

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



November 2017

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Meeting Notice:

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

Special Program this Month:

Plant/Supply Swap and Sale 7:30 PM

From your Pres.:

Well, it seems we are having a Fall this year. The weather has been kind to the plants so far on the South shore. Predictions for Winter are dry and warmer than usual so start planning for that.

Remember elections are scheduled for this month. Ann E. has agreed to remain as Secretary and Peggy W. has agreed to continue as Treasurer if no one is interested in those positions. A new President and Vice-President will be needed for the coming year/s. Nominations will be open from the floor before the elections. I am hoping the current Trustees are able to continue in their positions, however, if not I'm sure there will be volunteers to step up for the good of the Society.

Don't forget that our holiday pot-luck social is quickly approaching, and a list will be passed around for those of you who plan to attend so you can sign up for what you plan to bring. A variety of food is always good, so please check what others are bringing and try not to have duplicate dishes. The current plans are for December 3rd at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Start considering salads, chips and dips, main dishes (chicken, beef, pork), side dishes (casseroles), desserts, meatballs, little smokies, drinks or whatever you would like to prepare. Also, if you can help with setup at the church, that would be great! The Society will pay for a main dish of turkey or ham if anyone is interested in preparing it.

Enjoy all the holidays we are having this month and next, and you can even start getting ready for the New Year!

May your holiday celebrations lift you up and take you into a great New Year.

Russel Deroche, Jr.

Upcoming Events

*and
Orchid Shows*

Christmas Social

Pot Luck Dinner

6:00 PM December 3, 2017
Lakeview Presbyterian Church

Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show

January 26-28, 2018
Gautier Convention Center
Gautier, MS 39553

*Dues are due
January 1*

Dues are due January 1, 2018. Since November is our last official meeting of the year, please plan on bringing a check to the meeting so you don't have to bother with it at the December holiday social. 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 2018. 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.

*Larry's Tips
On how to Survive the Winter*

- Stop repotting (wait for spring)
- Clean up your plants and their surroundings
- Start reducing water frequency
- Start reducing the amount of fertilizer so the amount of lower nitrogen is lower (nitrogen is for growth, we want flowers)
- Water only when the plants need it
- Water early on warm sunny days
- Let the phals get a couple of weeks of chilling (should be done before it starts going below 55 degrees)
- Maintain humidity and temperature in the proper ranges (humidity at least 60% and temperature above 55 degrees)
- Maintain proper air circulation
- Watch for pests
 - Snails and slugs
 - Scale - hard and soft
- Watch for diseases
 - Crown rot
 - Root rot
 - Buds rotting in sheaths (cattleyas)
 - Flower spotting - botrytis

A list of items that will help you successfully grow orchids in winter

- Min/Max Thermometer
- Water source with controllable temperature
- Fans
- Humidity Meter
- Mister or Humidity control system (indoor growers may want to use a humidifier)
- Fertilizer with lower nitrogen levels
- Pest Control materials
 - Anti-fungal
 - Anti-bacterial
 - Insecticides

Minutes of October 17, 2017 Meeting

7:40 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 Russel will begin chemotherapy soon.

Reports:

- Vice-President – Randy reported that tonight's program will be on Catasetums. At the November meeting, we will have a plant/supply swap and sale. Bring any plants or supplies that you would like to swap or sell.
- Treasurer – Peggy White not present.
- Secretary – Ann Ebert reminded members that dues for 2018 should be paid by January 1. Ann will begin accepting 2018 dues payments at this evening's meeting.
- Newsletter – Larry Hennessey not present.
- Membership – Molly Prokop asked members to see her if they wanted to order a name tag or T-shirt.
- Marian Prigmore announced that the holiday social will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3 in the meeting hall at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Each person should bring a dish that will serve 6 – 8 people. We will circulate a list at the November meeting so that each member can specify the dish that he or she will be bringing.
- 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 be electing officers for 2018 at the November meeting. Peggy and Ann have volunteered to serve another year as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. We will need volunteers or nominees for the President and Vice President positions. Gary Crozat and J.D. Breaux agreed to consider volunteering for these positions.

Announcements

- Randy and the membership wished member Henrietta Deters a happy 100th birthday. Randy also thanked Henrietta for hosting our out-of-town guest speakers.
- 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.

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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:

“Catasetinae”, presented by Randy.

Judging Results

Max Mipro won the birthday raffle.

Plant raffle and door prize.

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

There were 26 members and 1 guest present. Randy thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 P.M.

October 2017 Table Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Diane Seidemmann	Onc. Emperor
2nd	Ann Roth	Cym Milton Carpenter 'Everglades' Lc Dinard 'Blue Heaven'
Best Hybrid 1st	Patricia Sander	Lc Dinard 'Blue Heaven' Onc Sweet Sugar
1st	Gary Crozat	Onc Sweet Sugar
3rd	Pat Herbert	V Mary Lee
Best Species 1st	Ann Ebert	Paph spicerianum
2nd	Ann Roth	B cordata v alba