

# New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



May 2019

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## Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
7:30pm

## Program:

Paphiopedilums  
Frank Zachariah 7:30pm

## Orchid Basics Group Program:

TBD 6:45pm

## SHOWTIME!!!

The New Orleans Orchid Society Show is just over a week away. 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.

## ***Orchid Vendors coming to the Show***

Sheila's Orchids & Exotics  
Orchid Konnection  
Louisiana Orchid Connection  
Orchids & Tropicals  
Hicks Orchid Supplies  
Spring Orchids  
So Orchids  
Quest Orchids  
Mac's Orchids  
Pelican Coast Farms

## ***Refreshment Committee***

The following people volunteered to bring refreshments to the May meeting:

Renee Spratt  
Peggy White  
Rita Lee  
Ann Roth  
Cindy Revisore  
Sara Duarte

Thank you to Rob Schmidt, Sara Duarte, Nancy Dempsey, and Kada Harris (I hope I included everyone) for taking snacks, etc. to the April meeting.

## ***Welcome New Member***

Jason Anthony  
Priscilla Reese

## ***Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events***

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

May 31 thru June 2, 2019  
Lakeside Shopping Center  
Metairie, Louisiana

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

July 12 thru 14, 2019  
Burden Museum and Gardens  
4560 Essen Lane  
Baton Rouge, La

## ***Upcoming AOS Webinars***

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 7:30 – 8:30 PM

### **The Care and Feeding of Stanhopeas**

Join Inge Poot, AOS Judge Emeritus, from the Toronto Judging Center as she discusses how to grow Stanhopea.

Note – AOS Members only

## *Minutes of April 16, 2019 Meeting*

President J.D. Breaux called the meeting to order.

J.D. thanked Ann & Bob Roth, Marian Prigmore and Gary Crozat for setting up the NOOS exhibit at the Lafayette Show. He thanked Pat Herbert and Sara Duarte for taking our exhibit down.

### Reports:

- No reports given.
- Vice-President Randy Johnson stated that he was organizing a field trip to Louisiana Orchid Connection in Baton Rouge. He will send out an email about this in the future.
- Treasurer Peggy White stated that we had a new policy regarding ordering NOOS name tags. You must now pay \$6.50 when you place your order.
- Secretary Ann Ebert asked people who wished to join as new members tonight to see her at the break to complete a membership form and pay their dues. Dues are \$20.00 for an individual; \$25.00 for a household.
- Newsletter editor Larry Hennessey asked for suggestions for the newsletter. He also mentioned that he will be giving a presentation at City Park Botanical Gardens on the morning of Saturday, April 27.

### New Business:

#### **2019 NOOS Show**

- Show chair Randy Johnson stated that the 2019 NOOS Show will held at Lakeside Mall from May 31 through June 2. He introduced Sara Duarte, who has agreed to be the trophy chair for the 2019 show.
- Sara asked for donations so that NOOS may purchase live plants to be given as trophies. The usual donation is \$25.00, but we will accept smaller or larger donations. If you want your donation to be used to purchase the trophy for a particular plant category, you may so specify.
- Russell Deroche stated that if you donate \$25 or more, your name will go on a poster that is displayed on the Raffle Table.
- Randy stated that Lakeside Mall charges NOOS \$1,800.00 for table rental for the show. In order to help defray show expenses, we have a raffle table at the show. Each vendor donates one plant and these plants are raffled.
- Pat Herbert is in charge of the raffle table. She asked members to sign up to staff the table, 2 people per two-hour shift. Pat said that we made about \$600.00 from the raffle last year.
- Former show chair Marian Prigmore stated that NOOS will set up their show exhibit the morning of Thursday, May 30. If you wish to exhibiting plants in the show, you must email the name and parentage of the plants to Carol Stauder. If possible, please send her photos of the plants in bloom as well. Please bring your bug-free, well-groomed plants to the center court of Lakeside Mall by no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. NOOS had 90 plants exhibited in the 2018 Show.
- **2019 Baton Rouge Show** - Out of town show chair Gary Crozat stated that the Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show is July 12–14. This is all the information that Gary has now.

## ***MINUTES OF 04/16/2019 MEETING continued***

- New member Priscilla Reese introduced herself.
- J.D. thanked Rob Schmidt, Sara Duarte, Rita Lee and Nancy Click for providing tonight's refreshments.
- J.D. reminded everyone to vote for plants in tonight's table judging during the break.

### **Break and Plant Judging**

**Program:** Repotting Workshop, organized by Randy Johnson and Larry Hennessey.

Ann Roth informed the membership of the work that Randy Johnson did at the Lafayette Show. He helped to set up and take down the NOOS exhibit, in addition to judging and helping out wherever needed.

Ann Roth presented the table judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize. Mary Bahn won the birthday raffle

The meeting was adjourned.

## ***April 2019 Table Judging Result***

| Award            | Exhibitor            | Plant                                       |
|------------------|----------------------|---|
| Best Grown 1st   | Larry Hennessey      | Phal Tying Shin Forever Love 'Orange Crush' |
| 2nd              | Russel Deroche       | Oncidium spacelatum                         |
| 3rd              |                      |   |
| Best Species 1st | Sara Duarte          | Habenaria medusae                           |
| 1st              | Carol & Arne Stauder | Paphiopedilum lowii                         |
| 3rd              |                      |   |
| Best Cat 1st     | Kent Daniel          | C. Irene Holquin                            |
| 2nd              |                      |   |
| 3rd              |                      |   |
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## 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. Less toxic alternatives are now available. Natria makes a ready to use neem oil based product in a ready to use spray bottle.

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



*Bulbophyllum More than Aghast 'Layla'*  
*AM/AOS CCM/AOS*



*Paph Petula's Sensation 'Orchiddawg'*  
*AM/AOS*

*Best Flower in Show*