

April 2019

<http://www.centrallouisianaorchidsociety.org>

From the President

We are now only days away from our show! If you have something nice in bloom, you can bring it to be included in our exhibit. If you haven't already, stake any flower spikes you see from now until the show so they will be presentable if you choose to bring them. Flowers just need to be in good condition and no pests on the plants. If you plan to bring something for our exhibit, please email Al the full name of your orchid by Wednesday evening, April 10th so he can prepare labels. Please plan to be present at our show as we have many areas we need help with. Friday April 12, we will be setting up our exhibit with the show opening to the public from approximately 2:00-5:00. Our evening dinner will start at 5:00 with ribbon and AOS judging following. We will need clerks to team with the judges to present the ribbons and keep the judging process flowing. Saturday, our show will be open to the public from 8-4 and we have many areas to staff.

As previously discussed, we will NOT have a CLOS meeting this month due to it falling on Easter Sunday and right after our show. Our next meeting will be in May for our repotting session.

See everyone at the show! Eron



**No meeting this month
due to show.**

**Show at Kees Park
April 12-13**

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Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

04/06/2019 - 04/07/2019	Houston Orchid Society Show and Sale <i>Memorial City Mall, Houston Texas, Harris County</i>
04/12/2019 - 04/13/2019	C.L.O.S. Spring Show <i>Kees Park Community Center, Pineville LA</i>
04/20/2019 - 04/21/2019	Tulsa Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale <i>The Tulsa Garden Center, Tulsa OK</i>
05/04/2019 - 05/05/2019	Oklahoma Orchid Society Show and Sale <i>Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, Oklahoma City OK</i>
05/31/2019 - 06/02/2019	New Orleans Orchid Society's Show and Sale <i>Lakeside Mall, Metairie LA</i>
07/12/2019 - 07/14/2019	Baton Rouge Orchid Society's Show and Sale <i>Burden Museum and Gardens, Baton Rouge LA</i>
09/13/2019 - 09/15/2019	Galveston Bay Orchids Society SWROGA Show <i>HILTON HOUSTON NASA CLEAR LAKE, Houston Texas</i>

Central Louisiana Orchid Society Minutes

March 17, 2019

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Eron at 2:34 P.M.
2. **Minutes** – The February 2019 minutes were approved as written.
3. **Old Business-Discussion of CLOS Show April 12-13th**
4. **Officers' Reports** –

President-Discussion of upcoming show.

Vice-President-No report

Treasurer- Jim Barnett gave his report. Told us receipts and expenses and total left in checking account.

New Business – Baton Rouge Orchid Society emailed us about their show in July. We will put in a small floor exhibit possibly. We will not put in an exhibit at the New Orleans Orchid Show. However, Al will be judging there. We will not have a meeting in April due to the show and Easter conflict. In May, we will have our annual potting session at Andrea Mattison's home. Bring your own pots to the potting session. Al has a Cattleya intermedia that needs dividing and an Enchanted Vista. At the potting session, we will have a beginner station. Bring big plants that need dividing. Clean your pots beforehand. A sympathy card will be sent to Sandy Stubbings by Connie.

Show Info

Jim and Connie have the trophies for the show. Remember to bring thin ribbon to place trophy to plant.

Karen Armstrong will print place cards.

Al Taylor is ordering the plants to sell at the show. Haydee Jenkins will have a sale table at the show.

Wilton and Al reported there will be around 6 judges and can be split into 2 teams.

Andrea Mattison created artwork for show schedule cover and will have #20 printed.

Eron bought a banner for our show (2 x 6 ft) to place in front of Kees Park. Andrea brought yard signs.

Janice Upton will print flyers and place around town and libraries.

Discussed how many tables will be needed-approximately 15 6 ft. tables are needed.

Societies to exhibit are Shreveport, Calcasieu, Baton Rouge and CLOS. Sharon Duncan and Andrea Mattison will put in personal exhibits.

Eron Borne has the entry tags and ribbons.

Hospitality room will require all members to contribute as well at Judges Dinner at 5:30 pm on Friday.

Be prepared to bring dishes on Friday around 11 am for light lunch then again for dinner at 5 pm Friday.

5. **Adjournment-** Eron adjourned the meeting ended after the show and tell, raffle winners announced.

