

August 2020

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From the President

I hope everyone is having a good summer and staying healthy. First, I will address our show. After lengthy discussions at our last meeting and the continued state we are in regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, the CLOS board has voted to cancel our show for this year. We have to let the AOS know as early as possible so they can pull our info out of the magazine and website, and we could not wait any longer. In addition, many of our members expressed continued concern over attending a show and no other societies committed to coming due to the virus. In addition, the status of the venue cannot be predicted this far in advance right now. Shows are always fun and exciting, and I have missed attending the shows across the state this year. Let's hope next year all of our shows across the state happen on schedule!

Due to last month focusing on show topics, we pushed back Wilton's program on Judging Cattleyas until August. This is also our ICE CREAM SOCIAL meeting so we will have ice cream and some toppings. Feel free to bring any ice cream flavors and toppings you personally would like. The meeting will be at Wilton and Connie's home and directions to their house accompany this newsletter.

It is completely understandable that anyone with medical conditions or any other Covid-19 concerns to continue self-quarantining and you will be missed again this month!

See you on Sunday, August 16, at 2:30pm!

Eron



Meeting Time & Place
Sunday, August 16, 2020
Plant Entry 2:00 pm
Meeting time 2:30 pm
Guillory Home
1516 City Park Blvd.
Alexandria, LA 71301

Refreshments:
Ice Cream Social

Program:
Judging Cattleyas-Wilton
Guillory

**Central Louisiana Orchid
Society Officers**

President –Eron Borne
Vice President – Wilton
Guillory
Secretary –Janice Upton
Treasurer – Jim Barnett
Director-Linda Roberts
Director –Al Taylor
Director- Andrea Mattison
SWROGA Directors: Linda R
AOS Representative –Wilton
ODC Representative – Andrea
Mattison

Newsletter Editor – Connie
Guillory
Show& Tell –Rick Allardyce

**Central Louisiana Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2020**

1.0 Call to Order

President Eron Borne called the meeting to order at 1430.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

There were no minutes to review from the previous meeting.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

Eron discussed updating the show schedule and reminded Al to request the AOS show trophy on August 1st. He also brought up discussion on when we need to make a decision on whether to cancel the show or continue with preparations.

3.2 Vice President Report

Wilton talked about the show planning and that all committee positions were filled. Discussion continued on whether to try and have our show and Wilton said we will decide by the first of August so the AOS could pull our show info from their magazine and website.

3.3 Treasurer Report

The treasurer report was given by the treasurer Jim Barnett.

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

4.3.2 Raffle Tickets for sale – Many items (plants, potting bark, and collectables) were donated for the raffle this month. Everyone was encouraged to buy tickets.

3.4 Secretary Report – No report as Janice was not present

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Eron discussed a topic from a few months ago regarding getting society t-shirts to wear at shows and other events we attend. Al and Connie volunteered to research some options and present it at our next meeting. The consensus was a collared shirt with an embroidered logo.

5.0 New Business

5.1 There was no new business this month.

6.0 Program

Due to lengthy show discussion, we decided to postpone Wilton's program on Judging Cattleyas until August. Also, since the A/C was not working real good due to the building not being in continued use right now, Connie offered to have the program at their house next month.

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Warren, Andrea, Al, and Wilton

Door Prize Winner: Jacob

There were no refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented.

There was no other business.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1542.

Respectfully submitted,

Eron Borne

Show and Tell July 2020

Cattleya Division

1. C. Motte Spot 'Paradise' AM/AOS-Al Taylor
2. Blc. Owen Holmes 'Newberry' AM/AOS-Eron Borne

Cypripedium Division

1. Phrag Silver Eagle 'Pink Frost' AM/AOS-Eron Borne
2. Phrag Cahaba Sunrise-Eron Borne
2. *Paph dianthum*-Al Taylor

Other Division

1. *Den tobaense*-Al Taylor
2. Beallara Big Shot-Andrea Mattison



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Beallara Big Shot-Andrea Mattison



Paph dianthum-Al Taylor



Phrag Cahaba Sunrise-Eron Borne



Phrag Silver Eagle 'Pink Frost' AM/AOS-Eron Borne



***Dendrobium tobaense*-Al Taylor**



C. Motte Spot 'Paradise' AM/AOS-AI Taylor



Blc. Owen Holmes 'Newberry' AM/AOS-Eron Borne



Let's Grow Together!

