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### President's Message

It seems the August heat is now settling in for a while. Make sure your orchids are shaded and watered, so they don't get overstressed. I hang 50% shade cloth over as many plants as I can to try to keep them happy in the heat. Automatic misting systems also help during this time of the year. Don't forget to feed weakly, weekly for plants during this season, and do so early in the day before the scorching sun rises too high in the sky.

I am still awaiting suggestions for programs you would like to see during the year at our meetings. Planning for programs would be much easier if we can get some topics that more members are interested in seeing.

I hope, if you are interested in the Olympics, you have been able to sit and watch all the excitement. I have been glued to the TV for some time and enjoyed every minute of the competitions.

Happy growing and blooming,

Russel Deroche, Jr.

**Please bring your favorite ice cream toppings if you have a preference!**



**Meeting Time and Place:  
Sunday, August 18, 2024  
Time: 2:30 pm**

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20  
**Program: 50 tips - Phalaenopsis  
hybrid orchids - Everything worth  
knowing**

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

**Refreshments: Ice Cream Social**

#### Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

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# AUGUST MEETING

*50 tips - Phalaenopsis hybrid orchid - Everything worth knowing*

Russel found a great presentation that he will show us this month.

## Tip of the Month

July and August are the two most similar months. Most of the advice on watering, disease and pest control in last month's calendar still applies but subtle changes are taking place. Although it may not seem so, as temperatures climb into the low nineties most afternoons, summer is in retreat: each day a little shorter, each night a little longer. With shorter days the importance of watering as early in the morning as possible comes to the fore. With less hours of sunlight to dry the plants, extra care should be taken in choosing when to water. Back to the basics of the classic saying: If a vanda looks like it needs water, water it; If a cattleya or oncidium looks like it needs water, water it tomorrow. If a paph or a phal looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday. If plants retain water even from an early morning watering, allowing them to dry a bit harder before the next watering is always a good idea. An extra day of drying rarely does harm.

- 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.

**Central Louisiana Orchid Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 21, 2024**

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Russel Deroche called the meeting to order at 1430.

**2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes**

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

**3.0 Officer Reports**

**3.1 President Report**

3.1.1 Russel reported no birthdays this month to announce. He would like us to think about topics to cover for future programs. We are to write down and e-mail him lists for program ideas. Russel also discussed our annual ice-cream social next meeting in August. Members gave their input and decided on who would bring what.

**3.2 Vice President Report**

3.2.1 Vice President Richard had nothing to report but was glad to be back.

**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** – Heather spoke of her time volunteering for the Baton Rouge show last weekend. It went very well. She also reported enjoying all the displays and finding a couple of nice orchids to add to her collection.

**4.0 Old Business**

4.1 Nothing to report

**5.0 New Business**

5.1 We entered a “5 or fewer” display at the Baton Rouge Show. Al supplied the plants and materials. Al and his friend Jackie from Acadia Orchid Society put the display up with Frank from the judging center and Heather there to help. Take down was completed by Heather her husband Joseph and Frank.

5.2 Members planned our spring show that will possibly be in February. We also planned our refreshments through the end of the year.

## **6.0 Program**

Russel continued the SWORGA Power Point Presentation on Fragrant Orchids Species part 2. This was a colorful presentation of beautiful orchids with fragrance. Members commented on their experience with several of the flowers shown and their wonderful scents.

Our yearly Ice Cream Social will be next month!

## **7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell**

Raffle Winners: Heather, Russel, Judy, Richard

Door Prize Winner: Andrea

Richard and Judy provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *CTna*. Why not – Andrea

Cattleya Alliance: 1<sup>st</sup> – *Den*. Popper Red – Andrea

2<sup>nd</sup> – *CTna*. Why not – Andrea

3<sup>rd</sup> – *Brassocattleya Unknown* – Andrea

There was no other business.

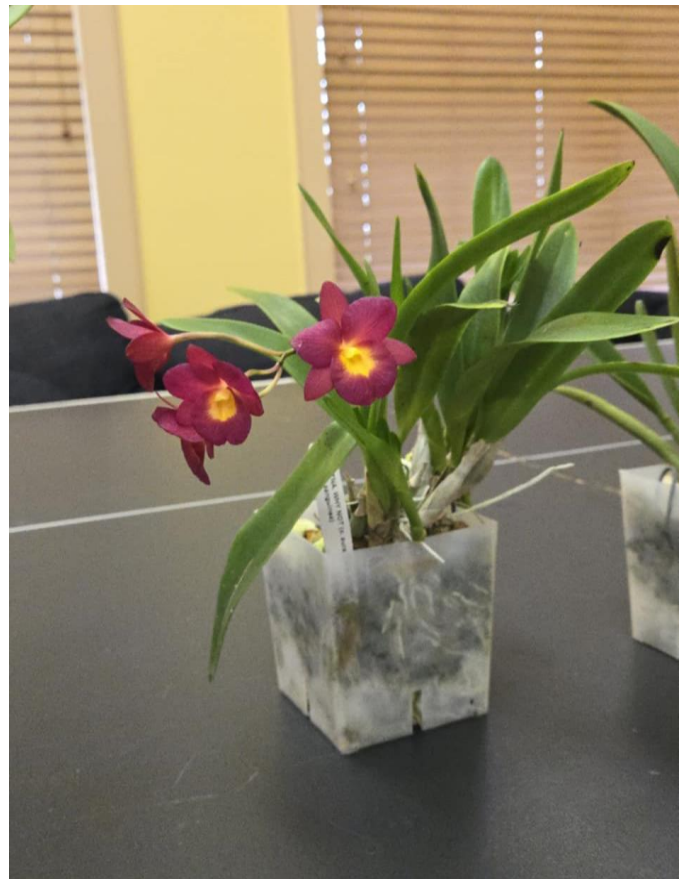
## **8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1630.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A Wilfert  
Secretary

Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1<sup>st</sup> – *Den. Popper Red* – Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> and also Best Grown– *Ctna. Why Not*– Andrea, 3<sup>rd</sup> – NOID  
*Brassocattleya* (below) – Andrea





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