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President's Message

Happy New Year to all our members!

As we welcome January, our orchids remind us that even in winter there is growth and promise ahead. With Louisiana's changing temperatures, now is a great time to stay mindful of cold protection and good air circulation. I look forward to another year of learning, sharing, and enjoying these remarkable plants together. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support of our society.

There are many chores we can do even in our typical cool months. Get ready for our growing season that starts only six to eight weeks from now.

Good growing to you all. Happy 2026!

Al Taylor



Meeting Time and Place:
Sunday, January 18, 2026
Time: 2:30 pm

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20
Program: Growing Cymbidiums in the South
Presented By: Rick Allardyce

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

Refreshments: Al and Rick

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JANUARY MEETING

Growing Cymbidiums in the South

Member Rick Allardyce will talk to us about growing his award-winning Cymbidiums in Louisiana. Rick has won a Best Grown Plant in Show at one of our CLOS shows with a magnificent Cymbidium specimen. He will share how he grows this genus.



Tip of the Month

This December has been drier and warmer than usual. Vandas are enjoying the warmth but the dry air and low humidity are another matter. When temperatures are relatively high, upper 70's/low 80's, and humidity is low, in the fifties, vapor pressure is extremely high, quickly drying vanda's roots. In addition to being sure to water vandas thoroughly, hot dry conditions that persist may require, occasionally, an additional application of water in the early afternoon to allow the plants to dry by early evening. Don't miss the opportunities that these additional and more frequent waterings present to also apply fertilizer with a bit more frequency. Remember: The more vandas grow, the more they flower.

If the weather persists in the low eighties for four or more days, Thrips can, even in winter, rear their ugly little heads, control them with soap or the other remedies.

Mites, too, with high temperatures and low humidity can make an appearance. Oftentimes hard to see themselves, their damage is more evident: pale slightly sunken white patches, much more frequently on the undersides of leaves. These patches oxide into black spots which are easily mistaken for fungus but are distinguished by appearing on only one side of the leaf. While temperatures are higher than normal, the soap followed by water treatment iterated in Florida Orchid Growing will provide excellent control and might well be advised to apply preventatively.

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.



January Birthdays



Pat Huval (Jan 1), Andrea Mattison (Jan 12), Lisa Johnson (22),

Russel Deroche Jr (Jan 23), Richard T Smith (Jan 31)

Central Louisiana Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2025

1.0 Call to Order

In President Russel's absence, Eron called the meeting to order at 1511. The Rose society was having their meeting at our location and we could not start until they finished with the building.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our November meeting by all members.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

Birthdays wishes for this month are Gail, Yvonne, Al and Janie.

3.2 Vice President Report

Richard was absent.

3.3 Treasurer Report

The treasurer report was given:

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 had nothing to report.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 It was shared that Pat received a Lifetime membership award from the Acadian Orchid Society. Members spoke on her behalf of her constant participation in our orchid shows.

4.2 Rick and Al volunteered to bring the refreshments for next month. We will have a sign-up sheet next month for 2026.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Al shared our monthly CenLa Focus Ad in the paper. He asked Heather to update the ad for 2026; she agreed and will also send copies to Eron.

5.2 Members briefly discussed our next orchid show and entering an ad for our show. Al also mentioned renewing our insurance before show.

5.3 Eron spoke of a communication with Fred Clark and buying plants for our society, which he did and he donated the shipping cost for us.

6.0 Program

Today was our annual Christmas Party with a Pot Luck and Bingo. Everyone brought something good to eat and a gift so that all could win a present. This was a good social event for our society!

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Several plants were donated for the drawing today and nearly every member won!

Door Prize Winner: Myrna

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *Bns.* Maikai 'Mayumi' – Myrna

Cattleya Alliance: 1st – *Cat.* Unknown – Myrna
2nd – *Bns.* Maikai 'Mayumi' – Myrna
3rd – *Blc.* Golden Tang – Andrea

All Others Group: 1st – *Dracula* Swamp Fox – Eron
2nd – *Masdevallia floribunda* 'Catahoula Snow' HCC/AOS – Eron
3rd (tie) – *V.* (Dr. Anek X Somsri Velvet) – Eron
3rd (tie) – *Den.* Burana Emerald – Andrea

There was no other business.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1645.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A. Wilfert
Secretary