Submitted by Connie Guillory



Phrag. Rosalie Dixler 'Fox Valley' AM/AOS Eron Borne





Please Join the
Central Louisiana Orchid Society
for the
2019 Orchid Show and Sale
"Symphony of Orchids"

Friday, April 12, 2019, 2:00-5:00pm

Saturday, April 13, 2019, 8:00-4:00pm

Kees Park Community Center

2450 Highway 28 E, Pineville, LA

Free Admission

- ❖ Amazing displays and galleries of orchids
- ❖ Orchid growers will be present to give tips on growing and repotting
 - ❖ Silent Auction
- ❖ Beautiful orchids available for purchase
- ❖ Bring your kids! Orchid treasure hunt and ribbons awarded.



If you want to learn more and how to grow these beautiful flowers, come to a meeting.
The Orchid Society meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30pm in Alexandria.

Anyone interested in orchids is welcome!

For more information, please visit our website: www.centrallouisianaorchidsociety.org



**C. lueddemanniana 'Gran Blue Heaven' AM/AOS Eron Borne
Best Grown Plant and 1st in Cattleya Division**

Show and Tell

March 2019

Cattleya: 1st and Best Grown
C. lueddemanniana 'Gran Blue Heaven' AM/AOS

Eron

Tie for 2nd

2. C. Intermedia. AL
2. Epilaelia Hoya Hsinying
Orange

Linda

Phal:

1. Sogo Berry. Linda
2. no name Andrea

Cypripedium:

1. Paph. Hawaiian
Peacock. AL
2. Phrag. Rosalie Dixler
'Fox Valley'
AM/AOS Eron

Tie for 3rd

3. unnamed Paph.-Pam
3. Paph. micranthum-
Eron

Other:

1. Angrecum Sesquipedale Rick
2. Den. Kingianum. Rick
3. Den. Pendulum Rick





Unnamed Paph. –Pam Primeaux



Andrecum Sesquinedale—Rick Allardvce



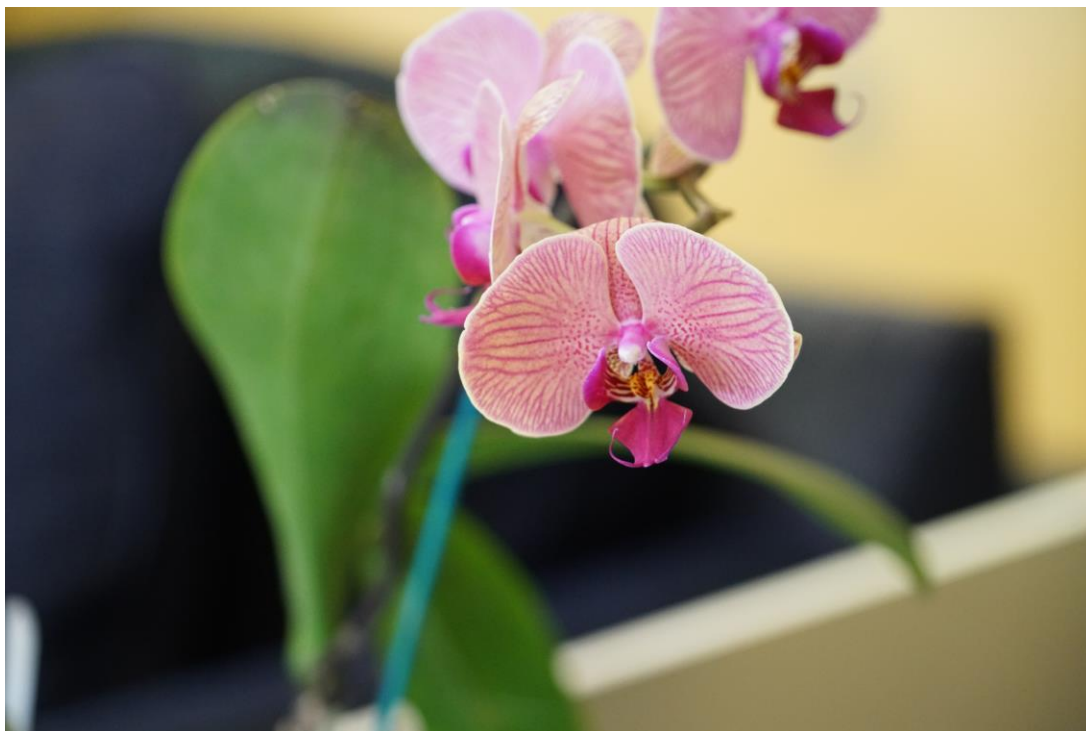
Paph. Hawaiian Peacock-Al Taylor

Epilaelia Hoya Hsinying Orange - Linda Roberts





Paph micranthum-Erone Borne



Phal. No Name-Andrea Mattison



Den. pendulum-Rick Allardyce



Phal Sogo Berry—Linda Roberts

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

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.



