

March 2018

<http://www.centrallouisianaorchidsociety.org>

From the President

Greetings Everyone! March, with its lengthening of days and warming of temperatures, is an exciting month as orchids and other plants begin to perk up! You should be seeing the beginnings of new growths, and most importantly, new green root tips! This is your signal that growth has resumed and repotting season is just beginning. Also, watering and fertilizing will need to be adjusted accordingly. Last month, I hope you all found Part 1 of our Roots! It's all about the Roots program interesting and informative. This month we will show Part 2 of John Salventi's webinar which goes into watering and he answers questions from callers that called in that night.

Each month, a lovely display of orchids grown by our members is set up for all of us to enjoy. Our show and tell tables give us all an opportunity to see what beautiful flowers are in bloom and the wide variety of orchids growing in our area. I encourage EVERYONE, no matter your experience level, to please bring in an orchid to put on display and be proud of. I LOVE seeing a mini show when I come to our meetings and it keeps us all excited!

See you on March 18! Eron



Meeting Time & Place
Sunday, March 18, 2018
Plant Entry 2:00 pm
Meeting time 2:30 pm

St. James Episcopal
Youth Building
1546 Albert Street,
Alexandria

Refreshments-Linda
Roberts

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February 2018 Show and Tell

Best Grown- Slc. Frolic- Al Taylor

Cattleyas

1. Slc. Frolic- Al Taylor
2. C. mossiae-Eron Borne

Cyps

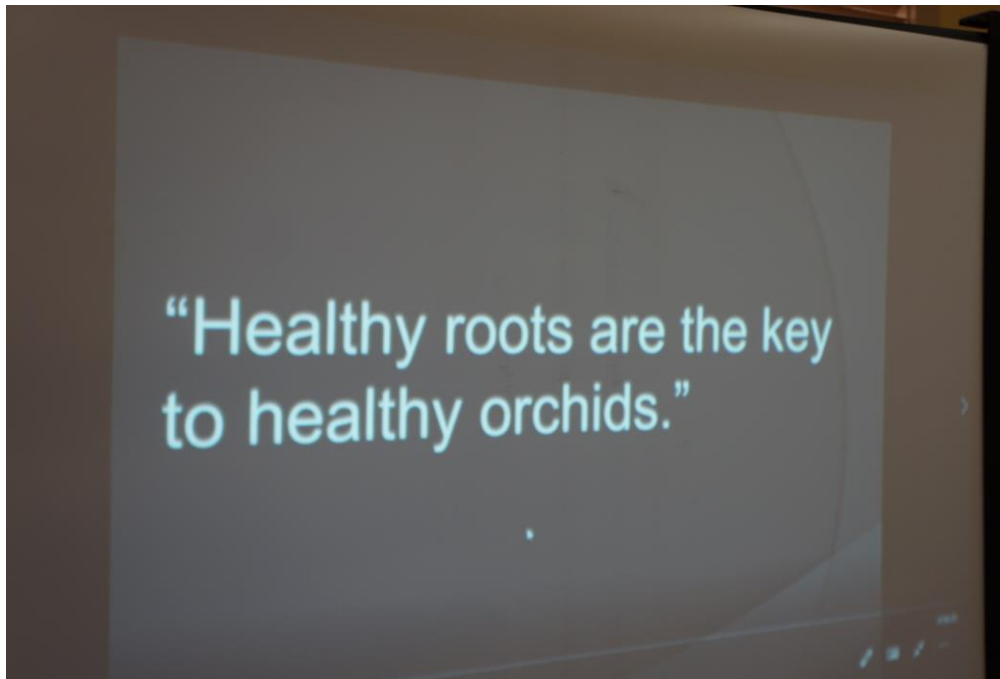
1. Phrag Ruby Cascade-Eron Borne
2. Paph venustum-Eron Borne
3. Phrag besseae-Eron Borne

Others

1. Aerangis hyaloides-Eron Borne
2. Den Spring Bird-Eron Borne
3. Den (Mini Snowflake x aberrans)-Al Taylor

Phals

1. Phal Shu-Long Beauty- Linda Roberts
2. Phal Red Lip 'Louisiana' AM/AOS –Al Taylor



February and March program is an AOS webinar on Roots.



