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## **From the President**

**A fun meeting this month at Andrea's home for our repotting session. If you have any large plants that need repotting, please bring them. The weather should be pleasant. This is a great time to obtain some great divisions to add to your orchid collection. See you Sunday.**

**Wilton Guillory, President**



**Meeting Time and Place:  
Sunday, April 16, 2023  
Time: 2:30 pm**

**Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20  
Program: Repotting Session  
Location: Andrea Mattison's Home**

**Place: St. James Episcopal Church  
Youth Building  
1546 Albert Street, Alexandria, LA  
71301**

**Refreshments:  
Andrea**

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

**President – Wilton Guillory  
Vice President – Richard Smith  
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Treasurer – Jim Barnett  
Director – Andrea Mattison  
Director – Eron Borne  
SWROGA Director#1 Linda Roberts  
SWROGA Director#2 Eron Borne  
AOS Representative – Wilton Guillory  
ODC Representative – Andrea Mattison  
Conservation Rep - Jim Barnett  
Newsletter Editor – Eron (temporary)  
Show & Tell – Al Taylor  
Webmaster – Eron Borne**



# Member Feature

## Warren Brumfield

Warren has been part of our society for about ten years and has been growing orchids for at least 20 years! Orchids have always been his most favorite flower and he has several of his original orchids still in his collection. He primarily grows on his windowsills, and his most favorite genera are Dendrobiums and Phalaenopsis.

One of his most amazing orchid moments is when one of his larger Dendrobiums went into full bloom all at once, making for a spectacular show!

Warren is a retired dentist from the Alexandria area and one of his greatest passions is traveling! He frequently makes trips down to Florida and New Orleans, and has been to many countries around the world.

His bucket list destination to see orchids would be to somewhere in South America. South America is home to thousands of orchid species, from warm growers along the coasts to the cold growers in the mountains.

Warren always greets everyone with a smile and always helps wherever needed. He enjoys cooking and is an amazing cook!

# APRIL PROGRAM

## *Repotting Session/Demonstration*

Come learn how to repot your orchids. Members are encouraged to bring any plants they would like to repot. Orchid bark will be provided but please bring the pot you would like it to be repotted into.

### Tip of the Month

This is one of the most exciting months of the year, filled with an abundance of flower spikes emerging. It's the beginning of the long growing season, enabling us to provide our plants with the foundation for maximum flower production in the next flowering season. Increase water and fertilizer as the days lengthen and warm to yield floral dividends in the months beyond.

**Central Louisiana Orchid Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2023**

**1.0 Call to Order**

Vice-President Richard Smith called the meeting to order at 1442.

**2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes were approved from our July meeting. Jim made the motion and Eron seconded.

**3.0 Officer Reports**

**3.1 President Report**

No report as Wilton was not present.

**3.2 Vice President Report**

**3.2.1** Richard suggested a repotting session for April. The April meeting will be held at Andrea Mattison's home and she will provide the refreshments. The society has bark to repot, but members need to bring their own pots to repot their plant into.

**3.3 Treasurer Report**

The treasurer report was given by the treasurer Jim Barnett.

**3.3.1** Overview of CLOS Deposits/Withdrawals since last month and current financial state of the society.

**3.3.2** Raffle Tickets for sale – Many items were donated for the raffle this month. Everyone was encouraged to buy tickets.

**3.4 Secretary Report** – No report as Heather was not present.

**4.0 Old Business**

4.1 Jim said no new information on the Cypripedium project

4.2 Al mentioned that a vendor from Texas, Orchid Express, was interested in selling at our show. We discussed the cost per table. Al also contacted Newman's Orchids to see about placing an order for some plants for our society to see and is waiting to hear back from them. Al also has notified everyone about our show (AOS, SWROGA, Orchid Digest.)

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1** The Acadian Orchid Society show is on April 15-16 in Lafayette. Set up is on Friday, April 14. Al said he could take down and he would check and see if Wilton would set up a small table top, possibly a 5 plant or less exhibit.

## 6.0 Program

Eron presented his program titled *Paphiopedilum Section Parvisepalum* and it was very well received.