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THE APRIL 2019 AOS CORNER – From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee (Affiliated_Societies@AOS.org).

For newsletter editors: Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner, in whole or in part, in their society newsletters. We encourage promotion of AOS website use by your members.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

A few months back we asked AOS affiliates to let us know (by email or Facebook) what their biggest challenge was when running a local orchid society. We received several great topics with 'How to Attract New Society Members' standing out on top. Since show season is upon us and that is the time when most societies draw a majority of their new members, we decided to make this part of our Affiliated Societies (AS) Committee Meeting discussion at the AOS Members Meeting in San Diego, CA.

Great orchid shows have a way of inspiring new growers and is the very reason many of us were first intrigued. We will certainly be inspired by the beauty all around us at the AOS Members Meeting hosted by one of our great affiliates, the San Diego Orchid Society. As you are reading this April edition of the Corner we may be meeting at the very same time and are hoping some of you are with us. Look for the results of our AS Committee brainstorming in the May version of the AOS Corner. We look forward to sharing with everyone!

It's been a tough winter and struggles to maintain our orchid environments has been difficult at best for most of us. Hopefully, as spring arrives and the days grow longer, your orchids are appreciating the additional light and warmth enough to commence their annual growth cycle and are producing abundant blooms. This brings us to one of my favorite times of year... Orchid Show time! One of the primary efforts of the Affiliated Societies Committee is to provide support for the success of the affiliates. Through our sharing, we have found creative activities that are easy to include and can aid in your own show's success. Consistently appreciated is a Kids' Corner which helps to make the show a positive experience for children. One idea we love and first saw at the Houston Orchid Society, that's simple to create, is a "Photo Panel". Anyone can take pics of the happy faces of the orchids and the kids love it!



Photographer: Sandy Stubbings

Here's the project link from the AOS Kids' Corner pages: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/kids-corner/kids-photo-wall.aspx>.

(PS – It's recommended to create a panel on vinyl that can be used year after year, but I've seen this done on a budget, in a smaller scale, by blowing up a pic at the local copy shop and using poster board.)

Make sure to check out AOS President Susan Wedegaertner's message in April's issue of ORCHIDS magazine and you'll get to know the Judging Committee or "JC" as it's commonly known. Chaired by Taylor Slaughter, Vice-Chair David Edgley, Secretary Abu Salleh, the committee is made up of all the 26 Judging Center Chairs. This large committee oversees all judging activities and operates with several sub-committees to maintain the integrity of the AOS Award System. The SITF (Species Identification Task Force), the National Training Coordinator and the Handbook task force are all under the direction of the JC. This is one busy Committee!

We're always looking for ideas to bring kids into the world of orchids. While planning your next orchid show don't forget to check out the AOS Kids Corner for ideas. Here's the link to the main page: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/kids-corner.aspx>. See other articles for instructions on how to create activities we've tested out or make up your own great activities. Please share your ideas and experiences with the education Committee at ssubbings@comcast.net.

Thanks again for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. Our Instagram Administrator, Candace Hollinger, sends her appreciation to you all. It's wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please remind your members that we would love pics of how they grow, what's blooming now or anything they love about orchids. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

Remember to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. The response has been great, many thanks to all of you who added pics of show banners. We can all learn from what has been successful for other societies. Let us know how your show went, and what was successful for you, or what didn't quite make the mark. Our administrator, Chad Brinkerhuff, monitors the feed and is a great resource for all that the AOS has to offer. Keep us up to date on what's going on at your local society and let us know how we can help you.

Don't forget to check out the NEW List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading.

