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President's Message

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. It is now time to battle the elements keeping our orchids at the best temperature for their health and wellness. I am finally getting my greenhouse rebuilt after a few delays; however, it is still not usable yet. The front, right side, and back are almost completed but the left side is still wide open. The wet weather and cold air are now causing some of the delay, but so is trying to reconnect all the polycarbonate sheets to the curved steel structure. My drilling arm is getting on in age and that steel seems to have gotten a lot denser!

The Excel spreadsheet of members is almost complete, and I hope to have copies for you at the January meeting if I can obtain information from a couple of members. If you have not yet paid your 2024 dues, remember they are due now. The spreadsheet will contain more information than you will receive because it will become a business report as well. I do ask that you not share this information with anyone but the members of CLOS because this data is for our use and convenience only. We will check for any errors at the meeting.

After looking over our bylaws, I think we might need to review them for some updates. I have already started working on some suggestions and additions that I think might be necessary for better clarity. If you get a chance, read/reread the bylaws to see if you have some suggestions.

Welcome to this new year of CLOS and I hope we can get much accomplished during the year.

Russel Deroche, Jr.



Meeting Time and Place:
Sunday, January 21, 2024
Time: 2:30 pm

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20
Program: Gather your Aloe Vera, Lemons, Cinnamon, Garlic Cloves, and Bananas for a lesson in propagating Orchids

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

Refreshments: Russel Deroche

Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

President – Russel Deroche, Jr.
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JANUARY MEETING

*"Gather your Aloe Vera, Lemons, Cinnamon, Garlic
Cloves, and Bananas for a lesson in propagating
Orchids"*

An interesting take on ways of propagating your orchids.

Tip of the Month

A warm December has been unusually warm as well as wet. This warmth has allowed Thrips which are usually dormant at this time of year to make some ugly appearances. If the warmth of this winter persists, be prepared to deal with them when temperatures rise into the 80's. While the alternative applications of oil followed by soap outlined in previous newsletters and in Florida Orchid Growing are usually aimed at mites, they are also very effective against Thrips.

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.

**Central Louisiana Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2023**

1.0 Call to Order

President-elect Russel Deroche called the meeting to order at 1437.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our November meeting.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

No report from the previous President

3.2 Vice President Report

3.2.1 Richard had no 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.

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

3.3.3 It is time for our annual donation to the Episcopal Church. Jim motioned in favor, Andrea seconded it and all were in favor.

3.4 Secretary Report – Nothing to report

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Al called the state and was told in order for us to become truly non-profit, we would have to dissolve the CLOS and refile as an LLC. We can also choose to keep going as we are. Russel found we have no official document stating our non-profit status. According to Jim, our charter states we are a non-profit. Russel agreed we are a small group and can stay as we are. We have not had any previous issues and do not foresee any issues in the future; all were in favor.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Eron gave a report from the fall SWROGA board meeting. He spoke of and made a motion to have the CLOS make a donation to the annual conservation drive for the SWROGA Conservation Committee. We can include this donation when we submit our annual SWROGA dues this year. Russel seconded this motion and all were in favor.

- 5.2** Russel will be e-mailing each member in an effort to update our current directory and update/add information.
- 5.3** When asked, Al stated our next big show will be in the spring of 2025 since this occurs every eighteen months.

6.0 Program

Our annual Christmas Party and Bingo was a success! Everyone brought a gift and everyone left with one. The food was fabulous! It was all very nice indeed!

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Al and Jim

Door Prize Winner: Al

Each member provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

All Others Group: 1st - *Catasetum* Unnamed new hybrid -Al
2nd (tie) – Dendrobium Burana Emerald - Andrea
2nd (tie) – Dendrobium Un-named – Andrea
Best Grown Plant – *Bulb. echinolabium* ‘Windy Hill’ AM/AOS - Al

There was no other business.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1555.

Respectfully submitted,

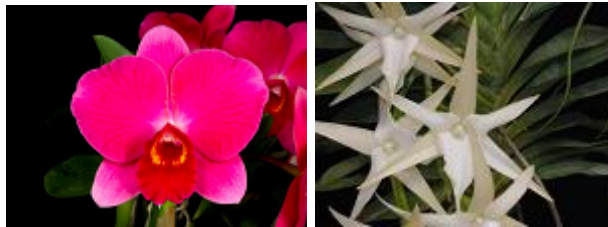
Heather A Wilfert
Secretary

Upcoming Educational Opportunities for CLOS Members

Native Orchid Conference Symposium

The annual symposium for the Native Orchid Conference will be coming south next April 2024! The conference will be hosted in Nacogdoches, TX, and there will be field trips to a couple of native orchid populations in East Texas and possibly West Central Louisiana. The symposium speakers will be excellent. More information on this event will be relayed as the details are finalized.

