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From the President

This month's program by Dr. Jim Barnett on Native Orchids should be very interesting. Looking forward to it. The dog days of summer are here and anything outdoors is a chance to be overheated even for our orchids. More frequent watering is imperative.

This month's Louisiana Judging Center meeting will be at our usual location, Westside Regional Library. This month we are voting on the advanced AOS awards for 2021. The best of the best awards given at our center. All are welcomed to attend and see the beautiful orchids we have been awarding.

See everyone this Sunday at 2:30PM at the Youth Center, St James Episcopal Church. Bring your blooming orchids for show-and -tell.

Wilton Guillory



Meeting Time and Place:
Sunday, August 21, 2022
Time: 2:30 pm

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20
The Native Orchids of Louisiana
Presented by: Dr. Jim Barnett

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

Refreshments:
Andrea Mattison

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AUGUST PROGRAM

The Native Orchids of Louisiana

Presented by: Dr. Jim Barnett

Did you know that Louisiana has 44 species of native orchids and some occur in at least 60 of the 64 parishes? Found from the swamps and wetlands of South Louisiana to the rolling hills of North Louisiana, these flowers are a much-overlooked part of the Louisiana flora. Join us as Dr. Barnett discusses each of our native orchids, their blooming times, and parishes where they can be found in our state.



Member Feature

Richard and Judy Smith

Judy and I have always enjoyed planting interesting flowers and plants in our yard. We've been adding orchids to our indoor collections, but we never had much luck in their survival. After I retired from the state as an OCS worker and Judy retired from teaching, we had more time to coddle these beautiful orchids. We joined CLOS in 2018 or 2019 and discovered several different varieties of orchids. Phalaenopsis orchids have been most successful to us. We've branched out to Dendrobium and Cattleya with the guidance of our CLOS orchid friends. We have learned about the correct way to water orchids, the importance of re-potting them, and some skills in keeping them alive. When our plants actually bloomed, we were so excited!

Our orchids are kept in windowsills and our glass enclosed entry way, which was the best location until we lost our shade tree. We have other plants in our small greenhouse, but the weather is either too hot or too cold to include orchids in there.

We've enjoyed so many things since joining this group. We have felt comfortable in the family atmosphere at our meetings and appreciate everyone being willing to help each other.

Central Louisiana Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2022

1.0 Call to Order

Vice-President Al Taylor called the meeting to order at 1436.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our June meeting.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

Wilton was not present.

3.2 Vice President Report

3.2.1 Al discussed the Baton Rouge show that he and Wilton attended and judged. Our society did not put in an exhibit this year, but will resume exhibiting next year.

3.2.2 Al reminded our members that the Louisiana Judging Center will have their monthly judging next Saturday on July 23.

3.2.3 Our August program will be on the Native Orchids of Louisiana by Dr. Jim Barnett. Andrea is scheduled to present to us in September.

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 – Eron reminded everyone that June minutes were in this month's newsletter. He mentioned that he is featuring a member each month in a column so we better get to know each other.

4.0 Old Business

Jim reports that the Kees Park hall for our spring show is not scheduling 2023 events yet and he will continue trying to see when we can get on their books. We are hoping for a February, March, or April show date.

New Business

- 4.1 Eron received correspondence from the Ft. Worth Orchid Society about the SWROGA show that they are hosting in November. We decided we will not put in an exhibit at that show.

5.0 Program

The AOS Webinar titled *My Favorite Curiosities* by Ron McHatton was shown.

