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President's Message

As we make our way in to Spring, plants are enjoying the warmer weather as we are. Sprouts are growing on our orchids and as some finish up their blooming, others are putting their energy into producing beautiful flowers in the months to come. Find out if your plants are heavy feeders or only need a slight boost to generate their blooms. Enjoy the delightful weather so far and hope it continues longer than usual. Whatever you do, enjoy it!

Some shows have come and gone but there are still more to come. New Orleans Orchid Society's show is next – May 30-June 1. The show and sale times are Friday, May 30th: 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., Saturday, May 31st: 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., Sunday, June 1st: 12 noon until 4:30 p.m. Acadian and Calcasieu orchid society shows will be in the Fall. Calcasieu's dates are October 3rd- 5th. I hope some of you will be able to attend them.

Remember this month's meeting will be a potting/repotting meeting at Andrea Mattison's home in Pineville. Bring your pots, plants, and potting mix and we will all learn how to repot plants. Some of our members will contribute plants to separate and pot up, so you can maybe bring home a new plant to grow. Hope to see you there!

I am looking forward to our annual CLOS repotting meeting. It's always fun to get down and dirty repotting orchids. People have their own tricks to repotting and are usually willing to share them with others.

Happy growing!

Russel Deroche, Jr.



Meeting Time and Place:
Sunday, April 27, 2025

Time: 2:30 pm

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20

**Program: Repotting Session and
How to Repot your Orchids**

**Place: APRIL MEETING at home
of Andrea Mattison (not our normal
location!)**

8421 Fairway Drive, Pineville, LA
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Refreshments: Andrea

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APRIL MEETING

Repotting Session and Demonstrations

The program this month will show how to repot various genera of orchids. If you have any orchids that need repotting, feel free to bring them and we will help repot them for you. Please bring your own pots to repot your orchids into.

Tip of the Month

April is the classic month to catch up with all the re-potting which you meant to do across the winter. New roots form fast in April; don't rot them off by over-potting or break them off by allowing the plant to wiggle in the pot. Tie them up: tie them down!

April is a great month for naturalizing orchids in the garden, such as Bletilla.

- Martin Motes, PhD, is the author of Florida Orchid Growing, which gives advice for orchid growers in Florida. As Louisiana conditions are almost the same, it pertains to us also.

April Birthdays

Judy Smith (Apr 5), Rick Allardyce (Apr 18)

Central Louisiana Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2025

1.0 Call to Order

President Russel Deroche called the meeting to order at 1431.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our February meeting. All were in favor.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

3.1.1 Russel announced birthday wishes to Scott Phillips in his absence.

3.2 Vice President Report

3.2.1 Vice President Richard had nothing to report.

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. He wrote two checks to SWOGA for show fees and one check to CenLA Focus for our advertisement in the magazine. Our spring show did very well, leaving us a positive account balance. He Thanked Yvonne and Pat for successful sales at the show!

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 – Heather had nothing to report.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Members talked about several upcoming orchid shows in the area.

4.2 Russel shared his appreciation to Yvonne and Pat for all their help and all that participated. He read the award stats for each participating society.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Our recent show brought us several new members, so part of our meeting was spent on introductions. Russel passed around an updated members list for people to edit if needed. We had a very nice full house today!

5.2 Russel asked for ideas for our next show and talked about volunteering to clerk.

6.0 Program

Eron gave a terrific presentation on how to grow your supermarket orchid and get it to re-bloom. His presentation was very informative and interesting. Many members took notes, asked questions, and had comments.

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Pat, Jim

Door Prize Winner: Pat

Al and Rick provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *Lc.* (Trick or Treat x *lawrenciana*) AM/AOS – Al

Cattleya Alliance: 1st – *Lc.* (Trick or Treat x *lawrenciana*) AM/AOS – Al

2nd – *Pot.* Hawaiian Prominence ‘Americana’ – Al

3rd – *Epc.* Kyoguchi x *Ctna.* Why not – Andrea

Phalaenopsis Alliance: 1st – *Phal.* Lioulin Giant – Eron

2nd – *Phal.* I-Hsin Green World – Eron

3rd – *Dtps.* Sin Yaun “Golden Boy” – Andrea

Dendrobium Alliance: 1st – *Den.* Love Memory “Fizz” AM/AOS – Eron

2nd – *Den.* *spectabile* – Al

3rd – *Den.* Love Memory “Fizz” AM/AOS – Andrea

All Other Groups: 1st – *Paph.* new hybrid – Eron

2nd – *Paph.* Magical Hijinks ‘Catahoula’ HCC/AOS – Eron

3rd – *Ludisia discolor* (Jewel orchid) – Heather

There was no other business.

