

# New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



## May 2018

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### Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)  
7:30pm

### Program:

Warm Growing Cymbidiums  
Dr Mary Mancini AOS Judge 7:30pm

**Orchid Basics Group Program:**  
6:45pm

## SHOWTIME!!!

The countdown has started.

There are only 3 weeks left until the New Orleans Orchid Society Show. It's time to start pampering the plants you are planning on showing (See the last section of the newsletter for tips on getting your plants to show off their best).

Remember there are plenty of volunteer opportunities to join in and build new relationships with other members. The more familiar you become with others in the society, the more chances you have to learn and share what is going on with your plants. Learning from each other is always the best way to learn and believe it or not you may have already learned something on your own that no one else has thought of. So please consider helping out with the raffle table, set up, tear down and/or clerking. You can't imagine how much it can help someone out by just having someone there to cover for a few minutes or act as a gopher a couple of times.

And don't forget about clerking. It is the best educational opportunity the society provides. You will be matched up with a couple of accredited AOS judges who will point out all of the good plants from a certain group of orchids and explain why. And as a bonus, you get free breakfast at Cafe DuMonde plus a delicious lunch at Mr. Ed's after ribbon judging.

## *Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events*

### **New Orleans Orchid Society Show**

June 1-3, 2018  
Lakeside Mall, Metairie, La

### **The Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show**

July 13 thru 15, 2017  
Burden Museum and Gardens  
4560 Essen Lane  
Baton Rouge, La

## *Upcoming Educational Program*

Nancy Dempsey will be offering a 15 week course on Basic Orchid Culture. at People Program 2240 Lakeshore Drive. NO 70122. It starts August 20 to December 7. Class will be on Wednesday at 11:am to 12 noon. For registration details call 2847678 and check website PeopleProgram.org. Any questions contact Nancy at Dempnm@yahoo.com It is open to anyone 50 years or older.

## *Welcome New Members*

Ray and Alice Bordelon  
Andrew Taylor and Linda Gilmore

## *April 2018 Table Judging Result*

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Ann Roth	Bc Sunny Delight 'MAJ'
2nd	Pat Herbert	V Karin Zachow
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Best Hybrid 1st	Pat Herbert	V Karin Zachow
1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Phrag Dragon's Light
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ann Roth	Bc Sunny Delight 'MAJ'
Best Species 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Paph philippinense
2nd	Patricia Sander	C mossiae v coerulea
Best Phal 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Phal Sogo Yenlin 'Verna' JC/AOS
2nd	Pat Herbert	Phal Haur Jih Princess 'Ocelot'
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat Herbert	Phal Sh? Flower Diamond

## *Minutes of April 17, 2018 Meeting*

President Randy Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. He thanked everyone for coming.

### **Reports:**

- Vice-President – J.D. Breaux stated that guest speaker, Mary Mancini would be presenting a program about warm growing Cymbidiums at the May meeting
- Treasurer – Peggy White not present
- Secretary – Ann Ebert asked any new members joining tonight to see her at the break to fill out a membership form and pay dues. She reminded current 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. He also mentioned that he would be presenting a program on Orchid Culture at the Garden Study Center in the New Orleans Botanical Gardens at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28. This is a fundraiser for the Botanical Gardens and admission is \$13.55 a person.

### **Announcements:**

- Ann Roth announced that in addition to the door prize and the birthday raffle, we will be pulling 8 raffle tickets tonight. Raffle winners will have a choice between one large plant or two small plants.
- Ann Roth also announced that for the plant judging tonight, the featured category will be Phalaenopsis. Please make sure that you vote in 4 categories: best species, best hybrid, best grown and best Phalaenopsis.
- Ann Roth also requested donations for the 2018 show trophy fund.
- Marian Prigmore, NOOS Show Chairman, asked members to consider volunteering at this year's show. We need volunteers to help with setting up and taking down our exhibit, working the raffle table and clerking for the judges the Saturday morning of the show. Clerks are treated to free breakfast and lunch that Saturday and will enjoy a good learning experience. At the May meeting, we will pass out lists so that members may sign up for the raffle table and clerking.
- Randy reminded everyone to sign in to be eligible to win the door prize.

### **Break and Plant Judging**

Randy thanked Max Mipro for the cake.

**Program:** Courtney Hackney presented "Growing Tips and Other Facets of Orchid Culture."

Plant judging results were presented by Ann Roth.

Plant raffle and door prize. Robert Schmidt won the birthday raffle.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

## 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](mailto: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.

### **Award winners from last year's Show:**



*Cattasetum Maude's Green Goddess*  
*'Robert Souvestre'*  
*FCC/AOS 91 points*



*Eulophia euglossa 'Layla'*  
*AM/AOS 81 points*  
*Best Flower in NOOS Exhibit*