6.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Andrea, Al, Eron, Richard & Judy, Jim, & Rick

Door Prize Winner: Eron

Eron provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: Vandachostylis Ladda Gold – Al

Cattleya Alliance: 1st – Enc. plicata – Rick

2nd – C. Hybrida ‘Fightin’ Tigers’ HCC/AOS – Eron division of Al’s plant

3rd – Yamadara Queen Adelia ‘Kiilani’ – Andrea

Cypripedium Alliance: 1st – Phragmipedium Wossner Supergrande – Eron

2nd – Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern - Eron

All Others Group: 1st – Rhynchostylis coelestis - Rick

2nd – Vandachostylis Ladda Gold - Al

3rd – Vanda Kru Chom ‘Red Butterfly’ - Eron

There was no other business.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Eron Borne
Secretary

Tip of the Month

Higher temperatures mean more water evaporating from your orchids. More frequent watering may be needed depending on what potting medium you use and the size of your plant's pot. Remember to keep water out of the crown of phalaenopsis plants so you don't develop crown rot. Shriveled pseudobulbs and wrinkled leaves can be a sign of dehydration. Misting plants can help prevent dehydration, but be sure plants have enough time to dry off before night.



Al's Best Grown Plant – *Vandachostylis* Ladda Gold – It was quite a beautiful specimen!

Show and Tell winners – Cattleya Alliance Category



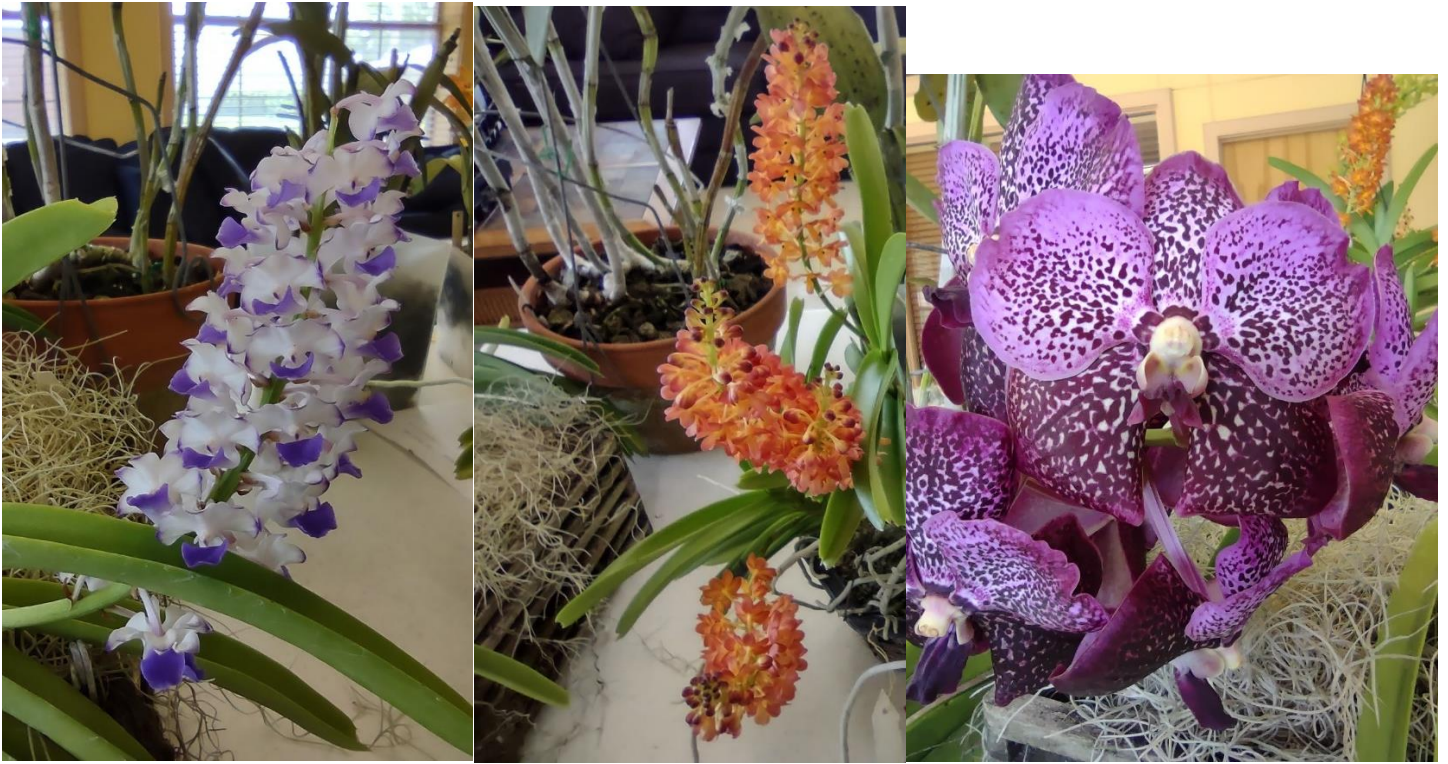
1st – *Enc. plicata* -Rick, 2nd – *C. Hybrida* 'Fightin' Tigers' HCC/AOS - Eron, 3rd – *Yam. Queen Adelia* – Andrea

