opportunity to meet and speak with the judges during lunch, so this is an interesting and educational experience. Molly passed around a sign-up list so that members can volunteer to clerk.

New Business:

- Russel stated that he has some leaflets on preparing your plants for the show, which he will give to anyone who wants one.
- Russel stated that after sending several emails to Carter and Holmes regarding the \$50 gift certificate which was never sent to us, he unsubscribed to their email list and let them know that we would no longer be providing them with our membership roster. This got a response. Carter & Holmes called Russel and sent him three \$25.00 gift certificates. We will raffle one of these this summer, one this fall, and one at the holiday social in winter.
- Tonight we will be raffling 7 plants and 1 door prize. Tom Sproles won the birthday raffle.
- Carol Molero mentioned that Hicks Orchid Supplies, who is one of the vendors at our show, sent her their business card. Hicks sells pots, media and other orchid growing supplies. They now have a website. You can place an order with them before the show and ask them to bring your order to the show so that you can save on shipping charges.
- Russel mentioned that there is a website, www.ohp.com, which has information regarding insecticides, miticides, fungicides, etc.

Minutes of March 21, 2017 Meeting continued

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: Repotting workshop, led by Randy Johnson and others.

Judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize.

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

There were 34 members and 6 guests present. Russel thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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

March 2017 Table Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Dendrobium anosmum v. alba
Best Hybrid 1st	Gary Crozat	C. Guatemalan SIS
2nd	Marian Prigmore	Paph. Prime Child
Best Species 1st	Ethel & Ed Suberveille	Vanda tricolor var. sauvis
2nd	Pat Herbert	Phal, mannii
3rd	Nancy Dempsey	Chiloschista LOC Pumpkin Face

Coming Next Month

Look for the buy/sell/swap corner coming to the newsletter. So if you are looking for something special or have something special in your collection you are willing to share, just send an email to the newsletter editor, Larry Hennessey, at ljhen4417@aol.com. All comers welcome but time and space limitations may restrict what makes the newsletter each month.