## 7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Al, Eron, Andrea, & Richard and Judy

Door Prize Winner: Eron

Eron provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *Eplc.* Don Herman 'Gold Rush' – Al

Cattleya Alliance: 1<sup>st</sup> – *Eplc.* Don Herman 'Gold Rush' – Al

2<sup>nd</sup> – *Ctna.* Why Not – Andrea

All Others Group: 1<sup>st</sup> – *Phalaenopsis* Unnamed – Richard & Judy

2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Dendrobium aggregatum* - Andrea

2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Phragmipedium* China Dragon 'Carol' AM/AOS - Eron

There was no other business.

## 8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1602.

Respectfully submitted,

Eron Borne

CLOS Board Member





Al's Best Grown Plant – *Epilc.* Don Herman 'Gold Rush'

#### Show and Tell winners – Cattleya Alliance Category



1<sup>st</sup> - *Epilc.* Don Herman 'Gold Rush' – Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Ctna.* Why Not - Andrea

Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1<sup>st</sup> – *Phal. unnamed* – Richard, 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie)– *Den. aggregatum* – Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Phrag. China Dragon* – Eron





# Know What You Grow - Orchid Names and Pronunciations

**Yes, it is beautiful, but learn to know what you are looking at.**

Before you can determine how to care for your orchid, you must first be able to identify what kind of orchid you have. Most people who have just a few orchids will have a "moth orchid" or *Phalaenopsis* (fail-eh-NOP-sis)

If you have *Phalaenopsis* orchids, they probably came as a gift to someone and are either finished blooming, or the flowers are close to fading. Where to cut a *Phalaenopsis* inflorescence, or flower spike, is the #1 most frequently asked question.

*Dendrobium* (den-DROH-bee-um) is a very large and wide-spread genus, several types have impacted the pot plant market. These are popular because they are very flowery, and blooms can last several weeks.

Plants in the *Oncidium* family often have flowers that resemble dancing ladies. Many plants in this have very complex intergeneric backgrounds and a wide range of colors and shapes, blooms are usually smaller than other but can have numerous flowers on a spike/inflorescence/stem.

The *Cattleya* (CAT-lee-ah) family may very well have caught your eye - or nose! Many of these plants have delightful fragrances and can be irresistible. Cattleyas come in many sizes, shapes and colors on both big and small plants but can be recognized by their symmetrical flowers.

In Florida *Vanda* (VAN-duh) orchids and hybrids made from vandas are very popular because of their rainbow of colors and frequency of flowering.

Another popular house-plant genus is *Paphiopedilum* (paff-ee-oh-PED-ih-lum) or lady slipper orchid. Like *Phalaenopsis*, *Paphiopedilum* plants have long-lived flowers. They are characterized by a slipper-like pouch.

Becoming comfortable and familiar with the Orchids listed is your foundation for buying, growing, and communicating with others in the orchid world.





## 2023 April AOS Corner – for [Affiliated Societies](#)

We encourage use of the [AOS website](#) by all members.

### Got Orchids?

The American Orchid Society website is your portal to knowledge for all things orchid. The AOS website, along with ongoing Webinars and OrchidPro, offers a plethora of information to help you grow and show your orchids to peak performance. We encourage use of the [AOS website](#) by ALL orchid growers. The next best place to learn about the orchids that will thrive in your area, is to attend and become involved in your local [Affiliated Society](#) meetings.

[Webinars](#) offer new material each month and recorded sessions allow you to search a multitude of topics to view on your personal schedule. The popular monthly [Greenhouse Chats](#) are open to everyone. AOS membership is not required. However, if you are an AOS member there are so many more webinars available to view.

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Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.

Register now and view on your time schedule.

Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)

Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	April 04, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday	April 12, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Wednesday	May 11, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	May 16, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by April 02</i>	Heirloom Cattleyas Bringing the Past into the Present	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 09</i>	He Came from the Land Down-Under Orchids Australia
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	David Toyoshima Longtime AOS mem- ber, former chair of AOS Public Relations	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Tom Mirenda AOS Orchids Monthly Columnist, Professional Grower

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# New Beginnings: Our Spring Newsletter

The month of April derives from the Latin name Aprilis or from the verb aperire "to open". During the month of April, trees and flowers begin to open continuing the flow of spring. In addition, this month is widely recognized for the celebration of the AOS Spring Members Meeting, Easter, Passover, Earth Day, spring cleaning, spring break as well as the dreaded Tax Day. If you have not planned an Earth Day event, we encourage you to look at what our Conservation Committee has to offer on our website.