And... Here's a link to check it all out - <http://www.aos.org/>

Special Announcement

We are pleased to announce the completion of the Greenhouse Chat index project. The idea is simple enough. When you click on LEARN MORE on any recorded greenhouse chat webinar, you will now see a time stamped table of contents that you can browse for topics that interest you. So, if you missed a chat, or could not remember the chat where a specific topic of interest to you was discussed, you can quickly zero in on what you want to see, and skip directly to that section when you view the recording. These webinars are such a great asset to our membership and we encourage you to take advantage of them.

Also, of note is that the indexes are integrated into the search capabilities of aos.org. so, you can expect to see Greenhouse Chats in the list of search results. For example, if you search on MSU (because you are interested in MSU fertilizer) you will notice that is discussed in 2 chats; June 2018 and February 2015.

CULTURAL

Feed Me: The Basics of Choosing a Fertilizer and Application

Prepared by the AOS Education Committee/Photographs by Greg Allikas

Originally published in ORCHIDS magazine April 2013

If their other requirements are met, orchids will grow and flower for fairly long periods without fertilizer. Witness the people in tropical areas such as South Florida who grow them mounted on trees and let nature do the rest. Indeed, that is how epiphytic orchids grow in nature. But hobbyists generally try to give their orchids more than the bare minimum so that the plants flower at or above their potential.

There are many different points of view on how to fertilize orchids and what fertilizer to use. Everyone has a favorite fertilizer or supplement. There are so many variables that how and when you fertilize depends on what kinds of orchids you grow and how and where you grow them. This article will offer a brief explanation and

general guidelines on fertilizing orchids. For more specific application, join your local orchid society and ask someone there who grows the same kind of orchids as you. It is unlikely that you will kill any orchids with orchid fertilizer so following the recommendations here will provide your plants needed nutrition.

If you are a gardener, you are probably familiar with the N-P-K listings on fertilizer bags. Orchid fertilizers have them too. Let's go over these three elements and see how they affect plant growth. Nitrogen (N) helps make plants green and helps them grow faster. It is the element responsible for vegetative growth (the leafy parts). Phosphorus (P) is good for root growth, disease resistance, seed and fruit growth, and especially for blooming and flowering. Potassium (K) helps with increasing root growth, drought resistance and disease resistance.

OPTIONS There are three main types of fertilizers used for orchids: balanced, high nitrogen and bloom booster.

♦ Balanced fertilizers have been traditionally recommended for use with orchids potted in inorganic potting media such as lava rock and Aliflor, and tree fern (which has fallen out of favor due to conservation concerns). Plants mounted on cork bark or other substrates also benefit from using a balanced fertilizer. An example of a balanced fertilizer would be represented by the numbers 20-20-20.

♦ High-nitrogen fertilizers have long been recommended for use with orchids potted in fir bark or fir bark mixes. The reason for extra nitrogen is that the bacteria that cause the bark to decay use up much of the available nitrogen, thus depleting the orchid. This practice has recently come into question. Nonetheless, using a high-nitrogen fertilizer, especially in the spring at the beginning of the growing season, can promote strong vegetative growth under ideal conditions. An example of high-nitrogen fertilizer would be 30-10-10.

♦ Bloom or blossom-booster formulas are high in phosphorus. Typically, high-phosphorus fertilizers are applied every other week for four to six applications the season before expected bloom. For winter-spring blooming orchids, bloom booster is usually applied in the autumn. Vandaceous hybrids and other orchids that bloom throughout the year can be given bloom booster every third or fourth fertilizing. An example of a bloom booster would be 10-30-20. Fertilizers used on orchids should contain little or no urea. This is because soil organisms must first convert the nitrogen in urea to a form useable by plants, and because orchids do not grow in soil, this conversion does not occur efficiently.

APPLICATION How fertilizer is applied varies as much as orchids themselves. Typically, plants are fertilized once a week during spring and summer and every two weeks in the autumn and winter. Regardless of the fertilizer that you choose, most experienced growers use ½ the label-recommended strength. Remember, in nature epiphytic orchids' roots are exposed and the only nutrients they receive are from bird and animal droppings, decaying insects and detritus. The old saying about fertilizing orchids is: Feed them weekly weakly. Fertilizer is best applied in the morning on sunny days. For mounted orchids, or orchids with exposed roots, such as vandas in empty baskets, many growers routinely first water the plants and then follow with fertilizer a half hour later. The watering before fertilizing prepares the spongy velamen of the orchid roots to better utilize the fertilizer. Orchids in pots are usually not watered first but some growers have their own techniques.

