

New Orleans Orchid Society's Newsletter



November 2023

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Meeting Notice:

Christmas Social

Sunday, December 3, 2023 6:00pm
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA



This Month Meeting Canceled

In lieu of this month's meeting the society had a field trip to Belle Danse Orchids in Belle Chase on Saturday the 11th. Twenty eight members met up at Belle Danse and were greeted by owner Cindy Becnel. Cindy gave tour of the four large greenhouses. After the tour Cindy gave a presentation on how she got into orchids and some culture tips. She is a firm believer in using Superthrive when watering her orchids. Products she used for pest and disease control were Orthene, Thiomyl and Banrot (note these products are only for use in greenhouses or outdoor settings).



Christmas Social December 3rd 6:00pm

Don't forget the Christmas Social is Sunday December 3rd at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. This is a covered dish event. If you haven't signed up for anything, please contact Marian (504-810-9832) and let her know what you are bringing.

Remember if you brought a plant in for any month's table judging your name will be put in the pot for a chance to win a free plant at the social. ***You must be present to win.***

Also, this year Denise has organized a Dirty Santa gift swap to liven things up. See details on the next page.

Dirty Plant Santa?

Yes, Please!

Following the holiday dinner on Dec. 3, the society will host a game of plant-themed Dirty Santa. For those not familiar with Dirty Santa, it's an interactive gift exchange!

- Each person brings a wrapped gift (\$15 value) to the party.
- Gifts are placed by the tree.
- Each person draws a number and then you select a gift based on your number.
- The first person selects a gift and unwraps it.
- The second person can either select a new gift or steal the first person's gift.
- If a gift is stolen, the first person can choose to select a new gift or steal from someone else.
- The game continues until everyone has had a turn.
- The game is over when all gifts have been opened.
- Gifts should be anything plant-themed (orchid, supplies, books)
- Be creative! It's all about fun!!



Minutes of October 17, 2023 Meeting

President Molly Prokop called the meeting to order.

Reports

- Vice President Larry Hennessey gave a brief report on the Alexandria show and announced several upcoming orchid events.
- Treasurer Gayle Dellinger gave a brief report.
- Secretary Ann Ebert reminded members that dues for 2024 are due by December 31, 2023.
- Special Activities Co-chair Susan Goss spoke about our November 11 field trip to Belle Danse Orchids. Co-chair Denise Emmer announced that we will be having an orchid-related Secret Santa game during our holiday social.
- Marian Prigmore announced that the social will be on Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 pm. She asked everyone to bring a dish that will serve 8 people.
- Refreshments: Chair Ann Roth stated that at the holiday social she will circulate a sign-up list for volunteers to bring refreshments for 2024 meetings.
- Molly presented the slate of officer nominees for 2024: Denise Emmer for President, Susan Goss for Vice-President, Gayle Dellinger for Treasure, Ann Ebert for Secretary and Pat Herbert, Carol Stauder and Ann Roth for Trustees. Molly asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. Since we will not be having our regular meeting in November, election of officers took place this evening. All nominees were elected by acclamation.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Program: "Everyone I know got ribbons at our Show. Why not me?" presented by Frank Zachariah.

Break and plant judging.

Plant judging results were presented by Nancy Dempsey.

Birthday raffle.

Plant raffle and door prize.

Our field trip on November 11 will take the place of our regular meeting for November. Our next meeting after that will be the social on December 3.

Meeting adjourned.