

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



March 2018

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)
7:30pm

Program:

Game Night

7:30pm

Orchid Basics Group Program:

6:45pm

From your Pres:

Spring is here. The weather has been beautiful. Now is a good time to repot in advance of the new growth or just to get out and enjoy the warmth and sunshine.

NOOS had another great exhibit at the Terrebonne show a week ago. Marian Prigmore, Gary Crozat, and JD Breaux set up and received the trophy for best society floor exhibit less than 50 sq. ft! Molly Prokop, Pat Herbert, Ginger Lefevre, and Larry Hennessey tore down. This was Peggy White's third time entering a plant in a show and received the SWROGA Trophy for best flower and an AOS award! Larry Hennessey also received an AOS award.

Our meeting this week will be "Game Night". We will be playing Wheel of Orchid Fortune. There will be prizes so you'll want to be there.

See you Tuesday,
Randy

Welcome New Members

Teresa Klainer
John Pickles

Dues are now past due

Dues were due January 1, 2018. 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 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.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

Acadian Orchid Society Show "Orchid Fiesta"

March 10-11, 2018

Ira Nelson Horticultural Center, Lafayette, La

New Orleans Orchid Society Show

June 1-3, 2018

Lakeside Mall, Metairie, La

Upcoming AOS Webinars

Orchids Under Glass

Chris Miller, Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Chris Miller, a grower of all orchids small, will show us how to build and maintain orchidariums for those plants that need special growing conditions, humidity, light and temperature.

Culture tip #1 from AOS When should I repot?

Orchid plants need repotting for one or a combination of two main factors: Potting mix breaks down, often evidenced by dead roots, or the plant outgrowing the container. In the first case, a larger pot may not be required, simply replace the growing medium. In the second case, the plant may need dividing or may be shifted into a larger pot. Fresh media should always be used. A good general rule of thumb is to pot for the bottom of the plant, the root system, and not for the top, the foliage.

Monthly Checklist for March and April from AOS.org

Cattleya

Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom, or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can be weakened owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter- and spring-flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.

Paphiopedilum

March is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's-slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents your doing the thorough job you should. Look at each plant: Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need potting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy.

The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. It is especially difficult to clean mealybugs, in particular, once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold.

Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a "nodding" stance, where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

Phalaenopsis

In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging -- even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the arching spike.

Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water.

Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales. Be on the look out for their presence, often indicated by the appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs, and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.

Minutes of February 20, 2018 Meeting

Vice-President Randy Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Reports:

- Vice-President – J.D. Breaux did not give a report.
- Treasurer - Peggy White gave a report of the incoming and outgoing funds for 2017.
- Secretary - Ann Ebert reminded members that dues for 2018 are past due. She asked members who had not paid their dues to see her during the break.
- Newsletter – Larry Hennessey asked for ideas for the newsletter.
- Membership – Molly Prokop asked members to see her if they want to order a NOOS shirt or nametag.
- Out-of-town shows – Ian Hiler not present. Randy told the membership that Ian recently had back surgery and is doing well. Carol Stauder brought a get well card for everyone to sign for Ian.
- Marian Prigmore, chair of the annual NOOS Show reminded everyone that this year's show will take place from Friday, June 1 through Sunday, June 3. Judging will occur on Saturday, June 2. Marian asked members to think about how they can participate – helping with set-up, working the raffle table and clerking for the judges. Marian expressed that the NOOS Show far surpasses other shows in the region in the quality and number of exhibits and vendors.
- Marian also mentioned that long-time NOOS member and Treasurer, Alice Barrios, passed away recently. Alice's husband, Eddie, passed away over the weekend.
- Ann Roth suggested that NOOS honor Alice's memory with a donation to Orchid Digest and requested that this be discussed at the next board meeting.
- Ann R. thanked members who donated plants to tonight's raffle table.

Randy reminded members to sign in so that they will be eligible to win the door prize.

