

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



May 2017

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)
7:30pm

Program:

Fragrant Orchids part 2
Randy Johnson 7:30pm

Orchid Basics Group Program:

Preparing for the Show 6:45pm

From your Pres:

Well, it's that time of the year again! Spring has sprung and the our annual show is just round the corner. Hope everyone is ready for it. Take care of those flower spikes as they grow and remember to feed weakly weekly. Marian P. has kept us on our toes about the show. Our energetic Show Committee has been busy preparing and we are just about ready to put on another very successful show. A vast amount of work must be done in order to put on a show this size and everything seems to be heading in the right direction. Remember to check and see if help is still needed for the raffle table and for clerking. Don't forget the more you help, the more you learn. So give it a try, you'll be happy you did!

We will have our usual large exhibit again this year and will need enough plants to fill it. So even if you have only one plant that is worth showing, please bring it. Your plants will be needed by 10 AM on Thursday, June 2nd. If you arrive later, we cannot guarantee that your plants will get into the exhibit. Setting up an exhibit is a major task and all plants have to be separated into color categories before setup can commence. Placement of plants in the exhibit is critical and that is why they need to all be there on time. All display plants should have their name tags (plainly visible) on them and also your name and phone number on the plant, and on any pot, container/carrier you bring to the setup. Each plant should be well groomed with clean leaves and properly staked flower stalks. Help will be needed to put sleeves on the pots if you have the time.

Carol S. will be making the entry tags for the plants and will need you to email her (seestauder@hotmail.com) by 8 PM on Wednesday, May 31st with a list of the correct names, and your plant's parents' names if you have the cross available. You may also call her at 504-888-6639 if you have a very short list or questions. Be sure to check in at the registration desk when you arrive with your plants to get your show tags, and please put them on the plants so that they do not easily

fall off.

We hope to have another very successful show and with everyone's cooperation it will happen. If you are available when vendors arrive, please greet them if you know them, or introduce yourself if you don't. Also, ask them if you can help in any way as some may need help it carrying in plants or directions to their sales tables. Things may sometimes get hectic during the show, but keep a smile on your face. Thanks to everyone who has been working these past several months and to those who have signed up to help.

Here's to a great show!

Russel Deroche, Jr.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

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 2 thru 4, 2017

Lakeside Mall

Acadian Orchid Society Show

June 10 thru 11, 2017

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
2206 Johnston Street, Lafayette, La

The Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show

July 7 thru 9, 2017

Burden Museum and Gardens
4560 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, La

Items of Interest to Members

For those of you that missed the show on WYES this week you can replay on demand at :

<http://www.pbs.org/program/plants-behaving-badly/>

Plants Behaving Badly: Sex & Lies

Learn how orchids use sex to lure pollinators.

Aired: 2017-05-09 12:00:00 53:05 Expires:

06/08/17 Rating: TV-PG

Nancy Dempsey will be volunteer teaching "Successful Orchid Growing" at 2240

Lakeshore Drive for the Peoples Program starting on August 21 to December 8, weekly at 12 noon on Wednesdays. Open to all 50 years and older. Registration is going on now. The cost for as many classes as you wish to take is \$150. For more info, check

<http://www.peopleprogram.org/>. The course will cover all basics of growing orchids with handouts, videos, hands on repotting, and show and tell etc.

If anyone can tell Larry how much the eulophia is in the last section, they will be entered in a raffle for a free blooming size phal at the June meeting.

Minutes of April 18, 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. Russel announced that some information in the April newsletter was incorrect. The President's section mentioned that we would be raffling a \$50 Carter & Holmes gift certificate in June. This is incorrect. We actually have three \$25 gift certificates, one of which will be raffled in June, one in September and one in December. Additionally, the dates published for our upcoming show were the dates for the 2016 show. The 2017 show will be held from June 2 through June 4, that is, the weekend after Memorial Day.

Reports:

- VP - Randy Johnson stated that the program for the May meeting had not yet been determined.
- 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. He also said that he will be adding a Sale/Swap column to the newsletter. Members can send in information on specific plants that they are attempting to sell, swap or buy. Larry will publish as many items as space will allow. The deadline for getting the information to him is 10 days before the next meeting.
- 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. This is the last opportunity for ordering shirts before the show. Molly also asked for more volunteers to clerk at the show. She will be passing out a sign-up list for clerks.
- Russel announced that Ian Hiler, out-of-town show committee chairman, is having health problems and will need to have back surgery. Ian will be unable to attend the Calcasieu show, so NOOS will not be exhibiting there.
- 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.
- Guest Robin Burnett introduced herself.

Announcements

- Christian Bordelon announced that the society business cards are designed and ready to go. Russel will order them. Russel announced that the society will also have a designated email address and that he was setting up a hotmail account for this.
- Russel asked everyone to read the newsletter and to contribute to it if they could.
- Ann Roth asked for monetary donations, by cash or check, for purchasing trophies for our upcoming show.

Minutes of April 18, 2017 Meeting continued

Old Business:

- Show chairman, Marian Prigmore, asked for volunteers for the upcoming NOOS Show, June 2 – 4. We particularly need volunteers to staff the raffle table on Saturday morning. Marian will pass out a sign-up list for raffle table volunteers. We also need more clerks to help the judges on Saturday morning. Clerks will be treated to breakfast and lunch. We meet for breakfast around 7:30 A.M. and judging begins around 8:00 A.M. Marian stated that Lakeside Mall has not yet told us what the amount will be for rental of their facility. The insurance premium has increased from \$190 to \$275. This will be the society's 65th show.