In this month's newsletter, we bring you our Education Committee's call for orchid teachers; our Orchid Care Corner featuring basic culture, mites, and Orchids A to Z; upcoming webinars and our Affiliate Spotlight (new). We are grateful and appreciate every single Society affiliated with the American Orchid Society. Your affiliation enables us to continue to promote the appreciation of orchids to the world.

## Message from the Affiliated Societies Chair

Greetings Affiliated Societies, Spring is in the Air and Orchids Shows abound! As the recently appointed Chair of the Affiliated Societies Committee, I'd like to introduce myself. I've been an AOS Member for over 10 years... Four years ago, I embarked on the AOS Judging Program with my wife Chris and now we are Associate Judges.

I can vouch that the knowledge I've gained from the program, other judges, societies, and shows have been immense and the relationships we've built along the way are priceless. Now that you know a little about me, I'd like to hear from YOU... so I've added the Affiliate Spotlight section to the AOS Corner so we can learn more about your Society by sharing with our Affiliates. Thank you to our current President, Jay Balchan, for making the first contribution from the Houston Society. I'm here to help so please email me at [ARod@aos.org](mailto:ARod@aos.org) so we can get to know each other better. Alex Rodriguez - 305.812.7181





# Educators Program

Barb Schmidt, Chair – Education Committee

Do you like teaching others about orchids? If your answer is “yes”, the Education Committee is looking for you. We have several new projects that could benefit from people who are willing to share their expertise in different areas of orchid culture and care.

We are collaborating with the Pennsylvania Master Gardener Program to produce an online Master Orchid Series, tentatively titled, “Orchids for Everyone”. The Education Committee will be creating six webinars/modules. The first will be an introduction to orchids (evolution, plant physiology, etc.) The second will cover the most popular genera of orchids that people grow, how to identify them, unique traits, and growth conditions for each type of orchid. The third will be how to repot, mount, and divide orchids and all the different potting media and pots that can be used. The fourth will be all about the care and culture of orchids (light, water, fertilizer, air movement, temperature, and also how to get them to rebloom). The fifth will cover troubleshooting and managing pests and diseases. Finally, the sixth will cover the native orchids of PA.

We have created a Youth Orchid Education Class that can be taught, in conjunction with the Stuck on Orchids sticker book. This can be presented at schools, botanic gardens, or orchid shows.

We are working with the Girl Scouts to create a national program to educate all three levels in their organization. It is proposed that we will use the Youth Orchid Education Classes for the Brownies, the Girl Scouts will create and host Kids Korners at local orchid shows, and the Cadets will work on native orchid conservation as well as orchid propagation.

Please contact us at [education\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:education_committee@aos.org) if you would like to be a part of our Educators Program. This is open to anyone, not just teachers. If you will be attending the San Diego Members Meeting, please talk to someone from

our committee, or better yet come to our meeting on Thursday, April 20th. All are welcome!

## How can AOS contribute to Earth Day 2023

### Orchid Conservation



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The American Orchid Society grants awards for non-commercial conservation projects, as well as experimental projects of fundamental and applied research on orchids. The purpose of these grants is to advance the conservation and preservation of orchids in every aspect. Conservation projects supported have been in areas as diverse as CITES publication funding, a conservation program for an orchid reserve, establishment of a secretariat for the IUCN/OSG, and other informational resources.

To find out more about webinars, past projects from Orchid Conservation ([aos.org](http://aos.org))

# ORCHID CARE CORNER



## Basic Orchid Culture

The key to being a successful grower is knowing your orchids' cultural requirements. Growing the same plant under different conditions can produce different effects. Whether a novice or a seasoned grower it is important to know which cultural factors can separate our plants from an award-winning plant.

[Read More](#)



## Mites

Because of their size, mites are unnoticed until they have created considerable damage. "Mite damage makes plant's leaves look silvery, especially on the underside where the pests have killed the cells of the surface layer.... Most insecticides have little effect on mites." To know the types of mites, and general prevention and control check out our article on Mites under the Orchids Pests and Diseases tab or click below.

[Mites](#)

## Orchids A to Z

The AOS offers a definitive source for concise information on orchid genera. Full descriptions and culture requirements provided by experts hand-picked for their knowledge of select genera. Photos of choice species in each genus are shown with large-size pop-ups for detailed view. Culture requirements are presented in an easy to understand "recipe-style" format. Also included is a playable sound file of the proper pronunciation of each genus so you can sound like an expert. [Do not miss out on this information!](#)