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Best Grown and 1st in Cattleya Div Slc. Frolic-Al Taylor



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UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS OR EVENTS

TAKEN FROM <http://swroga.org/events>

03/09/2018 - 03/10/2018	Greater North Texas Orchid Society <i>Richardson Civic Center, Richardson TX</i>
03/09/2018 - 03/11/2018	2018 Terrebonne Orchid Show and Sales <i>Southland Mall, Houma Louisiana</i>
03/23/2018 - 03/24/2018	Shreveport Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale <i>Riverview Theater, Shreveport LA</i>
04/06/2018 - 04/08/2018	2018 Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale <i>Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette LA</i>
04/14/2018 - 04/15/2018	Houston Orchid Society Show and Sale <i>Memorial City Mall, Houston Texas, Harris County</i>
04/20/2018 - 04/22/2018	Tulsa Orchid Society SWROGA Show and Sale <i>The Tulsa Garden Center, Tulsa OK</i>
05/11/2018 - 05/13/2018	GALVESTON BAY ORCHID SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY SHOW 2018 <i>SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR RESORT, LEAGUE CITY TX</i>
05/12/2018 - 05/13/2018	Oklahoma Orchid Society Mother's Day Show and Sale <i>Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, Oklahoma City OK</i>
06/01/2018 - 06/03/2018	66th annual New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale <i>Lakeside Mall, Metairie LA</i>
07/13/2018 - 07/15/2018	Baton Rouge Orchid Society's Show and Sale <i>Burden Museum and Gardens, Baton Rouge LA</i>
08/03/2018 - 08/04/2018	Houston Orchid Society 39th Summer Workshop <i>University of St. Thomas, Houston Texas, Harris County</i>
10/26/2018 - 10/28/2018	Pirate's Chest Of Orchids Calcasieu Orchid Society Fall 2018 Show <i>Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Lake Charles Louisiana</i>

Monthly Checklist for March and April

Cattleya

Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom, or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can be weakened owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter- and spring-flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.



Cymbidium Magic Mountain photographed at Longwood Gardens in early April. © G. Allikas

Cymbidium

Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer. Should a plant look healthy but not be blooming, try increasing the light during the next growing season. The number-one reason for no flowers is lack of light.

Dendrobium (Australian)

These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. It is not unusual to see a specimen of this type in an orchid show boasting 1,000 flowers. The secret with this group -- bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum* -- is to provide ample water, fertilizer and light during the growing season.

Lycaste

This genus of superb orchids will be coming to the end of its flowering season. Soon you will see the beginning of new root growth, which is an excellent time to repot into fresh media. As new growth emerges, provide ample fertilizer and water. A sign of good culture is an increase in the size of pseudobulbs with each successive year.

Miltoniopsis

This marks the beginning of the flowering season. Amazing displays of color will dazzle the grower over the next few months. Prepare your plants for optimum display by staking spikes (if needed) and cleaning off the older yellow foliage. Do not miss the wonderful fragrance as the flowers unfold..



Miltoniopsis Martin Orenstein shows off a beautiful waterfall pattern on its labellum. Photographed at Longwood Gardens in early April. © G. Allikas

Paphiopedilum

March is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's-slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents your doing the thorough job you should. Look at each plant: Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need potting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy.

The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. It is especially difficult to clean mealybugs, in particular, once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold.

Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a "nodding" stance, where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

Phalaenopsis

In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging -- even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the arching spike.

Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water.

Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales. Be on the look out for their presence, often indicated by the

appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs, and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.



Masdevallia Highland Monarch 'Free Spirit'
AM/AOS photographed at Parkside Orchids.
Ottsville, Pennsylvania © G. Allikas

Pleurothallids

Members in this large and increasingly popular group will be looking their best now. If plants are not in flower, the next few months provide an excellent time to divide if needed or repot into fresh mix. Taking care of these tasks now will allow enough time for your plants to become established before the hot weather arrives.

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

TAKEN FROM <http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/march-april-checklist.aspx>

CARING FOR YOUR NEW Orchid

1. Do not deprive the orchid of sunlight.
2. Do not bombard the orchid with too much sunlight.
3. Do not touch the orchid.
4. Do not look at the orchid.
5. Do not ask the orchid why it's mad.
6. Do not forget to take the orchid out, like, to a movie, every once in a while—something that shows you're making some semblance of an effort.
7. Do not overwater the orchid.



