

# New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



## October 2017

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### Meeting Notice:

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

### From your Pres.:

We are supposed to get some cooler, drier weather this week and I hope everyone is able to enjoy it. I'm sure the plants are looking forward to it also.

Winter preparations should be on your minds and how best to care for your orchids during the cold spells. Remember that some need a cool spell to start setting their blossoms and some don't like to be cold. Be aware of your plants' needs and treat them accordingly. Some may need a burst of fertilizer and some may just want to rest for a while. Get to know your plants, have a little pep talk with them, and listen to what they are telling you.

Please remember all those who have been affected by hurricanes this year and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The devastation was considerable in many places, and we know how long it takes to fully recover from the physical and emotional pains of the damage. I hope if any of you had family or friends in the paths, they are safe.

This will be a very busy week for me and I had hoped to get to the meeting on Tuesday but I don't think I will be able to make it. On Tuesday I see my oncologist and my chemotherapist back to back. Early Wednesday morning I head to East Jefferson General Hospital (7:00 am) for a lung biopsy to determine if I need spot radiation before my chemo. On Friday I go back to have a chemo port inserted into my chest (6:00 am). I do hope the meeting goes well. Let me apologize that this newsletter is late because I am just getting to my message on Sunday night.

Have a great meeting and start thinking of elections in November. Because of what I will be going through this next year, I will not be able to continue as President. Our Secretary and Treasurer have volunteered to continue for another year. Therefore, we will need to nominate a President and Vice-President for next year. Please consider running for the offices and if no one nominates you, nominate yourself! Hope to see you before the year ends, it just depends on my reaction to the possible

radiation and twelve weeks of chemo.

Enjoy the Fall weather and good growing,

***Russel Deroche, Jr.***

## ***Welcome New Members***

Ms. Chesley Adler

Ms. Robin Burnette

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## *Minutes of September 19, 2017 Meeting*

7:30 PM – Vice-President Randy Johnson called the meeting to order.

Randy presided over the meeting because President Russel Deroche recently underwent colon surgery. Randy informed the members that we had a Get Well card to sign for Russel.

### **Reports:**

- Treasurer – Peggy White reported that the bank account was in good shape.
- Secretary – Ann Ebert asked persons wishing to join tonight to see her at the break to complete a membership form.
- Newsletter – Larry Hennessey asked for ideas for the newsletter.
- Membership – Molly Prokop asked members to see her if they wanted to order a name tag or T-shirt.
- 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.

### **Old Business:**

Randy announced that we will be raffling a \$25 Carter & Holmes gift certificate this evening. Chances are \$1.00 each.

### **New Business:**

We will nominate candidates for 2018 officers in October.

### **Announcements**

Randy reminded everyone to participate in the plant judging during the break and to vote for best species flower, best hybrid flower and best grown plant.

### **Break and Plant Voting**

Thank you Max for the cake and coffee.

Randy reminded members to purchase raffle tickets if they haven't done so yet.

### **Program:**

Gimme Shelter: The Greenhouse for South Louisiana – 2 Examples”, presented by John Nelson of the Louisiana Orchid Connection.

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## *Minutes of September 19, 2017 Meeting continued*

### Judging Results

Patricia Sander won the Carter & Holmes raffle.

Ann Ebert won the birthday raffle.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Randy asked everyone to keep an eye on their email, as he is trying to organize a tour of members' greenhouses.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17 at Lakeview Presbyterian Church Hall.

## *September 2017 Table Judging Result*

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Marian Prigmore	Rnet Sunrise 'Prasong'
Best Hybrid 1st	Nancy Dempsey	Monn Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' AM/AOS
2nd	Pat Herbert	Vasco Viboon Velvet 'Perfection'
2nd	Molly Prokop	Ascda Crownfox 'Golden Dawn'
Best Species 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Paph vejvarutianum
2nd	Patricia Sander	Phal violacea
2nd	Ann Roth	Dor pulcherrima var. champornensis 'Lakeview Yellow Splash'