Announcements:

- Randy stated that NOOS did very well in the recent Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show. NOOS won the blue ribbon for best exhibit less than 50 sq. ft. Carol Stauder won several trophies and her 8th AOS award. Gary Crozat won trophies for his Dendrobiums. We received a note from Jo Ann Vaz of the GCOS, thanking NOOS for participating in the show.
- Randy said that we needed volunteers to help set up and take down our exhibits at the following upcoming shows:
 - Terrebonne Orchid Society, Houma – March 9-11
 - Acadian Orchid Society, Lafayette – April 6-8
- Molly stated that she brought some epidendrum divisions which are free for the taking.
- Carol Molero stated that she brought some bromeliad pups which are free for the taking.
- Nancy Dempsey, who teaches a course on growing orchids through the People Program, suggested that we have a novice category in our monthly plant judging.
- Randy had 2 new members introduce themselves – John Pickles and Teresa Klainer.

Minutes of February 20, 2018 Meeting continued

New Business:

The Terrebonne Orchid Society Show is March 9 – 11. Carol Stauder will be creating the tags. If you are entering plants in the show, please bring them to Carol Stauder's house.

Break and Plant Judging

Randy thanked Max Mipro for the cake.

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

Judging results.

Program: Documentary film, "Wild Orchid Man in the Ghost Orchid Swamp."

Plant judging results were presented by Ann Roth.

Plant raffle and door prize. Jerry Hayes won the January birthday raffle; Marian Prigmore won the February birthday raffle.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20. The program will be "Game Night."

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

February 2018 Table Judging Result

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Randy Johnson	Dendrobium Spring Doll
2nd	Molly Prokop	Epc Rene Marques
Best Hybrid 1st	Kent Daniel	Blc Candelario Garcia 'Sedona Sunset'
1st	Ann Roth	Blc Malworth 'Orchidglade'
3rd	Molly Prokop	Epc Rene Marques
Best Species 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Jumella comorensis
2nd	Carol & Arne Stauder	Paph venustum
3 rd	Larry Hennessey	Calanthe rubens



New Orleans Exhibit at the Terrebonne Society Show



Gastrochilus calceolaris 'Francie'
AM/AOS 80 pts

Results from Terrebonne Orchid Society Show

Wow, what a show. The society won best society exhibit less than 50 ft, 2 plants were awarded AOS Award of Merit, 8 plants brought home trophies including Peggy White's Bc. Glorious May which won the Best Flower in the show SWROGA trophy. Congrats to Peggy on her first AOS award on the Bc. Glorious May of AM/AOS 85 points. Larry Hennessey also got an AM/AOS award of 80 points for his Gastrochilus calceolaris 'Francie' AM/AOS.