Show and Tell winners – Cypripedium Alliance Category



1st – *Phragmipedium Wossner Supergrande* -Eron, 2nd – *Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern* - Eron

Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1st – *Rhynchostylis coelestis* -Rick, 2nd – *Van. Ladda Gold* - Al, 3rd – *Vanda Kru Chom 'Red Butterfly'* – Eron

Other notable show and tell plants



The first is *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*, which is an oddity which was discussed in this month's program. The middle is *Phrag. tetzlaffianum*, a very rare species. The third is *Grammatophyllum citrinum*, which has a wonderful smell and can grow into an enormous plant in the wild.



2022 August AOS Corner – for [Affiliated Societies](#)

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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. Bring your orchids to the nearest [Judging Center](#) or set up an Outreach Judging for your society. You now have orchid growing goals! You're welcome.



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Topic	Choose Your Topic From RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i> The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas
Presenter	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee Accredited AOS Judge, President COC

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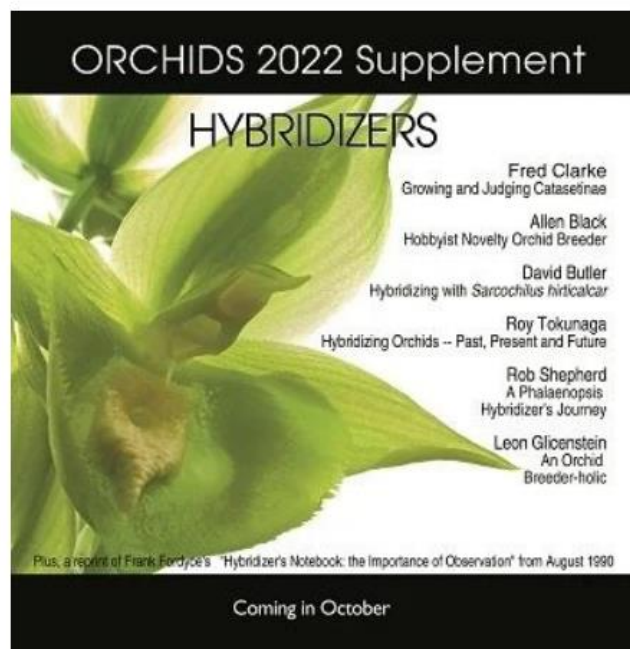
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ORCHIDS Annual Supplement Coming This Fall

This year's Supplement will be a little different and is called Hybridizers. This is used generically for how our hybrids come about, what hybridizers do and have accomplished. We have articles from seven well-known hybridizers—from small, backyard operations to large, commercial ventures.

Why Hybridizers? These are the people that bring us something new and wonderful every year. They tell their story of how they organize and plan their breeding programs with stunning photography along with results: a how-to roadmap to encourage future breeders of fine orchids. Fred Clarke brings us a near-exhaustive coverage of *Catasetinae*: culture, species and hybrids, and how they are judged. Innovative hybridizers such as Roy Tokunaga and David Butler reveal secrets to help the next generation. Leon Glicenstein and Allen Black discuss hybridizing something other than flat and round. Rob Shepherd details methods for breeding blue phalaenopsis. The late Frank Fordyce advises on the timeless Importance of Observation.

The Supplements are supported by donations from members. When you donate online at aos.org, please choose "Annual Supplement" to keep this great tradition growing. A whisper: next year has something to do with dendrobiums!