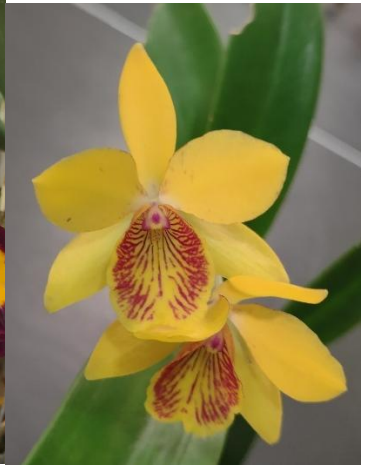
8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1645.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A. Wilfert
Secretary

Show and Tell Winners - Cattleya Category



1st - *Lc. (Trick or Treat X lawrenciana)* AM/AOS – Al (Also won best grown plant,) 2nd – *Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'Americana'* – Al, 3rd – *Epc. Kyoguchi x Ctna. Why not* – Andrea

Dendrobium Category



1st – *Den. Love Memory "Fizz"* AM/AOS – Eron, 2nd – *Den. spectabile* – Al, 3rd – *Den. Love Memory "Fizz"* AM/AOS – Andrea (not pictured, same flower as first picture.)

Phalaenopsis Category



1st – *Phal.* Lioulin Giant – Eron, 2nd – *Phal.* I-Hsin Green World – Eron,
3rd – *Dtps.* Sin Yaun “Golden Boy” – Andrea (below)



Other Category



1st – *Paph.* new hybrid – Eron, 2nd – *Paph.* Magical Hijinks 'Catahoula' HCC/AOS – Eron,

3rd – *Ludisia discolor* (Jewel orchid) – Heather (below)



How to Feed Your Plants

Having decided what and when to feed your plants, you must now actually go about it. Like me, many of you opt with the standard, 1-gallon “milk jug,” as it has a convenient handle and a mouth that is pretty good for adding fertilizer concentrates or powders, as well as for pouring.

That’s great when your collection is small, but what happens as your “orchid addiction” really kicks in? Or asking the question another way, how many times are you willing to refill and remix that jug at each watering? Eventually, you will get fed up with it, so will need an alternative method of watering and feeding your collection, and there are a number of options, such as:

1) A larger watering container.

2) A pump-up type sprayer. They can range from about two-to-three gallons capacity up though 4- and to about 5 gallon rollers or backpack types, or larger stationary units. The hose-end nozzle can be adjusted from a fine spray for mounted plants, to a heavy stream for potted plants, and has the added advantage of allowing you to poke it down to the pot level, avoiding pockets of water on the leaves that can lead to bacterial- or fungal rot. Personally, I think such a sprayer is an essential tool for orchid growers, as you’re bound to need to apply insecticides at some point.



Pump-Up Sprayer

3) A siphon-type proportioner for your hose. You still have to mix up a gallon of concentrate, but as most are about a 16:1 ratio, that replaces 16 milk jugs. On the plus side, they're relatively cheap, and can work at a range of flows, although a narrow one. If they are kept clean, they are pretty reliable, but they can clog and give different mixing ratios.

Unfortunately, they won't work well with narrow and/or long hoses (unless on the output end), won't work at all with misting heads attached. The most common brand is the Dramm Syphonject:



Dramm Syphonject Mixer

4) A good quality hose-end sprayer – one that works on the same principal as the siphon types – is a good alternative in that they can produce a moderately large amount of fertilizer

in a hand-held device. The Ortho Dial 'n' Spray is my personal recommendation, as it can be adjusted for a wide range of mixing ratios (1 teaspoon-, to 8 ounces-per-gallon) and once you've finished applying the product, you can pour the excess back into its original bottle.



Ortho Dial-and-Spray Hose End Sprayer

NOTE: DO NOT bother with a cheap hose-end sprayer, as many of them work by injecting a small stream of water into the reservoir, pushing the concentrate into the output stream, meaning that the fertilizer concentrate decreases over time. If you cannot confirm that it injects via a siphon mechanism, don't buy it.

5) A 30- or 55-gallon drum with submersible pump. The trick is to find a pump with enough pressure for the length of hose and hose-end restrictor you use. In this case, you're replacing your gallon jug with a barrel. When I used this method, I found the Teel 1P809 pump from W. W. Grainger to be excellent, as its outlet is intended to accept a garden hose, and it has plenty of pressure. Drums may usually be obtained for free from a local car wash.



Open-Head Drum and Submersible

Pump

6) Chemical injector pump. These are good against the pressure of a long or narrow-diameter hose, but you'll have to develop a calibration curve specific to the hose and nozzle combination(s) you will be using, making sure the spigot is wide open at all times so the flow is relatively constant.



Injector Pump

7) Proportioning pumps. This is the "Cadillac" for the orchid grower. Manufactured by Dosmatic and Dosatron (we use and recommend the former), they are powered by the flowing water, work at all flow rates and pressures, can be set to a variety of mixing ratios and stay there once set. They are fairly expensive too, about \$300-\$350 new for the size an orchid grower is likely to need, but worth the investment, in my opinion.



Water-Powered Proportioning

Pump

Since originally writing this, a number of Chinese “knock-offs” of these metering pumps have hit the scene on Amazon.com. I have not used them myself, but several of my customers say they appear to be quite good.

