

January 2018

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### From the President

Happy New Year! I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your trust in me being your CLOS President this year! I also want to thank Linda for her leadership over these past two years as our former president.

We are a prospering and growing society that we all should be very proud of. Our accomplishments last year are many, from participating in ALL the Louisiana shows, members earning awards and trophies in all of those shows, members receiving AOS awards, fresh programs, and most importantly, hosting a wonderful fall show! We will continue to host at least two out of town guest speakers, plus our annual video conference program. Our first such guest speaker in April will be Courtney Hackney, a notable Cattleya expert and author of many books. It is very important that we stay active as a society and ALL members get involved in some way.

At our January meeting, I will pass out a handout with a very important but simple question. If you could pick a topic for any program, what would it be? Please do not hesitate to contact me with any feedback and suggestions that will help our club. If you have any special requests for speakers throughout the year, please let Wilton or me know. I look forward to working with our awesome team of members this year! See you on January 21! Eron

Program: Slc. Hazel Boyd & Hybrids used to make it-Wilton



**Meeting Time & Place**  
**Sunday, January 21**

**Plant Entry 2:00 pm**  
**Meeting time 2:30 pm**

**St. James Episcopal**  
**Youth Building**  
**1546 Albert Street,**  
**Alexandria**

**Refreshments-Eron Borne**

#### **Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers**

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**Den Peter Shen x spectible-Rick Allardyce**



**Blc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS x Slc. Dixie Jewels 'Suzuki' FCC/AOS-**





**Blc. Toshie Aoki x Epl. Westconnett Gold- Rick Allardyce**

## **Show and Tell Results for December**

### **Cattleya**

- 1. Blc. Goldenzelle x Slc. Dixie Jewels**
- 2. Blc. Blanche Aisaka-Rick**
- 3. Blc. Toshie Aoki x Epl. Westconnett Gold (Best Grown)-Rick**

### **Others**

- 1. Den. Peter Shin x spectabile-Rick**

**No minutes are available for December 2017**

## Upcoming show and events in the area

Date/Time	Event
03/09/2018 - 03/10/2018	<a href="#"><u>Greater North Texas Orchid Society</u></a> <i>Richardson Civic Center, Richardson TX</i>
03/23/2018 - 03/24/2018	<a href="#"><u>Shreveport Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale</u></a> <i>Riverview Theater, Shreveport LA</i>
04/06/2018 - 04/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>2018 Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale</u></a> <i>Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette LA</i>
04/14/2018 - 04/15/2018	<a href="#"><u>Houston Orchid Society Show and Sale</u></a> <i>Memorial City Mall, Houston Texas, Harris County</i>
04/20/2018 - 04/22/2018	<a href="#"><u>Tulsa Orchid Society SWROGA Show and Sale</u></a> <i>The Tulsa Garden Center, Tulsa OK</i>
05/11/2018 - 05/13/2018	<a href="#"><u>GALVESTON BAY ORCHID SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY SHOW 2018</u></a> <i>SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR RESORT, LEAGUE CITY TX</i>
05/12/2018 - 05/13/2018	<a href="#"><u>Oklahoma Orchid Society Mother's Day Show and Sale</u></a> <i>Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, Oklahoma City OK</i>
06/01/2018 - 06/03/2018	<a href="#"><u>66th annual New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale</u></a> <i>Lakeside Mall, Metairie LA</i>
08/03/2018 - 08/04/2018	<a href="#"><u>Houston Orchid Society 39th Summer Workshop</u></a> <i>University of St. Thomas, Houston Texas, Harris County</i>
10/26/2018 - 10/28/2018	<a href="#"><u>Pirate's Chest Of Orchids Calcasieu Orchid Society Fall 2018 Show</u></a> <i>Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Lake Charles Louisiana</i>
Taken from <a href="http://swroga.org/events"><u>http://swroga.org/events</u></a>	

New Orleans Orchid Society 66th Annual Show & Sale

June 1 - 3, 2018

Contact

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Location Lakeside Shopping Center, 3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Suite 209, Metairie, LA

**Terrebonne Orchid Society Show and Sale**  
***Orchids Visit The Caribbean***  
**March 9, 10, 11, 2018**  
**Southland Mall; 5953 West Park Avenue; Houma, LA 70364**

We invite you to participate in our upcoming A.O.S. judged orchid show which will be held at Southland Mall; 5953 West Park Ave; Houma, Louisiana. Our show dates are March 9, 10, 11, and the theme is *Orchids Visit The Caribbean*. Please reserve your space as soon as possible and before Thursday, February 22, 2018. If you need a reservation after this date, phone me and we'll try to accommodate you.