New Business:

- Tonight we will be raffling 8 plants and 1 door prize. Karen Smith won the birthday raffle.

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: "The Color Blue in Cattleyas: Secrets Behind Coerulea Cattleyas", presented by Courtney Hackney.

Judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16, at Lakeview Presbyterian Church Hall.

There were 35 members and 1 guest present. Russel thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 P.M.

April 2017 Table Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Larry Hennessey	Dtps King Shiang's Rose 'White Edge'
2nd	Ann Roth	Bc Sunny Delight 'MAJ'
3 rd	Carol & Arne Stauder	Paph Jem's Pregnant Lady
Best Hybrid 1st	Larry Hennessey	Dtps King Shiang's Rose 'White Edge'
2nd	Carol & Arne Stauder	Paph Jem's Pregnant Lady
Best Species 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Paph lowii
2nd	Carol Molero	Zyt alleniana

Preparing Plants for the Show

Send Carol Stauder your list of plants no later than Wednesday. If you can email your list a couple of days before the show, it makes Carol's job easier. Her email address is seestauder@hotmail.com. Make sure your list includes the plant's name and for hybrids the parentage. If don't know the parents and you don't have a copy of OrchidWiz or AQPlus, you can use the free online International Orchid Register search tool at: <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp>. Plant registration is a very important aspect of putting on the show. We must follow SWROGA's rules for registering plants with all of the necessary information that the judges need to have while doing the judging on Saturday.

All plants need to be dropped off Thursday morning at the exhibit area in the Mall's center atrium.

Groom your plants. Most judging is flower quality but there are culture awards and the condition of the plants affect the exhibit score.

- Remove pseudobulb encasings. Peel the dry papery stuff off the pseudobulbs. Use a couple of drops of dish detergent in a spray bottle with water, a cotton ball or a **very** soft toothbrush to finish removing it.
- Cut off any dead pseudobulbs, dried flower sheaths and other dead plant material. Cut out any **small** leaves (like seedling leaves) and small pseudobulbs.
- Clean leaves. Dip a cotton ball in some milk, vinegar, lemon juice, or ultra-fine oil spray and **gently** rub leaves to clean off hard water and chemical spots. Then rinse with clear water.
- Stake to improve presentation. There are two types of staking: one is to stake pseudobulbs or inflorescences for transport and the other is for for display. Phals' flower spikes typically require staking for show display.
- Use shredded waxed paper (it looks similar to the stuff used in Easter baskets, but it's not plastic, it's waxed paper), to cushion flowers during transport. The waxed paper is placed around the flowers, then a sheet of tissue paper is wrapped around the plant in the shape of a funnel. This keeps the flowers from bouncing around and bruising during transport.
- Owner's name and phone number should be on each pot or mount. Use one of those address labels you get in mail solicitations on each pot.
- Label your plants with their registered names and parentage.
- Plants without names will not be accepted for display.
- Each plant should be in a stable pot, very small pots should be placed in a bigger clay pot. Bottom-weight top-heavy plants.
- Plants **must** be disease and insect free. They will be removed from the display area if any insects are found. Check your plants before bringing them to a show.
- A clearly-printed or typed plant list (names of plants and parentage) should accompany the plants.

Tips on LEAF SHINE from firstrays.com: If you live in an area where the water has a fair amount of dissolved minerals, or if you mist with a fertilizer solution, the leaves of your plants can become dull in appearance. Folks may warn you that these treatments can clog the pores (stomata) on the leaves, but I've never seen a problem.

Preparing Plants for the Show continued

- Pineapple juice, or any citrus juice (lemon, lime, orange), when rubbed onto the leaves with a soft cloth or paper towel will also remove such deposits so your leaves will be nice and shiny. I suppose the acidity reacts with the mostly alkaline deposits.
- Reka Hikari reports that stale beer may also be used for shining up leaves, although we're both at a loss for how to get stale beer, as it never gets that way around our houses!
- Mix about a 50% dispersion of whole milk in a quart of water. Using a soft cloth or paper towel, wipe the leaf surfaces with the dispersion.
- Similar to the milk above, dilute mayonnaise with water to form a thin paste. Again, apply using a soft cloth or paper towel, being sure that you wipe off as much of the paste as you can.
- Please be aware that while using the above listed methods, they may leave behind food that bacteria love so please keep an eye on your plants for any bacteria infections that may ensue.
- Larry Hennessey uses a ready to use product to put a shine on his leaves and it also acts as a prophylactic to keep any bugs from getting on your plants while they are at the show. It's made by Bayer Advanced and it's labeled as Rose and Flower Insect Killer. You can find it at Home Depot, Lowes and most nursery. Please be aware this is an insecticide so take proper precautions while using it.

Buy/Sell/Swap/Wish list Corner

If you are looking for something special or have something special in your collection you are 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. You have to tell Larry he meant the May meeting for a chance at the plant, you lose your chance if you ask if it's wrong in the newsletter.

- Ann Roth has a 2 cubic foot bag of Sequoia fir bark. Contact her at abroth65@charter.net.
- Larry Hennessey has the following for sale:
 - Copy of the classic orchid growing book by Rebecca Northern *Home Orchid Growing* 3rd edition for \$15.
 - 8" pot with 7 growths of awarded *Eulophia spectabilis* 'Layla Girl' CCM/AOS. \$10
 - 5" leaf span keikii from awarded *Phal Corona* 'Lemon Bomb' AM/AOS for \$40.



Phal Corona 'Lemon Bomb' AM/AOS

- Larry is looking for rare and unusual species (especially terrestrials and bulbos).