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August: The Month of Ambrosia

By Thomas Mirenda

Among the purest and most primal joys of the plant world are the wonderful perfumes and aromas emanating from your orchid collection and your garden this month. August is not a month to toil, but rather one to savor the wonders of creation, for how often have you really looked at your orchid flowers? Sure, they are colorful and beautiful, but they are so much more. They are part of the continuity of life, an end-product of evolution, a lure, irresistible to pollinators — and humans.

Ambrosia, in Greek mythology, was the food of the gods and was thought to confer ageless immortality to those who consumed it. In Homeric tradition, it was perceived to be a kind of divine exhalation of the earth. Nectar, the drink of the gods, comes from the contraction of two Greek words — *nek* (death) and *tar* (overcoming) — indicating its healing and life-giving properties.

This month, we must appreciate what comes from the earth. It is now, in our gardens' summer peak, that we, bathed in early morning light or encroaching twilight, emerge from our chambers to sample the fruit and fragrances wrought by our toils earlier in the spring. It is most important to take in that sweet ambrosia offered daily by the plant world. While it's unlikely that those who do will achieve immortality, the peace and pleasure to be gained are timeless.

FRAGRANCES - Among the most amazing aromatic flowers in the plant world are the blossoms of Stanhopeas and their allies. Often smelling like an exotic mixture of several different fragrances, most of these plants have sharply pendulous inflorescences and should be grown in hanging baskets. If you have young seedlings or divisions of Stanhopeas or their relatives, such as Embreeas, Gongoras, Acinetas, or Coryanthes, in regular pots, lift the plants from their pots to check and make sure they have not sent out inflorescences into the mix. Often these inflorescences, unable to escape the confines of the pot, end up rotting. It is possible for many Stanhopeas and their relatives to bloom at an earlier age than you might think, and a gentle transfer of young plants into baskets might be in order before their spikes develop too much.

UNINVITED GUESTS - The summer heat generally means stepped-up insect activity. There are both good and bad insects in the garden, and if you have chosen to summer plants outside, you have got some of each among your plants. Be on the lookout for parasites such as mealybugs and scale. And be prepared to spray insecticides if you are finding large infestations. If, however, after a thorough search you find minimal problems, your beneficial insects, such as ladybugs and other small predators, are likely to keep plants free of problems. Spraying at this point would only damage beneficial populations.

ANTS - One of the worst pests in August is ants. Their colonies will often invade the coarse, airy conditions of orchid media and will greatly acidify the mix. Observe plants after a heavy watering, and, if an ant colony is present, it will be obvious by the ants streaming out of the saturated mix. It is not fun, but such plants must be purged of ants and repotted immediately. Ants are vectors for many other insects and cannot be tolerated.

ANT PLANTS - While I have never tried this, and do not dare recommend it, there are certain plants that, in the wild anyway, seem to benefit from the presence of ants. In particular, Myrmecophila (which means "ant lover" in Latin) has symbiotic relationships with ants that act as the plants' bodyguards during the dry season. The plants supply space and nectar in their hollow pseudobulbs where the ants can nest. Seeds of these and other orchids, such as Coryanthes, often germinate on or near ant nests and seem to require or feed off of the extreme acidity that comes from the formic acid excreted by the ants. It is conceivable that such plants might actually thrive better if ants were allowed to invade them for the summer. Still, you do want to do something about that before bringing the plants inside for the winter.

COOL IT - In a mixed collection, there will always be some plants that are experiencing stress in the oppressive heat so characteristic of August. Among the strategies for cooling plants are shade, gentle airflow, and frequent cool mistings. It is your degree of engagement during those stiflingly hot days that will help your struggling orchids get through the worst of the season.

HOT STUFF - While most of the intermediate orchids struggle, many warmer-growing orchids take the heat in stride. Fertilize them well and allow them the chance to prosper in the summer heat. Pay attention to your Dendrobiums, Vandas, Catasetums, Brassavolas, and Encyclias, all of which use August for increasing their pseudobulbs.

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