

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



May 2022

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:30pm
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA
70124 (Parking in rear)

Orchid Basics: 6:45pm

Meeting: 7:30pm

Program:
NOOS Show Table Discussion

SHOWTIME!!!

The New Orleans Orchid Society Show is just over two weeks away. It's time to start pampering the plants you are planning on showing (See the next page 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 for clerking, you get free breakfast at Cafe DuMonde plus a delicious lunch at Mr. Ed's after ribbon judging.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

NOOS Show

“Orchids - A Timeless Odyssey”

June 3 - 5, 2022

Lakeside Shopping Center
Metairie, LA

Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show

“Backyard Orchids”

July 8 - 10, 2022

LSU Botanic Garden at
Burden Conference Center
4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA
70809

Orchid Vendors coming to the Show

Belle Danse Orchids & Tropicals

Orchids & Tropicals

Spring Orchids

So Orchids

Quest Orchids

Mac's Orchids

Pelican Coast Farms

Hicks Orchid Supplies

<https://hicksorchidsandsupplies.simdif.com/>

Email or Call to order at 407-733-1887

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. 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 access to OrchidPro, 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 dry 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 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.

- 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. (Thanks to CJ Maciejeski)

- 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; Neem products are good. 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. Neem oil products will serve the same purpose and are less toxic if you would prefer to avoid insecticidal chemical products.

Louisiana Judging Center
AOS Awards
courtesy Louisiana Judging Center

Eleven plants were entered for monthly AOS judging at the Louisiana Judging Center on Saturday, April 30, 2022. A total of five plants were awarded.



Grc. Black Comet 'Louisiana,' AM/AOS, 80 points, Exhibited by Al Taylor



Grc. Black Comet 'Louisiana II,' AM/AOS, 80 points, Exhibited by Al Taylor



Phrag. Quintel Bang 'Dark Beauty,' AM/AOS, 81 points, Exhibited by Larry Hennessey



Cynorkis calanthioides 'Dark Beauty,' AM/AOS, 85 points, Exhibited by Larry Hennessey



Cynorkis calanthioides 'Frank Sr.,' AM/AOS, 82 points, Larry Hennessey-Exhibitor

Minutes of April 19, 2022 Meeting

President Molly Prokop called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone back to the meeting hall at Lakeview Presbyterian Church.

Molly thanked Carol Stauder and Cody Nguyen for bringing refreshments to tonight's meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter.

Reports:

- Vice-President Larry Hennessey announced that the program for the May meeting will be a panel discussion of various aspects of the upcoming NOOS Show.
- Treasurer Gayle Dellinger was not present.
- Secretary Ann Ebert announced that we currently have 56 members on our roster.

Old Business:

- Molly thanked Ann Roth for sewing a bag to contain the plant rack that we use at our meetings.
- A list was passed around so that members could sign up to bring refreshments to future meetings.
- The Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show will be June 9 and 10. The theme is "Backyard Orchids." Carol Stauder, Carol Molero and Marian Prigmore volunteered to set up our exhibit. Pat Herbert and Clarine Usher volunteered to take down.
- NOOS Show Chair Marian Prigmore spoke about the upcoming show. The theme is "Orchids – A Timeless Odyssey." This will be NOOS's 70th show. We need volunteers to work in a number of areas: transporting tables and supplies to Lakeside Mall, staffing the raffle table, exhibit set up, clerking for the judges, etc. Pat Herbert and Marian offered their trucks for transporting tables and tubs to the mall on the Wednesday before the show. Lists were passed around so that members could sign up for clerking and working the raffle table.

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Minutes of April 19, 2022 Meeting continued

New Business:

- Molly announced that member Henrietta Deters recently passed away at the age of 104. Henrietta was a beloved member who graciously hosted many of our out of town speakers at her home. NOOS was in the process of making Henrietta a Life Member, but was unable to present her with the Certificate before she died. Molly presented the Certificate to Henrietta's daughter, Nancy Click, who is also a member of NOOS.

Break and plant judging.

Program: AOS Webinar on Growing Phalaenopsis.

Plant judging results were presented by Carol Stauder.

Ann Ebert stated that she forgot to prepare the materials for the April birthday raffle for tonight. Therefore, we will have both the April and the May birthday raffles at the May meeting.

Plant raffle.

Our next meeting will be May 17.

Meeting adjourned.

April 19, 2022 Meeting Table Judging plants