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2020 AUGUST AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

The AOS Corner is for society representatives and newsletter editors: Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner completely, or in part, in their society publications.

We encourage use of the [AOS website](http://www.aos.org) by all members. <http://www.aos.org>

URGENT: YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Action required by Sunday, July 26

Information for each Affiliated Society is printed in the AOS ORCHID SOURCE DIRECTORY supplemental publication. Please verify your society information that is available on the [AOS website](http://www.aos.org).

Update as necessary by using the [online update](#) or [PDF form](#). This must be done ASAP in order for your society information to appear correctly in the next printed edition of this publication.

If you use the [PDF form](#), it needs to be emailed to main office by Friday to be included in the publication update. Please address to TheAOS@aos.org.

<https://www.aos.org/About-Us/Affiliated-Societies/affiliated-societies-lookup.aspx>

<https://www.aos.org/About-Us/Affiliated-Societies/affiliated-society-update-form.aspx>

<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AffiliatedSocietyInformationUpdate.pdf>

DID YOU KNOW? The American Orchid Society will be celebrating its 100th anniversary April 2021. That's a lot of orchid love through the years. The February issue of ORCHIDS will be dedicated to the centennial. Our committee has been asked to contribute an article for publication in the centennial issue.

We are calling on our Affiliated Societies to tell us all you can about your history with the AOS. Personally, I have been our society AOS representative for the last ten years or so. I have been around orchids more than thirty years and a member of our affiliated society

for almost eighteen, but I am sure that is just a drop in the bucket, compared to many other members out there.

If you have any history that you can share related to your society affiliation with AOS please share it with us. Please do not limit yourself!

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Do you know what prompted your society to become an affiliate of the AOS?
- What is the most beneficial aspect of your society's relationship with the American Orchid Society?
- Does your AOS representative share AOS news with your society on a monthly basis?
- Do you have an amazing story about the history of your society as it relates to the AOS?
- Do you have photos of an early AOS judged orchid show?

Send your material to: askmasc@verizon.net

Speaking of judged shows, the following exhibit was put together by our orchid neighbors to the south.



Award No: 20195712

American Orchid Society

Show Trophy

'Sueño Tropical en Alajuela'

ST | AOS (83 points)

Exhibitor: Asociación

Alajeuense de Orquideología

Photographer: Jorge Enrique

Céspedes Trigueros



To view a gallery of awarded exhibits, go to [aos.org](https://op.aos.org), and sign-in.

Select Orchid Pro from the drop down menu on your membership status box, then use search term: Show Trophy

There are 1878 examples dating back to 1989.

<https://op.aos.org/>

Tell us about the most exciting moment at one of your orchid shows.



DID YOU KNOW? The Affiliated Societies Committee maintains a [list of speakers](#) available for your monthly meeting presentations. The following list has been updated with confirmations from speakers offering remote presentations. Please feel free to reach out to these speakers directly to see if they might fit into your meeting schedules.

https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS_Speakers_List.pdf

Below is a list of speakers that have recently responded positively to our update request. We are hopeful that more speakers will

agree to this style of presentation.