Owner	Plant	Class	Place
Ann Roth	Ctt Straight Arrow 'No Question' AM/AOS	136 Cat Other colors large	1st Trophy Cat Best Flower
Carol & Arne Stauder	Paph haynaldianum	211 Paph multifloral species	1st
	Paph. Julius	223 Paph primary crosses	1st Trophy First Bloom Seedling Pulled for AOS Judging
	Vanda christensonianum	312 Vanda species small	1st
	Phal schilleriana 'Pink Butterfly' AM/AOS	325 Phal species	2 nd
	Pyp Pavane	420 Oncidium Butterfly type	2 nd
Ed & Ethel Subervielle	Rhy gigantea v. alba	304 Aer Ren Rhy species	1st Trophy Best Grown Vanda
	Ludisia discolor	714 Foliage	2 nd
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Gary Crozat	Ctt Rojo	133 Small red Cat	1st
	Phal Baldan's Kaliedescope 'Golden Treasure' AM/AOS	335 Yellow with markings Phal	1st
	Den Candy Cane 'Bev's Passion'	602 Small Phal type	1st Trophy Dendrobium Best Flower
	Den Autumn Twist 'Mr Ashley' HCC/AOS	606 Den antelope	1st
	Den Roy Tokunaga	613 Latouria Den	2 nd
Pat Herbert	V Pat's Delight	316 Vanda Blue large	2 nd
Larry Hennessey	Gastrochilus calceolaris 'Francie' AM/AOS	318 Vanda Allied Genera	1st Trophy Best Flower Vandaceous Awarded AM/AOS 80 pts
	Phal Orchid World 'Joe' AM/AOS	348 Phal Yellow markings	1st
	Bulb longiflorum	712 Bulbo	2 nd
Molly Prokop	C. skinneri	114 Guarianthe species	1st
Patricia Sander	V Bangkok Brown x V insignis	315 Vanda small red orange brown	2 nd
	Gur guatemalensis	114 Guarianthe species	3 rd
Randy Johnson	V Robert's Delight	314 Vanda Large Red	2 nd
	Den Super Ise	612 Nobile Dendrobium	2 nd
	Clo Everglades 'Everglades'	704 Catesetum	1st Trophy Misc Best Large Flower
	C Pink Crystal	125 Cat small lavender	1st
	Rth Psycho Bride 'NN'	131 Cat small yellow	2 nd Trophy Cat Best Grown
	Rby Lahaina Novelty	110 Brassavola	2 nd
	Rth Debba-Doo 'Laura' HCC	135 Cat small orange	2 nd
	Den lindleyi	610 Den Callista	2 nd
	V Prema Indigahawela	315 Vanda small red orange brown	1st
Peggy White	Bc Glorious May	110 Brassavola	1st SWROGA Trophy Best Flower in Show Awarded AM/AOS 85pts

Results from Mobile Orchid Society Show

Thanks to all who contributed plants to the NOOS exhibit at the Mobile Orchid Society Show: Gary Crozat (3), Larry Hennessey (4), Pat Herber (4), Randy Johnson (1), Molly Prokop (3), Ann Roth (3), and Carol Stauder (2). Also thanks to Carol Molero, Carol Stauder, Ann Roth, and Gary Crozat for setting up the exhibit. It was one of the best table tops I have ever seen. Thanks to Larry Hennessey for taking down the exhibit.

The society's exhibit was a 9 x 3ft table top with 20 plants entered. The exhibit got a blue ribbon and 16 of the plants got ribbons, 2 got trophies.

Owner	Plant	Class	Place
Crozat	Guar. Guatamalensis	15-Cat & Guar speicies	2nd
Crozat	Rlc. Pratum Green	24A-Cat Other Color L	2nd
Crozat	Phal Baldgn's Kaleidoscope	52-Phal Hyb Yel w Mark	1st Tricolor
Hennessey	Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara	31-Phaph Hyb Grn/Yel	2nd
Hennessey	Phrag. Sergaent Eric	41A-Phrag besseae	1st
Hennessey	Phrag. Sergaent Eric	41A-Phrag besseae	2nd
Hennessey	Cal rosea	98A-Misc Other	2nd
Herbert	V. Suksamran Beauty	62A-Vanda Hyb S Red	1st Tricolor Trophy
Herbert	V. Gordon Dillon x	64A-Vanda Hyb Other	1st
Johnson	Den. Spring Doll	85-Den nobile	2nd
NOOS	Exhibit	6-Orchid Society	1st
Prokop	C. percivaliana	15-Cat & Guar speicies	1st Tricolor Trophy
Prokop	Slc. Hsin Buu Lady	23-Cat Red Small	Blue
Prokop	C. Tropical Pointer	24-Cat Other Color S	Red
Roth	Den. Aussie Parade x	84-Den Species Other	3rd
Stauder	V. Fulford's Gold	61A-Vanda Hyb L Org	1st
Stauder	Jum. Comorensis	68-Vanda Allied Gen	1st Tricolor



NOOS Exhibit at Mobile Orchid Society Show



V. Suksamran Beauty