The show schedule will be emailed to participants. Printed copies will be available at the show, but if you request a printed copy before then, I will be happy to mail one to you.

**Please note the set up and tear down times in the Schedule of Events.** The mall requires us to strictly adhere to these times. The mall also requires that no exhibit exceeds six feet in height and does not allow water or other liquids to be used in exhibits or sprayed. In addition, they do not allow any homemade/handwritten signs (this does **not** include your plant labeling and/or entry tags, those may be handwritten). Tables will be skirted in black by the mall. The mall asks that the backs of exhibits be finished; we try to place exhibits back to back to accomplish this. They take pride in their mall and we take pride in our show. Please help us by dressing raw edges.

If you'd like **electricity**, you must request it with your reservation.

We extend our hospitality and sincerely appreciate your support. If I can answer any questions or provide you with any additional information regarding our show, please contact me.

Billy Guidroz  
Terrebonne Orchid Society Show Chair  
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***Planned Schedule of Events:***

**Thursday, March 8**

9:00 p.m. – ‘til Show Set Up, vendors and exhibitors

**Friday, March 9**

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Vendor Set Up  
*Sales areas must be set up by 10:00 a.m.*

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exhibit Set Up *No carts can be used after  
10:00 a.m. Exhibits must be complete by 4:00 p.m.  
This will be enforced.*

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Plant Sales Open to the Public

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Plant and Exhibit Registration (Of course, we will be happy to  
accept your entries earlier if you like.)

**Saturday, March 10**

9:00 a.m. - ‘til A.O.S. Judging, followed by Judges

Luncheon

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Plant Sales Open to the Public

After Judging - 9:00 p.m. Show Open to the Public

**Sunday, March 11**

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Show and Plant Sales Open to the Public

6:00 p.m. - ‘til Dismantle & Clean Up (We know 6:00 p.m. is late, but the mall  
makes the rules & we must abide.)

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**Exhibitor Reservation Form**

Your Name(s):	Name to appear on exhibit:
Address:	City, State, Zip:
Phone/Cell:	Email:
<b>Please reserve:</b> _____ 8 ft. Table top (will be provided by Southland Mall/T.O.S.) _____ 25 sq. ft. Floor Exhibit (5 ft. x 5 ft.) _____ 50 sq. ft. Floor Exhibit (10 ft. wide x 5 ft. deep) _____ Over 50 sq. ft. Floor Exhibit (Over 10 ft. wide x 5 ft. deep, specify width)  <b>I will need access to electricity for exhibit:</b> _____ <b>No</b> _____ <b>Yes</b>	

Please mail completed form or email requested info to:  
Billy Guidroz; 1821 Hwy 182 E; Morgan City, LA.  
guid4111@bellsouth.net 985-253-6715

**Deadline is Thursday, February 22, 2018**

# Monthly Checklist for January and February



*Cattleya trianae* 'Mary Fennel' HCC/AOS is a good example of this winter-blooming species.

## Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.



# Cymbidium

We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

# Lycaste

The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

# Odontoglossums

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using Oncidium and Brassia, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

# Paphiopedilum

The standard Paphiopedilum insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.



In the fall Phalaenopsis should start initiating flower spikes. Inflorescences should be well developed by mid-January.

# Phalaenopsis

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid

shows and sales.

## Zygopetalum

For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

*The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay*

**Taken from** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>

# Sophronitis to Cattleya Transfers



Once a *Laelia*, always a *Laelia*? Only if it comes from Mexico. *Laelia rubescens* remains in the genus.

*“ While these changes will take some getting used to, this will stabilize hybrid names in the long run. The most visible of the ensuing name changes will be the sinking of the vast majority of Laeliocattleya, Sophrocattleya, and Sophrolaeliocattleya into Cattleya. ”*

In 2000 the first DNA study of the Laeliinae was reported in *Lindleyana*. One of the results of that study was the realization that the Brazilian laelias did not belong with the Mexican group of species that included the type for that genus (*Laelia anceps*). The initial solution was to place them in *Sophronitis* although other authors proposed to split these species into several segregate genera. With the publication of *Genera Orchidacearum* Vol 4 in 2006 and the acceptance of the circumscriptions therein, a plethora of name changes took place in artificial hybrid names in this alliance. While many familiar names changed, the situation would have been significantly worse had this group of species been carved into a number of smaller genera.