There are requirements specific to certain orchids. For instance, do not fertilize nobile-type dendrobiums after early autumn. This rule actually applies to all orchids that have decided rest periods and all deciduous orchids. Fertilizing them while in their rest period keeps them in continual growth instead of resting before producing flowers. In other words, you may get a lot of growth and no flowers.

There are also many secret recipes growers use that supposedly produce stronger plants or more flowers. Certainly, vitamins and micronutrients are as essential as the building blocks of plant growth mentioned above. Elements such as magnesium, boron, calcium, carbon and others are required for strong plant growth. All in all, although there are certain practices that are documented as being helpful, it has not been proven that supplements actually contribute to improved growth in orchids — but it probably doesn't hurt to use them.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You'll find the link under the All About Orchids tab. If you check there, you will find any webinars that have been scheduled after the production of the monthly Corner.

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton

Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST Open to all

Please join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchid. He will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by Sunday, March 24th. Remember to include pictures.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1217234533193976065>

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Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4032749560393528833>

How to Grow Habenarias with Jim Heilig

Thursday, April 18th, 2019 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST MEMBERS ONLY

Join Jim Heilig, PhD., AOS Accredited Judge, and a specialist in growing tricky Habenarias. Learn how to be successful in growing these beautiful orchids as Jim discusses how to culture these exotic deciduous terrestrials.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5601506362333121795>



Habenaria Light Wings 'Matt's Lemon Gem' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Ken Jacobsen

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE? The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

THE APRIL ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- The New Refugium Botanicum – *Eriopsis werklei* - Franco Pupulin
- Orchid Gardens – Inkaterra, Peru – Tom Mirenda
- For the Novice: Adaptation to an Epiphytic Lifestyle - Sue Bottom
- Judges' Corner: The Species Identification Task force - Jay Norris

- Judges' Forum: An Analysis of Cymbidium Awards - Kevin Hill
- Look Twice, Think Thrice: The 2018 First Class Certificates - Carol Klonowski
- The 2017 Year-End Special Awards: Special Orchids, Special People - Nile S. Dusdieker
- The Art of Small Displays - Sergey and Elena Skoropad

YOUR SOCIETY CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS:

Upcoming shows are a good time to encourage new membership to AOS. Affiliated societies can now earn a one-month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that they refer (note: membership renewals don't count). Make sure to note your Society Affiliation in the comments section of the application.

With twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can have a FULL YEAR OF FREE AOS membership! Be sure to have membership applications with your society's name already filled in and available at your club meetings!

Remember to let your members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources at their disposal making growing orchids even more enjoyable and successful.