5th AOS Orchid Culture Day - "Orchids for Enjoyment"



Our 5th Culture Day has been rescheduled for March 3rd, 2024 with a Spring theme.

Our speakers will be:

Mike Coronado (RF Orchids)

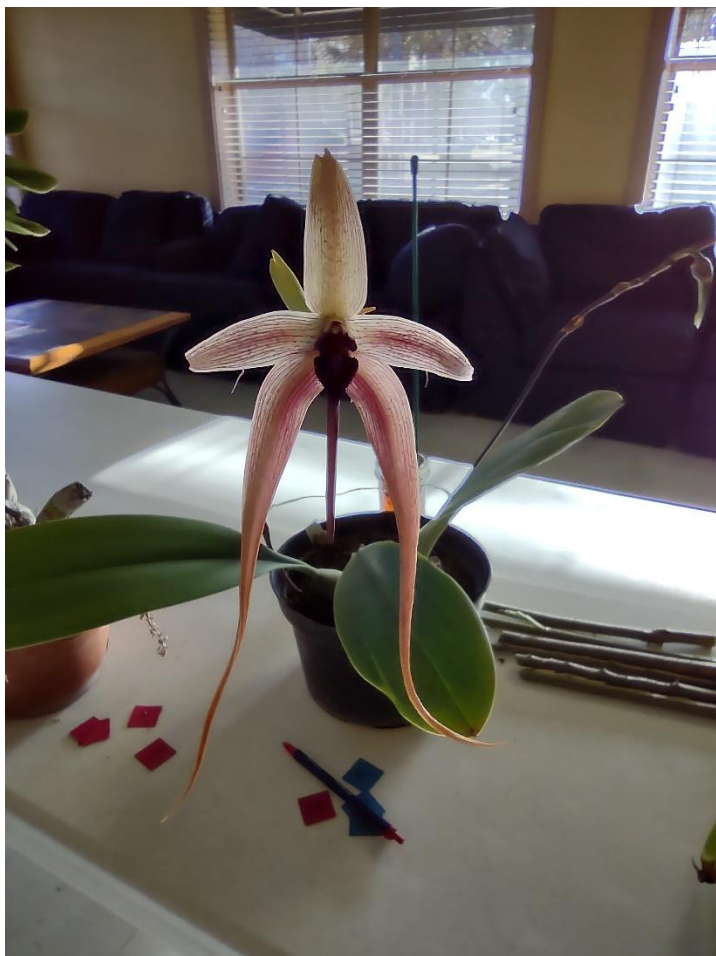
George Hatfield (Hatfield Orchids)

Lorenz Grobler (AfriOrchids)

Julien Baruch (Krull Smith)

Further details will be posted on the AOS website soon.

Al's Best Grown Plant – *Bulb. echinolabium* 'Windy Hill' AM/AOS



Show and Tell winners – Cattleya Alliance Category (None this month)

Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1st – *Catasetum* hybrid – Al, 2nd (tie) – Unnamed *Dendrobiums* - Andrea



2024 January 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.

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Wednesday, January 3, 2024 8:30 PM EST



AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton - Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. As this webinar was released earlier this week, you

can view the recording now! *Open to all.*

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:30 PM EST



Multifloral Paphiopedilums with Carol Klonowski - What is a Multifloral Paph? Yes, it has more than one flower, but what makes these different? What are the rules for growing and

showing these wonderful plants? Join Carol Klonowski as she takes us on a tour of the various species and hybrids and what influences the breeding. *Members only.*

Become an AOS Judge

The American Orchid Society Judging Program

is seeking highly motivated orchid
enthusiasts to join the judging ranks

*Work with other like-minded people in
support of AOS awards programs and
educational efforts*

*For more information contact us at
judges@aos.org*



2024 Spring Members Meeting



April 3rd - 6th in Apopka, Florida

Make plans to join us at the 2024 Spring Members Meeting which will be held in Apopka, FL, April 3 - 6, in conjunction with the Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance.

There will be orchid speakers, AOS Judging, a hybridizing workshop, vendors, a live auction and more!

You can book your accommodations now at the Hilton Garden Inn in Apopka here: [AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY \(hilton.com\)](https://www.hilton.com/en/rooms/hginn-american-orchid-society/). Rates stated are for rooms only, taxes & fees are applicable.