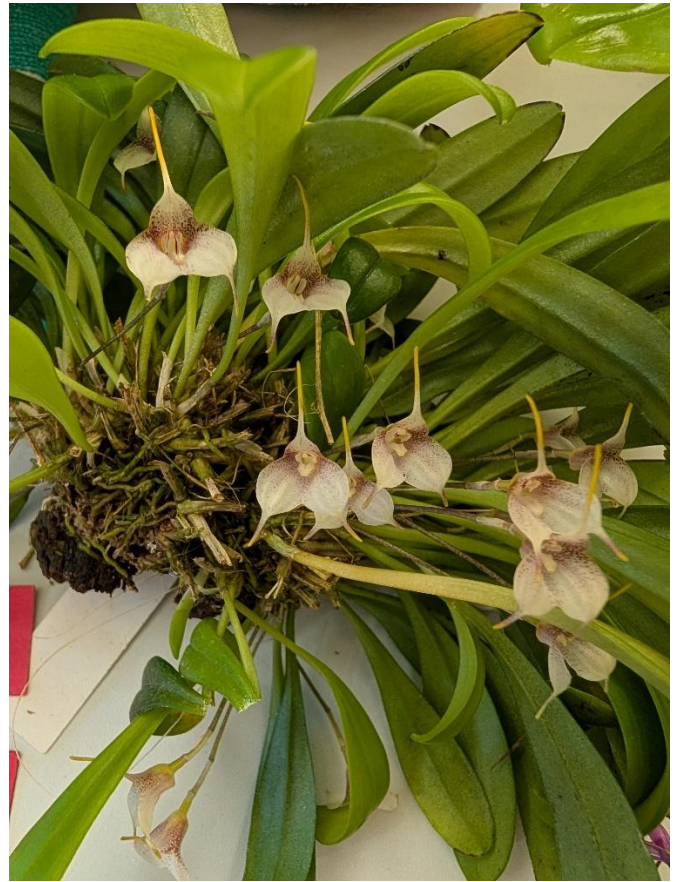
Show and Tell Winners - Cattleya Category



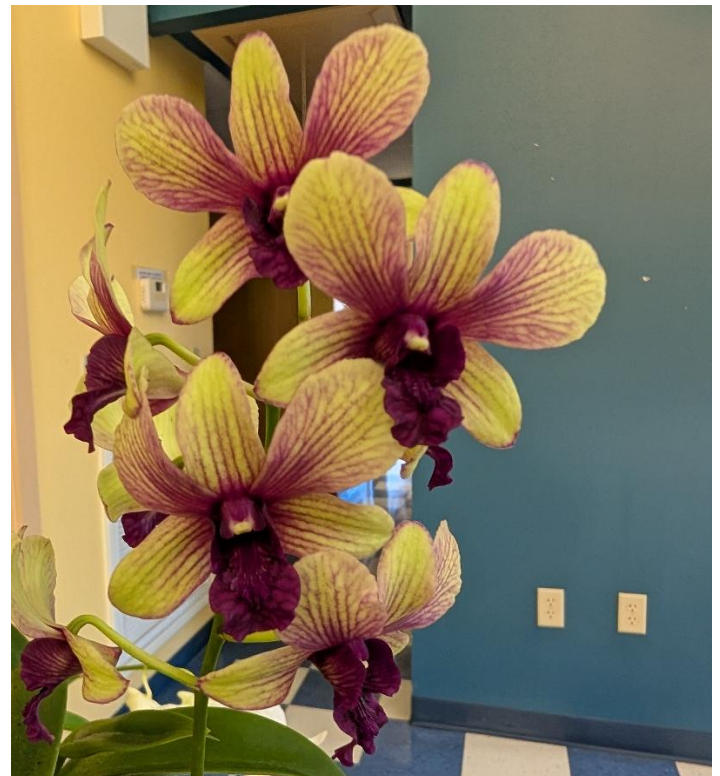
1st – *NOID* Cattleya – Myrna (above left,) 2nd – *Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi'* – Myrna (also Best Grown),
3rd – *Blc. Golden Tang* – Andrea (below)



Other Category



1st – *Dracula* Swamp Fox – Eron (above), 2nd – *Masdevallia floribunda* 'Catahoula Snow' HCC/AOS – Eron,
3rd (tie) – *Vanda* (Dr. Anek x Somsri Velvet) – Eron (below), 3rd (tie) – Den. Burana Emerald – Andrea (below)



Are you Really doing that?

The title question can be taken in two ways. The first, stressing the “really”, is an accusation or at least a questioning of your sanity or intelligence. While that may be appropriate in some situations (and I’m certainly one likely to ask), in this piece, the question is intended to make one question if “what they are doing” really has the outcome they are expecting. In the world of orchid growing, evaluating our actions can lead to a great many examples where the answer is a pretty firm “no”.

A great example is disinfecting ex-flask seedlings before potting them up. Why? In-vitro culture is inherently sterile, so application of a fungicide or disinfectant treats nothing, imparts no “immunity” going forward and may negatively affect the plants. If you want to give those seedlings every opportunity, consider the application of a good probiotic like Quantum-Total instead, which can reduce or prevent future infections by pathogens.