Until next time... *Good Growing!*





2025 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.

Whether you are new to the hobby or an established successful grower, there is always more to learn. Review the AOS website.

An infographic with a dark background and a pattern of orchid leaves. The title "EXCITING REASONS TO JOIN THE AOS TODAY..." is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title is a central text block: "Become a better grower with exclusive resources, benefits & savings enjoyed by thousands of people like you from around the world." In the center is a video player showing a close-up of a pink orchid. Surrounding the central text are six purple hexagonal callouts, each with an icon and text: 1. Top left: Book icon, "Orchids magazine & digital archive". 2. Top right: Piggy bank icon, "Exclusive savings from top 50 orchid vendors". 3. Middle left: Magnifying glass icon, "Orchidpro - search 100K+ photos". 4. Middle right: Percentage sign icon, "\$700+ vouchers for 2 year members". 5. Bottom left: Computer monitor icon, "Over 100+ ready-to-watch webinars". 6. Bottom right: Orchid leaf icon, "Join the AOS today! Under \$5 per month". At the bottom of the infographic is a text block: "Watch the 4-minute video above to see what AOS membership offers you. Join today using the secure form below or by calling (305) 740-2010".

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

It is April showers in March here! Weather warming, lots of orchid shows? Have you been to one? How about two? We had three in a row. But us orchid folk never get tired of seeing the displays and the beautiful orchids that people raise.

Societies play a big role in the overall conservation of these plants, even though we maybe are not actively maintaining a conservation garden. By showing people all these lovely orchids we are secondarily protecting and conserving our orchids because we are showing them the value of our most numerous plant kingdom. We, in effect, are making sure that people see the wonderful array of orchids in our world to create the stimulus to protect them in the wild so that generations to come can enjoy their beauty.

I hope that you attend shows in your area and learn more about the orchids in the displays. The creative juices that flow in those exhibits are to be praised! So many orchids, so little time. – Cheryl Erins – cerins@aos.org

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When	April 03, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	April 16, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT	May 08, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	May 15, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by March 31</i>	<i>Master Orchidist Series</i> Growing Orchids Indoors and In Terrariums Light, media, pots! Successful steps to cultivate orchids indoors.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 05</i>	<i>Master Orchidist Series</i> Calming Your Fears About Repotting Orchids Learn about using the best media and techniques, growing orchids indoors.
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Chris Satch Orchid Grower and Professor at NY Botanical Gardens	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Janeil Payne Long time orchid grower and AOS Orchid Judge



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Under the Community & Events tab at the top, select "Orchid Culture Day"

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Join us for this Outstanding Online Event
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American Orchid Society
7th CULTURE DAY

Sunday, May 18, 2025

11 a.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

This Event is Recorded for all Registrants to View at their Leisure

ORCHIDS—From Seed to Success

Door Prizes!
Must be online day
of event to be eligible
4 Guest Speakers
4 Great Topics

- **Orchid Pollination - In Nature and at Your Kitchen Table** Explained by *Adam Karremans*, Director of Lankester Botanical Garden
- **Can I Make My Own Hybrid?** Demonstration of flasking, deflasking and compots, by Hobby Growers and Hybridizers, *Keith and Dina Emig*
- **Brassavola-Cattleya Alliance Novelty Hybrids** Tune in to meet *Allen Black* and understand his dedication to this group of orchids
- **Easy to Grow and Bloom Hybrids** Presented by *Manny Aybar*, accomplished hobbyist, AOS Judge, and AOS award winning exhibitor

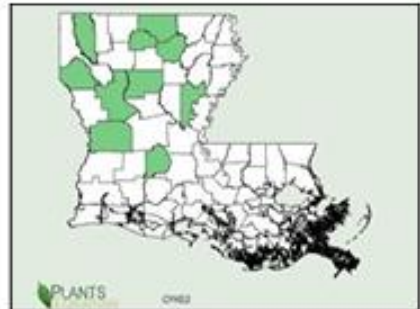
Online Registration Required—Only \$40

Native Orchid of the Month—April

Cypripedium kentuckiense (Kentucky lady's slipper)

Cypripedium kentuckiense is a large, showy orchid with stems up to about 28 in. in length. The stems have about 5 leaves and usually bear a single flower when mature. The pouch of the large flower is creamy to pale yellow with greenish purple-mottled petals. It has the largest flowers of any *Cypripedium* known. Once seen in flower it is never forgotten.

The sepals and petals are usually deeply striated with a purple brown color, forming a near chocolate brown appearance, though in 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, attempts at transplantation, and loss of habitat have drastically reduced their numbers. Wild lady's slippers have special requirements that make them difficult to cultivate, and rarely survive transplanting from the wild.

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



Data compiled from various sources and provided courtesy of the Central Louisiana Orchid Society.
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The American Orchid Society has a local Judging Center that meets in Alexandria on the fourth Saturday of every month. If you are interested in joining the judging program, please contact CLOS member Al Taylor.