Alan Koch
Arthur Katz
Bill and Deb Bodei
Bill Thoms
Carol Beule
Carol Klonowski
Carri Raven-Reimann
Christopher Satch
Dave Sorokowsky
Ed Weber
Fred Clarke
Gary Yong Gee
Hadley Cash
Harry Gallis
James and Melana Davison

Kim Feddersen
Lawrence Zettler
Marc Hachadourian
Marcelo Morales
Martin Motes
Mary Gerritsen
Mary Mancini
Maurice Garvey
Nile Dusdieker
Norman Fang
Rob Griesbach
Ron Kaufmann
Steve Beckendorf
Steve Frowine
Steve Gonzalez

REMINDERS

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	August 13, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	August 26, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	September, 01, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	September 10, 2020 8:30 EST Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	<i>Maxillaria</i> Not just <i>tenuifolia</i> anymore	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Encyclias and their Hybrids
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Eric Sauer Awarded Maxillariaologist & Greenhouse Grower	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Mike Curtin is an AOS Student Judge and member of Oregon Orchid Societies

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? An Affiliated Society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it's easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the [scheduled webinars](#) and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

If your society does not have internet access, you can contact the AOS Education Committee, Sandra Svoboda at stillisch@cox.net and request [a program from the recorded list](#). The video file(s) with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy the file to a flash drive or copy it to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting.

<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Webinars-for-Affiliated-Societies-7-24-19.pdf>

Insight for our [AFFILIATED SOCIETIES](#)
<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx>

DID YOU KNOW? If you have missed an issue of the AOS Corner they are archived on the [AOS website](#). Recent issues can also be found on the [Affiliated Societies Facebook Page](#), in the Files section.

<https://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/aos-corner.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/files/>

[Check out the Complete Affiliated Benefits Package](#)

<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Benefits-of-being-an-Affiliated-SocietiesMember-v5.pdf>

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AOS Representatives, please remember to let your society 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 available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. *Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues.*

2020 **membership** rates can be found on the AOS website! <http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx>
Need **print applications** to have on hand at your monthly meetings or to mail out? Find them here: <https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOSJoinForm2020.pdf>

AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY Affiliated Societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your Affiliated Society can obtain a FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation on the printed membership form or in the comments section online at checkout.

Orchids A to Z

Are you looking for a definitive source for concise information on orchid genera? Check in on this website section to see full descriptions and culture requirements provided by experts handpicked for their orchid knowledge. Photos of popular species in each genus are shown. 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. A sound card and speakers are required to hear the spoken name. <https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>



Award No: 20201029

Vanda Lek 'Garrett's Little Lu' AM | AOS (84 points)

Vanda luzonica x *Vanda Flambeau*

Exhibitor: Sharon and David Garrett

Photographer: Wes Newton

Award 20201029 is a hybrid **Vanda**.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-v/vanda.aspx>



Award No: 20205467

Sobralia virginalis 'Angelica' CCE | AOS (91 points)

Exhibitor: Jorge Solarte

Photographer: Bryan Ramsay

Award 20205467 is a species [Sobralia](#).

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-s/sobralia.aspx>

CULTURE CONNECTION

[CULTIVATE](#), to grow in a prepared medium

Visit the AOS website for a [Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care](#)

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/july-august-checklist.aspx>

August: The Month of Midlife

By Thomas Mirenda

OK, calm down everyone. Resist it all you like, but we all get older. Those of us of a “certain age” are frequently accused of having a crisis in our lives because others perceive some slightly reckless or unusual behavior. Isn't it hyperbolic to say we are in crisis simply because we seem restless in our jobs, dye our hair, buy a sporty car or, I don't know, sell everything we own and relocate to Argentina so we can dance the tango with beautiful strangers. . . OK, that one does seem a bit much. Even so, why not shake things up a little in our lives? It is not so much about regaining our youth (you could not pay me to be 20 again) as it is about keeping life fresh and fun. When I was 20 everything was exciting and new and life was all about adventure and the future. We may be more settled now in our jobs and houses and partners, but life is still all about the future! Why shouldn't it be just as exciting as it was when we were kids?

