

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



October 2022

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 7:30pm
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA
70124 (Parking in rear)

Orchid Basics: 6:45pm

Meeting: 7:30pm

Program:
All About Cattleyas



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Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

Belle Danse Orchids & Tropicals Farm Fall Festival

October 29-30, 2022

New Orleans Botanical Garden

Ecuagenera Orquideas Del Ecuador New Orleans Pop Up

October 29-30, 2022

Banting's Nursery
26300 Highway 190
Lacombe, LA 70445

Acadian Orchid Society Annual Short Course

December 3, 2022

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
2206 Johnston St,
Lafayette, La

Link to WGNO-TV video about Molly Prokop and her orchids

Backyard love story grows from Miami to Houston to New Orleans.

<https://wgno.com/news/local/military-wife-moves-to-new-orleans-with-husband-and-her-other-loves/>

***Louisiana Judging Center AOS
Awards***
courtesy Louisiana Judging Center

Seven plants were submitted for monthly AOS judging at the Louisiana Judging Center on Saturday, September 24, 2022. A total of four plants were awarded, two AM's, two HCC's and one of the flower awarded plants also received a CCM.



*Habeneria medusa 'Louisiana' AM/AOS 87 pts
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*Papilionanda Ben Buttercup 'Lola Belen'
HCC/AOS 76pts Owner Jacqueline Bravo*



*Clo. Lou Lodyga 'La Dolce Vita' AM/AOS
82 pts Exhibited by Bill Caldwell*



*Ctsm. Aurora 'La Dolce Vita' HCC/AOS 78
pts Owned by Bill Caldwell*

It's fall ya'll Time to get ready for winter

As the season changes so do the cultural requirements of our orchids. As temperatures start to fall and the days get shorter the plants will need less water and fertilizer. The medium stays wetter longer and we all know the quickest way to kill orchids is allowing the medium to stay wet causing the roots to drown and rot. Knowing what type of orchid you have is necessary to know what you should be doing from fall to spring.

If you are an indoor growing and have trouble getting your Phalaenopsis to rebloom, you need to put your Phals outside in a shady spot where they can get the temperature drops into the 50s for a couple of weeks in October. Those living on the northshore or away from the city may have already had enough of a temperature drop to cause their Phals to initiate spikes. Just be careful with those temperature drops as letting your plants get below 55 degrees could chill them too much. Remember orchids like the same temperature range as us 60 degrees to 85 degrees.

Many types of orchids require a total dormant winter rest. Some Dendrobiums like nobile Dendrobiums among others require no water at all in order to get them to bloom in the spring. Watering should be reduced gradually in October and cease some time in November as these plants require at least 4 months or more of no water. They still require light so they will need to be separated from the other plants in your collection where they still get light so you don't accidentally water them.

Other orchids dormancy process is exhibited by yellowing leaves. As the leaves start to yellow and drop off of the plants, you must drastically reduce watering them until all of the leaves drop. At this point you should stop watering completely. Orchids requiring this treatment include Catasetums and many terrestrials such as Habenarias and Eulophias.

One important tool all orchid growers should have to make it thru the winter is a heat source for

your orchids and a min/max thermometer. Min/max thermometers allow you to know if your heat source is keeping your plants in an optimal range to get them thru the winter as healthy as possible. At the minimum you can get a standalone one that you have to manually check everyday or you can spend variously wireless ones that you can read remotely and will trigger an alarm when it gets too cold or too hot. There are even models that you can connect to your home wifi and get readouts on your phone. If you have a lot of time and money invested in your collection it makes sense to spend a few extra bucks to know your heat source is working properly.

Winter checklist:

- Proper temperature control
- Proper humidity levels
- Plenty of air circulation
- Water early on warm sunny days
- Fertilize with blossom booster
- Repot only if absolutely necessary
- Staking and plant orientation for best flower presentation
- Disease Control
 - Crown rot
 - Buds rotting in sheaths
 - Flower spotting - botrytis
 - Root rot
- Pest control
 - Slugs & Snails
 - Scales (hard and soft)

Minutes of September 20, 2022 Meeting

Secretary Ann Ebert called the meeting to order. President Molly Prokop is out of state.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter.

Reports:

- Vice-President Larry Hennessey – no report.
- Treasurer Gayle Dellinger is not present but sent Ann Ebert an email with the checking account balance as of 9/19.
- Secretary Ann Ebert announced that we currently have 75 members on our roster.

Old Business:

- Thanks to Larry for organizing and coordinating our bulk order from the Hawaiian vendor.
- Arne Stauder had knee replacement surgery yesterday. We have a card for everyone to sign.
- We need volunteers to bring refreshments to the October and November meetings. The sign up list is in the kitchen. Please sign up during the break.
- Belle Danse is holding an Open House on Saturday October 29th beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- Mark at City Park is looking for donated specimen orchid plants. Let Molly know if you have something to donate.

New Business:

- Elections. At the October meeting, the slate of officers will be presented and nominations from the floor taken. Voting will take place at the November meeting. Consider running for an office.

Break and plant judging.

Program: Larry gave a presentation on the newly created New Orleans Orchid Society Facebook Group.

Plant judging results were presented by Nancy Dempsey.

Birthday raffle.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Our next meeting will be October 18.

Meeting adjourned.