

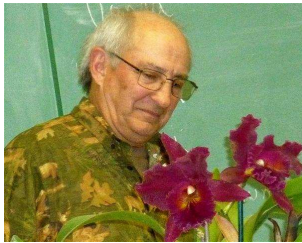
Orchid News



The Acadian Orchid Society

January 2012

President's message...



Happy New Year 2012 to everyone. I hope your year has had a good start and your orchids are happy. Janet and I had a number of plants in

bloom for the holidays and they were admired by our visitors.

It is nice to have plants that bloom in the various seasons, so most of the time we have several in bloom.

We are planning a great year for the Acadian Orchid Society. Yvonne and Cheryl have already lined up a number of good programs. I will be asking for a volunteer to serve as our show chairman this year. Think about how you can contribute to our club so everyone can enjoy it.

See you soon.

Bobby

Birthdays

Pat Huval—New Year's Day

Sarah Schoeffler—January 11th

Richard Griffith—January 20th

Nola Navarre—January 21st

Nancy Anne Rowe—January 25th

Jessica Arnold—January 31st

Wishing a day filled with joy and flowers to all!



**Reminder to all:
Dues for 2012
are now due!
This has got to be
the best bargain in town!**

January Meeting and Program

Our January meeting will feature a Q&A format highlighting some of our resident 'savants'. Gather your queries on culture, insect pests and diseases and get some solutions from the successful growers.

We'll also have a 'featurette' on heating your greenhouse or growing area in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

Date: Monday, January 16, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

At the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
Charlotte Guillot, Jessica Hornbuckle and Camelia and Bob Soprano have very thoughtfully offered to provide snacks.

**Kudos and Thanks!
The Society extends sincere
and heartfelt gratitude to
Missy and Joe Abendroth for
hosting a beautiful pre-
Short Course social.**

Highlights from November...

We elected a new Executive Board and several new Board members in November, though this was overshadowed by the excitement of the annual “swap.”

New electees include: Bobby Gianelloni, president; Yvonne Blanchard and Cheryl Gonsoulin, associate 1st Vice-Presidents; Dr. Dennis Wollard, 2nd Vice-President; Nancy Anne Rowe, secretary and newsletter editor; Barbara Alexander, treasurer
In addition Joe Abendroth and Camelia Soprano were elected for 2-year terms as board members. Nola Navarre and Yvonne Blanchard are in the middle of their 2-year terms.

Members voted on their favorites from the beautiful blooms presented by their peers at the November meeting. Winners in each category were described by AOS-winning cultivator Harold Letz. They were:



Cattleya:

1st—Cattleya NOID—Cheryl Gonsoulin; 2nd—(tie) Epi. ciliare—Janet Gianelloni and BC Maikai x C. maxima

—Dennis Wollard; 3rd—BC Maikai—Camelia Soprano

Miscellaneous: 1st—a giant Onc. Pacific Paladium ‘Pacific Lava’ - Camelia Soprano; 2nd—Pelatantheria insectifera—Dr. Dennis Wollard; 3rd—Paph. Incredible—



**Remember to pay
your dues!
It is time for the Society to
ante up to SWROGA!**

News from Short Course

We enjoyed two very excellent speakers at this year’s Short Course—both at the social and at Short Course itself. H.P. Norton showed many tempting examples of his work with Phalaenopsis and Paphiopedilum breeding, and Cordelia Head’s programs on hot-growing and heat-tolerant miniatures would have to be a prime example of “preaching to the choir.”

Our society members brought home a number of trophies for their entries in the tabletop display.



Janet Gianelloni received a prize for her lovely and fragrant *Epidendrum ciliare*.

Dr. Dennis Wollard was awarded a trophy for

his small but mighty *Pelatantheria insectifera*; this plant was also pulled and considered for an AOS award.

Yvonne Blanchard won a trophy for her *Oncidium Sharry Baby* x *Illustre*.

Nancy Anne Rowe took home trophies for *Dendrobium johnsoniae* and *Pleurothallis quadrifida*. The *Pths. quadrifida* was also pulled and considered for award, but DISmissed.

Congratulations to all on these acknowledgements of their stellar plants.



I have to add this image from the social; now we know what all of our growing areas are lacking!

UPCOMING SHOWS

May 4-6 - Terrebonne Orchid Society Show, Southland Mall, Houma, LA.

Ashley Matherne

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June 1-3 - New Orleans Orchid Society Show, Lakeside Shopping Center Mall, Metairie, LA

Molly Prokop mhprokop@cox.net

June 22-24 - Acadian Orchid Society Show, Ira Nelson Hort Center

Pat Huval orchidsplus@centurytel.net

This is our hometown society show, so start thinking about a theme, what you can do to contribute, and your plants!

July 13-15 - Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA.

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Dr. Martin Motes' thoughts on Mites...

Being totally rid of mites is a good thing! Sometimes this is easier said than done because mites reproduce with such voluminous speed. Their life cycle from egg to reproductive adult being is as short as twelve days. In order to control mites one must achieve as total a kill of the population as possible. Total control can only be achieved with two successive sprays. After spraying for mites initially, one must spray again in 7 - 10 days. No single spray is totally effective in killing both adults and eggs and a second spraying is necessary to kill any survivors before they can reproduce. Oil as recommended in the December chapter at 1.5 oz per gal followed in 7-10 days by soap at the rate of 2 oz per gallon is very effective. These treatments are also quite effective against scale and mealy bugs which thrive on



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drought as well. Be sure your plants are well watered the day before applying both oil and soap and be sure that you cover thoroughly all leaf surfaces especially the lower ones which are mites favorite hide outs. For those who wish to be more aggressive, the University of Florida IFAS recommended chemicals for mite control are:

Avid 0.15 EC

Kelthane T/O

Mavarik Aquaflo

Talstar Flowable

Always follow label instructions for use. Any of these chemicals can be alternated with the soap or the oil in the 7-10 day cycle.

Controlling mites pays huge dividends! You'll be surprised at the extra vigor your plants display.

And climate...

Relative humidity also has a profound effect on temperatures. Dry, clear air allows heat to radiate out into space. Those bright starry nights are beautiful, but as Good King

Wenceslas knew, they are not necessarily our comforters. The best measure of the dryness of the air relative to cold is the dew point. When water vapor is wrung from the air an incredible amount of energy is released and the

heat of transformation raises the air temperature a degree or two. Because of this phenomenon, the dew point is usually the closest measure of the coldest temperature that will be reached in the night. Particularly on still clear nights it should be



monitored closely.

Wind direction, wind speed, dew point - where does one find these on a chilly night? Using Dr. Motes' information, there is a site hosted by the



LSU AgCenter in Louisiana which is updated every few minutes. Check out this link:

<http://weather.lsuagcenter.com/reports.aspx>

You can choose any of the 23 weather stations closest to you.