Recent DNA studies with nine plastid regions plus the original ITS dataset have lead to a better understanding of this group. While this expanded *Sophronitis* is always supported, it is also imbedded among species traditionally recognized as *Cattleya* presenting the need to further alter the definitions of the genera that make up the alliance. There are effectively two solutions; creation of new genera for the various subgroups of *Cattleya* or lump all *Sophronitis* species with *Cattleya* and deal with these groupings as subgenera or sections of a greatly expanded *Cattleya*. This latter solution provides better nomenclatural stability for artificial hybrids of species in this alliance since changes would not result in transfers to new genera.



The cute little *Laelia liliputana* (aka *Hoffmannseggella*, *Sophronitis*) will soon be known as *Cattleya liliputana*.

At the World Orchid Conference in January 2008, International Orchid Committee met to discuss the situation and, with input from the RHS Advisory Panel on Orchid Hybrid Registration (APOHR), the authors of the additional studies, the Orchid Hybrid Registrar (the Registrar), the AOS and editors of *Genera Orchidacearum* agreed that sinking *Sophronitis* into *Cattleya* would be a better approach over the long term.

Where are we? The first step in the process was the publication of a scientific paper transferring these species comprising the expanded *Sophronitis* into *Cattleya*. That was done in March of 2008 in *Biodiversity*. Those that don't appear in this paper are those that, at one time or another, were already transferred by other authors. *Sophronitis (Laelia) tenebrosa* is an example. The second step, transfer of the natural hybrids has also now been done as well.

In a few months *Genera Orchidacearum* Vol. 5 will be published and will contain an addendum accepting these changes and the World Checklist of Monocotyledons will then be updated to reflect the changes. The Registrar has prepared the transfer of those species that appear in the hybrid registration database as well as the changes to intergeneric names that will result.

While these changes will take some getting used to, this will stabilize hybrid names in the long run. The most visible of the ensuing name changes will be the sinking of the vast majority of *Laeliocattleya*, *Sophrocattleya*, and *Sophrolaeliocattleya* into *Cattleya*. This and the transfer of most of the existing *Brassocattleya*, *Brassolaelia*, *Brassolaeliocattleya* and *Rhynchosophrocattleya* hybrids to *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (*Rhyncholaelia* x *Cattleya*) will involve some 75-80% or more of the hybrid name



changes. There will be some *Laeliocattleya* that remain so along with some *Brassocattleya* and *Brassolaelia* that will remain unchanged or become *Brassocattleya*; those with one of the Mexican *Laelia* species like *L. anceps* or *L. autumnalis* or a true *Brassavola* like *B. nodosa* in the background respectively, but these will definitely be in the minority. An example of one of the former is *Bc. Katherine H. Chatham* (*B. nodosa* x *C. labiata*) which will remain unchanged and an example of the latter is *Bl. Richard Mueller* which will become *Bc. Richard Mueller* (*B. nodosa* x *C. flava*) It is our understanding that the Registrar expects the database to be updated by the end of March.

## Further Reading:

- [Sophronitis to Cattleya transfers in grex register, OHR](#)(PDF, 77kb)
- [New Combinations in the Genus Cattleya Lindl. \(Orchidaceae\); C. Van Den Berg](#) (PDF, 335kb)

*Ron McHatton – AOS Director of Education*

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**Taken from** <http://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/sophronitis-to-cattleya-tansfers.aspx>

## Native Orchid of the Month—January

### ***Listera australis***

(southern twayblade)

The earliest blooming of our native orchids is a rarely seen species, *Listera australis*, the southern twayblade. It is so small as to be easily overlooked in the moist woodlands that it calls home. It is found in both moist pineland bogs and moist hardwood forests across much of Louisiana. Twayblades emerge from early January to July in Louisiana, but later as you travel northward through their range which

they occur in association with rhizomes of the cinnamon fern *cinnamomea*),

The plant is usually no more than three inches tall, occasionally inches, with a pair of leaves (hence the common name) that are



than a half-inch long. If you are find a plant, don't look away, another five to ten minutes relocating it. Seedlings consist of only the stem and the pair of leaves, while mature plants will have a flower stem arising from between their leaves. Usually about 10 flowers occur on the stem. The flowers are a wonder of miniaturization, with petals and sepals only about 1 mm long in which many of the floral parts are composed of literally just a few hundred cells. The forked lip is by far the conspicuous part of the flower, lengths of about a half-inch.

Louisiana's smallest orchids. rather quickly, set seed and within the period of a month to a half some time from January to



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up to six seldom more fortunate to lest you spend

most reaching

This is one of They come up senesce all month-and-a-July.