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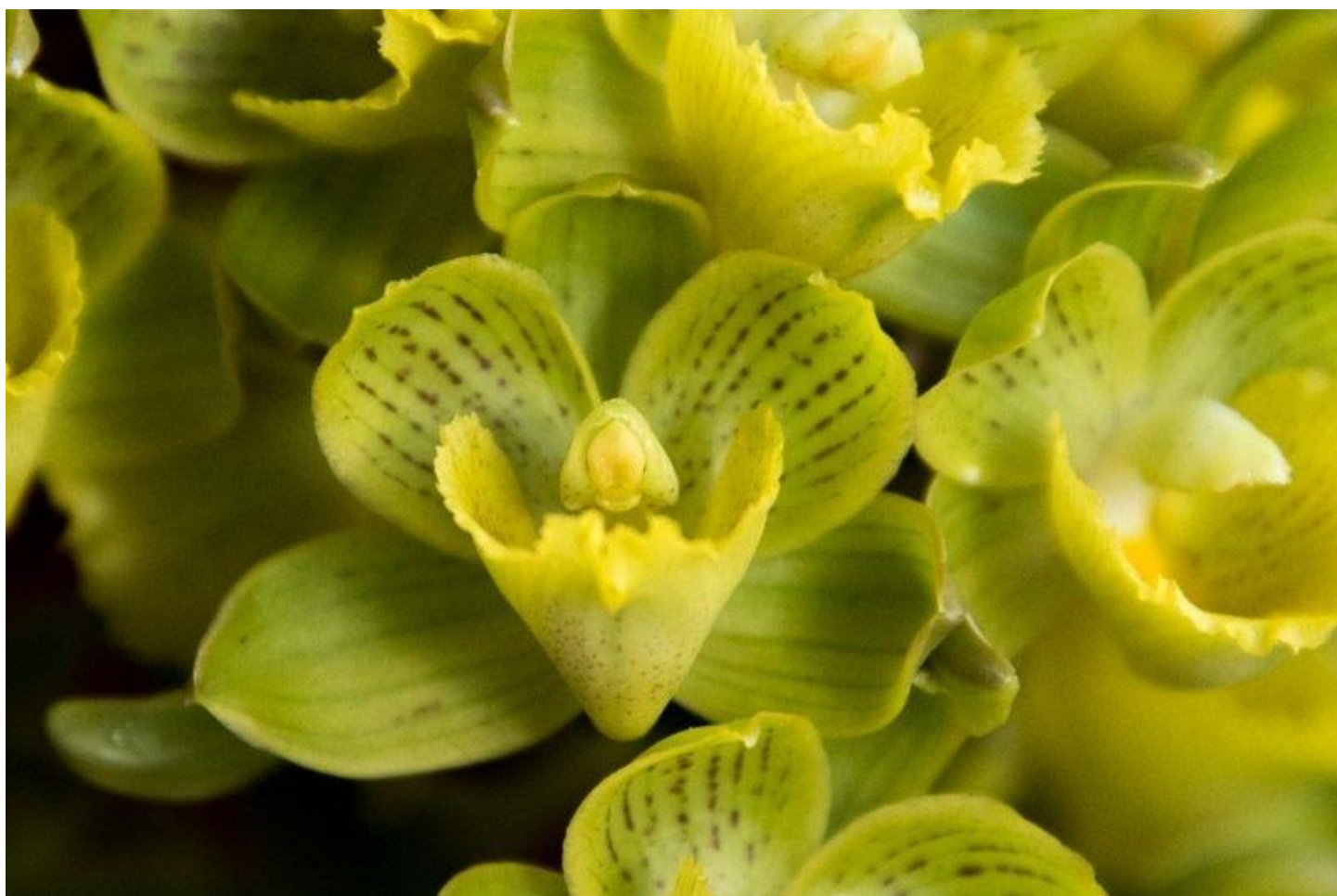
16-page award gallery of breath taking pictures of recently awarded orchids.



Lycaste Spring Present 'Redwood' AM/AOS; Photographer: Chaunie Langland

RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new “Latest Orchid Awards” page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and non-members.



Mormodia Jumbo World 'Biltmore's Lemon Lime' AM/AOS; Photographer: James Curtis

Let's grow together,
Denise Lucero

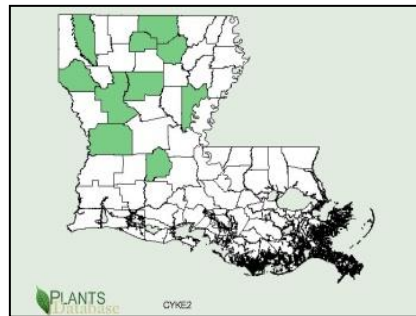
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Native Orchid of the Month—April

Cypripedium kentuckiense (Kentucky lady's slipper)

Cypripedium kentuckiense is a large, showy orchid with about 28 in. in length. The stems have about 5 leaves and single flower when mature. The pouch of the large flower is pale yellow with greenish purple-mottled petals. It has the flowers of any *Cypripedium* known. Once seen in flower it is forgotten.

The sepals and petals are usually deeply striated with a color, forming a near chocolate brown appearance, though in



stems up to
usually bear a
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never

purple brown
truth their

base color is apple green.



It blooms from April to June and seed capsules develop through the summer months.

Kentucky lady's slipper occurs across the southern United States from Virginia to Texas in widely separated populations. It is found in deciduous forests on well-drained soils and bases of slopes, mucky seeps. Despite its fairly wide distribution, it is thought that less than 3000 individuals still exist in the wild. It is an endangered species throughout its range.

For centuries *Cypripedium* species have been sought after and collected for their unique beauty. Widespread collection, transplantation, and loss of habitat have drastically reduced Wild lady's slippers have special requirements that make to cultivate, and rarely survive transplanting from the wild.

The Central Louisiana Orchid Society has a restoration effort with the Kistatchie National Forest with the goal of these orchids into the forest.



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underway
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