

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



November 2022

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Meeting Notice:

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 7:30pm
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA
70124 (Parking in rear)

Orchid Basics: 6:45pm
Winter Care

Meeting: 7:30pm

Program:
Outdoor Orchids



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Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

Acadian Orchid Society Annual Short Course

December 3, 2022
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
2206 Johnston St,
Lafayette, La

Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show and Sale

Feb. 3-5, 2023
Gautier Convention Center
2012 Library Lane
Gautier, MS 30553

Monthly Winners

Date by Day Tuesday, October 18, 2022

| Award | Member | Plant |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| BH-1 | Ann Roth | Rlc Caesar's Head 'Carolina Autumn' |
| BS-1 | Patricia Sander | E guatemalensis |
| BS-2 | Rob Schmidt | Hab Pegasus |
| RV-1 | Pat Herbert | V sanderiana |
| RV-2 | Nancy Dempsey | Wrna Tango Fire |
| RV-2 | Pat Herbert | Ascda Kulwadee Fragrance |

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

Seven plants were submitted for monthly AOS judging at the Louisiana Judging Center on Saturday, October 22, 2022. A total of three plants were awarded, two AM's and one HCC's.



*Ctsm. Mem. Darrel John 'Bravo' AM/AOS 81 pts
Exhibited by Jackie Bravo*



*Ctt. Hope Adair 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS 79 pts
Exhibited by Al Taylor*



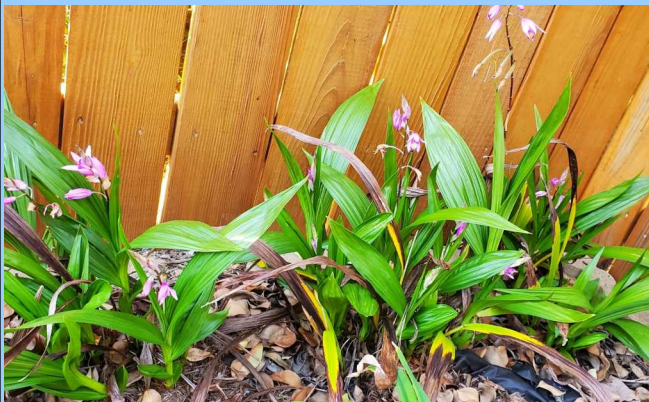
*Clo. Diane Drisch 'Nanay Rose' AM/AOS 80 pts
Exhibited by Jacqueline Bravo*



Bletilla striata Fall Care

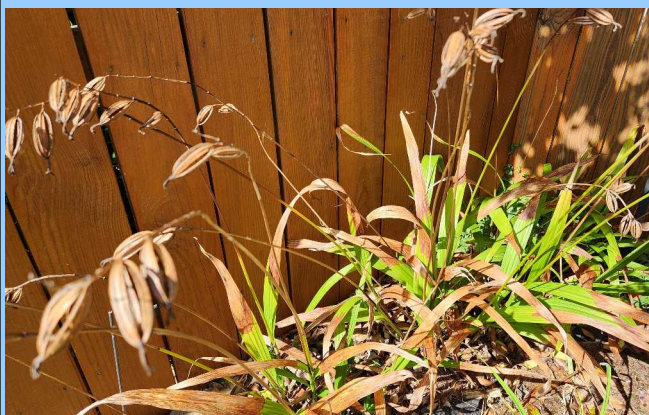
Chinese ground orchids (*Bletilla striata* and related species/hybrids) are completely winter hardy in the New Orleans area. When planted in the landscape they should be treated as a hardy perennial. What that means is you have few simple tasks in the fall to get them to look their best when blooming in the spring.

Previous year's growths will die over the winter. It is best to cut those growths back to ground level when the new growths start emerging in the fall otherwise you will have old dead leaves from last year's growths between the new growths. I didn't take care of that last year so my plants looked like this when they started to bloom in January 2022:



Note the yellowing leaves, those are the previous year's growths dying back to the ground.

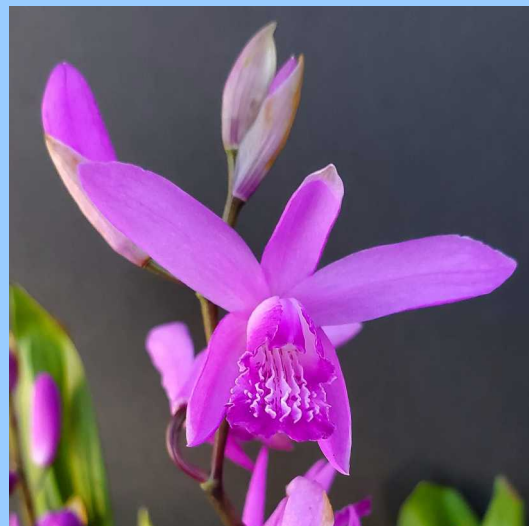
The below picture was taken November 6th; note the old growths yellowing and dying back.



This is what the garden bed looks like now with new growths popping up and no old growths competing for sun and nutrients (picture taken November 14th):



Just like other perennials, late October thru early November is also the prime time to divide and/or plant new plants into the ground. If anyone is interested, let me know I have several varieties ready to go into the ground (white, pink and yellow).



Minutes of October 18, 2022 Meeting

President Molly Prokop called the meeting to order.

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

Reports:

- Vice-President Larry Hennessey – not present.
- Treasurer Gayle Dellinger gave a brief report
- Secretary Ann Ebert announced that we currently have 75 members on our roster. She reminded members that dues for 2023 are due by the end of this year.

Old Business:

- Election of officers and trustees for 2023 will take place at the November meeting. All current officers and trustees have volunteered to serve again in 2023: President Molly Prokop, Vice-President Larry Hennessey, Secretary Ann Ebert, Treasurer Gayle Dellinger and Trustees Carol Stauder, Pat Herbert and Clarine Usher. Molly asked if anyone else was interested in serving and she requested nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.
- Belle Danse Orchids and Tropicals will be having a Farm Fall Festival on October 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The Fort Worth Orchid Society Show and Sale will be November 11 and 12.

New Business:

- The December meeting will not take place on the third Tuesday of the month. Instead, we will have our holiday party on Sunday, December 4 at around 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.

Break and plant judging.

Program: “All About Cattleyas” presented by Molly Prokop, Ann Roth and Nancy Dempsey.

Plant judging results were presented by Nancy Dempsey.

Birthday raffle.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Our next meeting will be November 15.

Meeting adjourned.