

# New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



## January 2020

### Officers:

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### Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
7:30pm

### Program:

12 Months of Orchids – Building a collection with blooms every month of the year.  
Peter Lin 7:30pm

### Orchid Basics Group Program:

TBD 6:45pm

## Pres Says

Goodbye 2019 and Hello 2020! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and have their plants in a safe place for the winter. If any of you have any suggestions for improvement to the things we already do for our meetings or new things we might want to test out, please do not hesitate to email me (rderochejr@hotmail.com) with those suggestions.

We had a great Holiday Potluck in December! Thanks to all who helped to set up the tables, chairs, decorations, and place settings, especially Marian Prigmore and her family. Thanks also to Ann Roth and anyone who might have helped to handle the plants for the giveaways, and to Debbie Dinwiddie who tallies the monthly plant show results. And a BIG thanks to all the wonderful cooks and those who helped to clean up, which was accomplished quickly with everyone pitching in.

Thank You to last year's Board for the work they did for the Society. The new and returning officers were installed by my magical powers and a "Poof". A paper ballot vote was used to elect the Trustees – welcome back Gary Crozat and Pat Herbert, and new Trustee Ann Mathias. A thank you also goes to Molly Prokop for serving last year. My sincere thanks to those willing to continue with their positions: Peggy White as our Treasurer and Ann Ebert as our Secretary. A special welcome to our new Vice-President: Sara Duarte. Our Past President will be Randy Johnson. I want to personally thank Randy for his consistent help wherever he is needed.

Now begins the season of shows. Gulf Coast Orchid Society will begin the year with their show in Gautier, MS, from Friday, January 24th through Sunday, January 26th. Please consider volunteering to help if you can. If you have any plants for the exhibit please email their names to Carol Stauder by Wednesday, January 22nd (seestauder@hotmail.com or call 888-6639). You can bring your groomed, cleaned, and staked exhibit plants to her house on Wednesday, January 22nd before 8 PM, or on Thursday, January 23rd before noon. Make sure your name tags (with

parent names) are visible so she will be able to identify each one, and have your name on each plant pot, basket, and carrying container. And a great thank you to anyone who can contribute plants to the show. Setting up an exhibit does take a little skill and a lot of help, however, you can learn so much just helping to set up. Try it, you might just like it!

It is dues time again! If you haven't yet, please pay your dues as soon as possible. Remember we are a Society made up of volunteers and the more volunteers we have, the easier it is for all of us. If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the Society, please invite them to come to a meeting as a guest.

A heart-felt thanks to the volunteers who continue to give their service to the Society: Larry Hennessey, our newsletter editor; Debbie Dinwiddie, our website moderator; Cindy Revisore, our judging coordinator at each meeting; Carol Stauder, our Orchid Basics sessions; Ann Roth who purchases and houses our raffle plants; Arnie Stauder, Debbie Dinwiddie, who have helped sell the raffle tickets; and all our Committee Chairs, with a special thanks to Diane Seidemann who keeps our refreshments coming. Also, a big "Thanks!" to all of you who help to setup and break down the meeting area each month. Sorry if I missed anyone, remember I'm just partly human!

Just remember the more you volunteer, the more you learn. Participation is the best method for learning more about orchids and the Society, and who knows you might just make some life-long friends in the process. Try it and see!

Here's to a blooming New Year for all of us!

*Russel Derache, Jr.*

### ***Dues are now past due***

Dues were due January 1, 2020. 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 2020. 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***

#### **Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show & Sale**

January 24 thru 26, 2019  
Gautier Convention Center  
2012 Library Lane, Gautier, MS

#### **Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale**

February 28 thru March 1, 2019  
Bellingrath Gardens  
12401 Bellingrath Road, Theodore, AL

### ***Refreshment Committee***

Special thanks to the following members who provided the refreshments, etc. for the November, 2019 meeting -Theresa Bickle, Judy Smith, Jane Box, Cindy Revisore, Pat Herbert, Patricia Sander, Mary Bahn, Theresa Bickle, and Russel Deroche, Jr..

### ***Education Opportunity***

Nancy Dempsey will be teaching a 15 week Basic Culture of Orchids including repotting. It will be at Holy Spirit Church in Algiers {near Holy Cross College} It will be held on Thursdays 12 to 1. starting January 23 . Check on People Program.org for registration details or call 504-284-7678.

## *Minutes of November 19, 2019 Meeting*

Vice-President Randy Johnson called the meeting to order.

- Secretary Ann Ebert introduced the three guests present at tonight's meeting. She reminded members that dues for 2020 are due by the end of the year.
- Our holiday social/potluck dinner will be on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm, at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Marian Prigmore asked everyone to sign up to bring a dish that will serve 8 people. You may bring guests to the social. There will be no plant judging at the social.
- The Acadian Orchid Society will be holding its Annual Short Course on Saturday, December 7 in Lafayette. Fred Clarke will be one of the speakers.
- On January 11, 2020, the Houston Judging Center will be having an exhibition/educational program in Baton Rouge. You may bring plants for judging.
- The Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show will be held January 24 – 26, 2020, at the Convention Center in Gauthier, Mississippi.
- Nominating Committee Chair Russel Deroche directed the election of Officers and Trustees for 2020. The following officers were elected by acclamation: Russel Deroche, President; Sara Duarte, Vice-President; Peggy White, Treasurer; and Ann Ebert, Secretary. There were four nominees for the three Trustee positions: Gary Crozat, Pat Herbert, Ann Mathias and Clarine Usher. Gary, Pat and Ann were elected by member ballot.
- Mary Mancini was scheduled to be our guest speaker tonight, but she had to cancel due to the flu. In place of Mary's presentation, we will have an informal panel discussion of Brassavola.

### **Break and Plant Voting**

**Program:** a panel discussion of Brassavola by Randy, Ann Roth, Larry Hennessey and Nancy Dempsey.

Rob Schmidt told everyone about fellow member Teresa Klainer's serious illness. We will be sending her a "Get Well" card.

Russel informed everyone about the donation of over 200 clay pots that was made to the society. He asked everyone to sign the "Thank You" card.

Ann Roth and Larry Hennessey presented the plant judging results.

Plant raffle and door prize. Carol Molero won the birthday raffle.

The meeting was adjourned.

### **November 2019 Table Judging Result**

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Molly Prokop	Blc King George 'Southern Cross'
Best Hybrid 1st	Cindy Revisore	Mtssa Lavender Kiss 'Lavender Taffy'
2nd	Pat Herbert	Vasco Charles Marden Fitch
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rob Schmidt	Oncsa Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
Best Species 1st	Sarah Duarte	Inps utricularioides
2nd	Sarah Duarte	S cernua
2nd	Cody Nguyen	Bulb putidum
Best Cat 1st	Molly Prokop	Blc King George 'Southern Cross'
2nd	Molly Prokop	Blc Haadyai Delight 'Bangprom Gold'
2nd	Jim Georgusis	Blc Prada Green Deluxe 'Carib'

### **October 2019 Table Judging Result**

Award	Exhibitor	Plant
Best Grown 1st	Pat Herbert	Paph Honey
Best Hybrid 1st	Carol & Arne Stauder	Rhy Apache Sunrise
2nd	Ann Roth	Rlc C. Manmoto 'Volcano Queen'
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Best Species 1st	Diane Seidemann	Brassavola nodosa?
2nd	Larry Hennessey	Oecoclades maculata
Best Vanda 1st	Jim Georgusis	Aranda Jairak Gold
2nd	Pat Herber	Ascda Kulwadee Fragrance No 18