

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



October 2018

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
[Google Maps: 5914 Canal Blvd](#)
7:30pm

Program:

Overwintering orchids that go dormant
7:30pm

Orchid Basics Group Program:

TBD
6:45pm

Welcome New Members

Donna Rasch
Georgia Williams
Clarine Usher
(Ms.) Sydney Marcello
Art Boe

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

Calcasieu Orchid Society Fall 2018 Show

Pirate's Chest Of Orchids

October 26 thru 28, 2018
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
515 Kirkman Street Lake Charles, La

***Habenaria -Easy to care for
Terrestrial Orchids***
by Larry Hennessey



Habenaria rhodocheila

If you are interested in a group of orchids that require no care for half of the year and have interesting foliage and colorful flowers then you should look into growing Habenarias. This is another group of orchids that I call the lazy man's orchids. They don't need any greenhouse space because they go completely dormant during from November thru March. The rest of the year they can be kept outside in a shady location but make sure they stay constantly moist during their growing season (they love our rainy days). They are late summer into fall bloomers. Once the flowers have faded you can back off on the watering but don't let them go completely dry until the foliage has died back completely. After that just put them in a protected area that doesn't get too cold (I put mine in my attached garage). Start checking for new growth sprouting in March. At that point you should start watering but be careful that water doesn't stay in the newly sprouted leaves (that is really the only thing that can go wrong).



Habenaria medusa



***Habenaria Pegasus
(medusa x carnea)***

Minutes of September 18, 2018 Meeting

President Randy Johnson called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for coming.

Reports:

- Vice-President – J.D. Breaux stated that the program for the October meeting would be a presentation of 2 videos on overwintering orchids that go dormant.
- Secretary – Ann Ebert asked any new members joining tonight to see her at the break to fill out a membership form and pay dues.

Announcements:

- Randy reminded members to sign in to be eligible to win the door prize.

Old Business:

- Randy mentioned that the Calcasieu Orchid Society Show will be held October 26 – 28 in Lake Charles. We need volunteers to set up an exhibit that Friday.
- Randy thanked Cindy Revisore, Renee Spratt and Zachary Rescoe for tonight's refreshments. Thanks also to Diane Seidemann, who has volunteered to coordinate refreshments for the meetings.

Old Business:

- We sent a gift card to Cheryl Taulli in appreciation for opening her late husband Russell's greenhouse to us. Cheryl sent us a thank you note, which Marian Prigmore read aloud.
- Art Boe's greenhouse open house will be this Saturday, September 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The open house will include presentations on how to separate staghorn ferns, how to mount orchids on cypress and how to mount orchids on shells. Randy has maps showing how to get to Art's greenhouse. Randy will send out an email notice regarding the open house.
- The SWROGA show in Shreveport is this Saturday.
- Erick Malsbury has plants for sale at tonight's meeting. Erick will soon be starting a new business, Botanica Exotica, where he will be selling orchids and exotics. He hopes to open in 3 months and will probably be located on Magazine St.
- Molly Prokop asked members to see her if they want to order NOOS name tags or shirts.
- Randy reminded everyone to buy raffle tickets for the plants on tonight's raffle table. He also asked members to vote for tonight's best species flower, best hybrid flower, best grown plant and best featured category flower during the break.

Break and Plant Judging

Program: Repotting workshop.

Plant judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize. The September birthday raffle will be held along with the October birthday raffle next month.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16.
The meeting was adjourned.