The growing of orchids may seem a passive pursuit to many, some might even say cultivating orchids is a pastime for a more subdued set, but I beg to differ. Readers of Orchids know that the activity is endlessly fascinating, and the subject staggeringly vast and mind-boggling. While the thrill I get from walking into the greenhouse and seeing a long awaited new orchid flower finally unfurled may not be equally adrenaline inducing as hang gliding, I also do not run the risk of breaking any bones when I do it! Some of the greatest peak experiences of my life have involved searching for and finding orchids in the wild. These experiences have almost always involved exotic travel, moderate to intense physical activity, immersing myself in nature as well as hanging out with friends, old and new. If that's a life in crisis, I'll take it!

WISE ABOUT WATER Rainwater is a gift from above, and excessive amounts of runoff actually can hurt our environment. Collecting rainwater and using it for your orchids is pretty easy and will be a boon to the health of your collection. A simple rain barrel with a submersible pump and a hose are the basic tools needed. Why waste this fine quality water? August is actually a tough time for orchid watering and you have to use your best judgment around this time. So many of your new growths that initiated in the spring are now approaching maturity. The observant grower will notice that they need less water and fertilizer now than they did months ago and should do better with a little less than they did when in active growth. Actually, the summer heat tends to halt plant metabolism in many of the intermediate growing orchids. Only the very warmest-growing orchids are unaffected by the intensities of summer weather.

CAM PHOTOSYNTHESIS ORCHIDS In fact, many warm-growing (and even some cooler growing) orchids engage in a water-retentive type of plant respiration referred to as crassulacean acid metabolism, or CAM photosynthesis. This is an adaptation that evolved in plants from desert habitats where temperatures are very high and water is scarce. These types of plants do not open their stomata during the day, or all the water in their tissues would immediately vaporize. Instead, CAM plants open at night, which allows needed respiration to occur without the risk of rapid desiccation. In your orchid collection, this means that many of your more succulent orchids might not be able to take up water from their roots until the sun goes down.

FUNGAL ISSUES Astute growers will tell themselves, “Well, I'm told never to water late in the day for risk of crown rot and fungal pathogens that can occur when plant surfaces are wet at night. But if they don't take in water until evening, when should I water?” This has more to do with a phrase you see in this magazine frequently: “a well-drained but moisture retentive mixture.” This is the key to success for so many orchids. You have won half the watering battle by supplying the right mix for your climate for each individual in your collection. You may have the medium issue adequately addressed, but rot issues do tend to appear in the summer heat, especially if you mist your plants excessively to keep them cool. Be on the lookout for signs of bad fungi, broken down mixes that do not dry out (a sure sign of root rot), leaves that are not turgid and new growths that detach or disintegrate. If you have these types of problems, it might be time for an emergency repotting or treatment with a fungicide.

THE HEAT IS ON By this time in the summer, deleterious effects of heat will become more pronounced, and you may have to rescue a few orchids. Do your best to cool plants by using combinations of mist, shade and air movement. If portions of your plants have succumbed to heat stress or appear to be rotting, it is always best to remove and discard those necrotic tissues, as the resulting diseases can easily spread to healthier portions of the plant. Treat any cuts you make with an antifungal or antibacterial substance

such as cinnamon. Next month, some relief is in sight for your heat-stressed orchids. (*As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 84, NO.8, August 2015*)

Published since 1932, ORCHIDS (formerly known as the AOS Bulletin) is among the [many benefits of an AOS membership](#). Exploding with glorious full-page color photographs, each monthly issue is packed with topics of current interest for both beginners and advanced orchid growers.

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS August Preview

- Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum maxillare* by Charles Wilson
- Orchids Illustrated - Willem Hendrik de Vriese by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- *Rhynchoaelia digbyana* by Stephen van Kempen-Lewis
- Who Were These Guys? Part 11 - Hugh Low by David Rosenfeld
- In Pursuit of Teagueia by Kelsey Huisman
- *Lindleyana* - Studies in *Oberonia* 7 by Daniel L. Geiger, Benjamin J. Crain, Melissa K. McCormick, and Dennis F. Whigham

AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the [digital archives](#).