Taken from the New Yorker, February 26, 2018 page 40

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

"Orchid Extravaganza" at Longwood Gardens

I love visiting gardens whenever I can, especially during this time when many conservatories are filled with colorful orchid displays. If you're in or near historic Kennett Square, Pennsylvania from now through March 25th, I encourage you to make a stop at Longwood Gardens to see the annual "Orchid Extravaganza".

While I was at QVC last week, I had the opportunity to visit Longwood's orchid exhibit - it includes more than 4000-orchids creatively displayed throughout its glass houses. Among the show's highlights - nearly 100-Phalaenopsis orchids in various colors from Taiwan, 200 blue Vanda orchids dramatically suspended from the conservatory's ceiling, a graceful 12-foot tall arch covered in more than 600 yellow and white Phalaenopsis blooms, and six giant white Phalaenopsis orbs hanging overhead. It is a spectacular presentation of color and artistry.

Here are some photos - enjoy. Taken from Martha Stewart Blog. Click link below to view article; will need to sign up to view.

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Central Louisiana Orchid Society

February 18, 2018

1. Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order by Linda as Eron had to leave the meeting for a few minutes prior to it starting.

2. Approval of Minutes-

Minutes were approved without any changes.

3. Discussions-

Upcoming shows were discussed.

Lafayette show will be held April 6-8th. Al will set up and Janice will take down.

We will not be able to participate in the Houma show due to the late hour for take down and no one available for that. Doing a cut flower display was discussed but it was decided that would not work out.

The Shreveport show was to be held March 24th and 25th. It appears that it will be cancelled.

SWROGA show will be held near Houston in May.

The Galveston Bay Orchid Society show will be on Mother's Day.

Al stated that the New Orleans society had contacted him to see if we would participate in their show. Linda asked if anyone would be able to do the display. As no one would be able to set up or take down, Al will let them know we are not participating.

Our next show will be April 5th and 6th, 2019. Jim will talk to Kees Park to schedule the show for those dates.

4. Treasurer Report:

Jim stated our current balance. With receipt of dues, we gained \$265. We spent \$265 with \$200 going to the church, \$15 for SWROGA dues and \$50 to the Alice Barrios remembrance.

Then Linda made motion to do refreshments while waiting for Eron to get back. We also voted on the different categories of orchids on display during this break. After the break, we resumed the meeting.

5. New Business:

Connie discussed our plans for refreshments monthly. Janice asked that Connie send the list again as she had forgot which month she signed up to do.

April will need to be a potluck meeting since we will have a speaker on a Friday night which is April 20th at 6 P.M. May will also be potluck as that will be our repotting session.

Eron acknowledged and everyone agreed that Connie works very hard on our newsletters. He asked that if anyone has ideas for articles to please submit them to Connie.

Our newest member, Laurel Walker, brought her neighbor, Beulah Sketo, who grows orchids in her home to visit. We invited her to join and participate in our meetings.

6. Presentation:

Eron presented the program on the first half of Roots, All About Roots. The second half and follow up Question and Answer section will be presented at our March meeting.

7. Adjournment of meeting

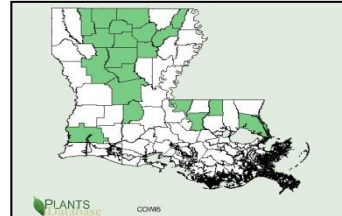
The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Janice Upton, secretary

Native Orchid of the Month—March

Corallorrhiza wisteriana
coralroot)



(spring

Corallorrhiza wisteriana (spring coralroot) is a saprophyte and is few flowering plants that have no green color at any time, but themselves, as mushrooms and toadstools do, on the dead remains in the soil.

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support
of other plants



The flowering stems are yellow to purplish and stand anywhere from 2 to 8 inches tall, bearing small flowers that might reach 1/3 inch from top-to-bottom at the most. The sepals and petals form a hood-like structure over the lip and are a greenish-brown color. The lip contrasts nicely with these, being a snowy white with small purple spots. Flowers are rapidly pollinated (or perhaps self-pollinate) and do not last long.

Spring coralroot can be found much of the lower 48 states of the States, excluding portions of New the far western states. In Louisiana, it is primarily in the northern wooded the State. The plants are difficult to their unusual growth cycle. They are

frequently located on sites where there is abundant decaying woody



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locate due to
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Spring coralroot blooms as early as January in Louisiana, but may continue through July. The flowers generally only last a few hours. The plants remain dependent on fungi for their entire lives, often hosting their fungi in crystalline, coral-like modified root structures.