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

AWARDS GALLERY

MEMBERS are privileged to VIEW the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of [ORCHIDS magazine](#) and in OrchidPro. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

DID YOU KNOW? Your Affiliated Societies committee is working on a two-year strategic plan for the future of our role in the AOS. Is there something in particular that you would like to see this committee address, accomplish or change over the next two years? How can we better serve our members in the Affiliated Societies?

Please send your questions and submissions for the AOS Corner to

askmasc@verizon.net or EileenH@aos.org

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

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Can I grow orchids outdoors?



Orchids grow well under trees during frost-free summer months.

Where winters are cold, orchids can be grown on the patio or under trees in the warmer months when frost does not threaten. This is often a wonderful solution for orchid growers in colder climates, and enables the plants to grow so much better than they would if left indoors all year. Growers in frost-free areas with cooler summer nights (below 60 F in August and after) can grow cymbidiums, one of the finest of all garden orchids. Where summer nights are warmer, many varieties of vandas and cattleya types are appropriate.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-care/can-i-grow-orchids-outdoors.aspx>

Where in the house can I grow my orchid?



An east or south facing window provides bright enough light for growing orchids.

South and east-facing windows work best for orchids. West windows can be too hot in the afternoon and north-facing ones are usually too dark. A sheer curtain will cast light shade. Too much direct light causes leaves to sunburn - so it may be necessary to re-position plants as the seasons change. Move plants away from or toward the window to manipulate the amount of light. Make sure the leaves are not touching the glass. In winter in a cold climate, leaves touching the windowpane may freeze.

Leaf color indicates if the amount of light is adequate. The lush, rich, dark green of most houseplants is not desirable in orchid leaves. A grassy green color (light or medium green with yellowish tones) means the plant is receiving sufficient light to bloom.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-care/where-in-the-house-can-i-grow-my-orchid.aspx>

Shreveport Judging



Dendrobium tobaense 'Louisiana' HCC 75 –Al Taylor



Aerides houlitiana 'Dude' HCC 76- Mary Mancini



Phrag Ely's Columbian Pride 'Elizabeth Grace' HCC 79-Eron Borne



***Phal sumatrana fma. zebrina* 'Benin' HCC 79- Mary Mancini**



Milt. Golden Jaquar 'Julia Katherine' HCC 79-Eron Borne

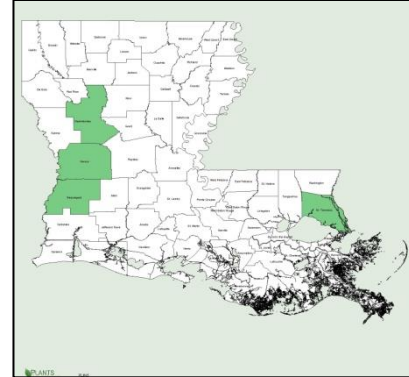
Native Orchid of the Month—August

Platanthera integra (yellow fringeless orchid)

Yellow fringeless orchid, *Platanthera integra*, found in southern New Jersey and eastern North Carolina south to Florida and Texas and north to Tennessee, has orange-yellow flowers with a fringeless lip. It flowers from July to September and it found on pine barrens, peaty in pine savannas, and wet sandy woods.

Platanthera integra is a medium-sized terrestrial orchid up to 18 inches tall and bearing a flower head 3 inches or smaller in height.

The small yellow to orange flowers have slightly lacerated not the deep fringing seen in other *Platantheras*) and are packed dense cluster atop a fluted, blue-green stem. The leaves (one to out rather long for the small plants at the base of the plants, but reduced to the size of the floral bracts somewhat below the



depressions

inches tall

edges (but in a very three) start are quickly actual

flower head.

Although small, the flowers are quite conspicuous. Perhaps the best time to look for these is in the late afternoon, when the sunlight itself is golden. Under such conditions, the flowers of orchids have been described as like small torches having been lit grassland setting.

Platanthera integra is considered vulnerable and is rare throughout range.



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