Another example is misting orchid leaves to boost the [humidity](#). [Humidity](#), by definition, is “water vapor in the air”, not “wet leaves”. Water on leaves does not evaporate readily, orchids are poor at foliar absorption of water, and pockets of water sitting on the plant make great little incubators for bacteria and fungi.

A third is the use of the wrong pesticide. There is no use applying an insecticide to a mite infestation, using a fungicide to treat a bacterial infection, and a disinfectant is of no value when dealing with insects or mites. Match the weapon to the prey.

Those are examples of actions that are more a waste of time and maybe money than anything else, but there is a common one that is potentially quite harmful – incomplete pesticide treatments. It is common for folks who have identified a pest to treat their plants once and assume they’ve gotten them all, especially

when using systemic or translaminar pesticides. Unfortunately, that's not the case at all.

First, we must recognize that pest infestations likely involve eggs, larvae and adults, and that most pesticides only kill adults of the targeted species. When we treat a plant, it is likely that our pesticide won't kill 100% of the adults, allowing the survivors to reproduce and carry on the infestation, adding to the other eggs and immature "critters" that were not affected. Considering the rapid reproduction and maturation rates of most pests, it is usually a good idea to perform complete treatments a total of three times at one-week intervals, greatly increasing the odds of eradicating the entire infestation.

So, the conclusion/recommendation is that we had better take a moment to evaluate the true cause of any issue, and the impact of our proposed actions, before actually doing something, rather than just "throwing something at the problem", or relying on "collective knowledge" ("myths" or "old wives' tales") at face value.

Until next time... *Good Growing!*

Save The Date
Join Us for this Online Event

Orchid Culture Day Sunday, January 25, 2026

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

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Only \$40 USD

11 a.m.—4 p.m. EST



The 8th Orchid Culture Day: "Step into the World of Slippers"

Open to ALL. Join Us! This is a Virtual Event.

Sunday, January 25th. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT

The American Orchid Society is proud to announce its **8th Orchid Culture Day!** Enjoy four great talks all in one day from the comfort of your home. We can always learn more about Orchids! Spend a day with these outstanding speakers and **"Step into the World of Slippers."** There will be door prizes!

Join us **virtually** on **Sunday, January 25th**. The event will be streamed through our **GotoWebinar** platform. Fee: \$40. Register **HERE**. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This event is Open to All.

Can't attend the live stream? Not a problem, you can still register, and we will send you a link to view the recorded webinar at your convenience.

There will be a Q&A session after each talk.



View the details at www.aos.org

Current Schedule

11-11:45 **Graham Ramsey-- Growing Phragmipediums**

11:45-12:00 Q and A

12:00-12:15 Break and Spin of the Wheel

12:15-1:00 **Alina Furtak - Brachypetalum *Hybrid* Culture**

1:00-1:15 Q and A

1:15-1:30 Break and Spin of the Wheel

1:30-2:15 **Nile Dusdieker- North American *Cypripedium* Habitat and Culture**

2:15-2:30 Q and A

2:30-2:45 Break and Spin of the Wheel

2:45-3:30 **Steve Gonzalez- Brachypetalum *Species* Culture**

3:30-3:45 Q and A

3:45 Wrap up



The AOS Culture Day is open to **EVERYONE**, not just AOS members.

Register at www.aos.org.

Upcoming Orchid Shows



Gulf Coast Orchid Society

Announces it's 46th Annual Show

Jan 30 – 31 and Feb 1, 2026

*Gautier Convention Center,
2012 Library Lane, Gautier, MS 39553*

**Special Plant Auction Sunday, Feb. 1,
Featuring hard to find, and specimen sized plants
preview at 10:30 followed by the auction.**

Free Admission to all events

Sales Open

Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday exhibits and sales 10:00am – 3:30pm

Exhibits Open

Friday 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday noon - 6:00pm

**Exhibit and sales set up starts 2:30pm Thursday Jan 29.
Set up continues Friday, Jan 30 from 8:00am until 3:00pm
Registration closes at 3:00pm Friday**

***No public access anytime Thurs, Jan 29 or Sun, Feb 1 after 3:30pm
Visitors, please give exhibit workers space to work.***

Ribbon Judging starts 8:00 am Sat., Jan 31*

Followed by AOS and Orchid Digest judging.

For more information call 601-530-8778. Like us on Facebook

** Plants and flowers entered for ribbon judging, must have the name,
the cross (if a hybrid), the names of the parents, the variety if a species.*

NOID plants may be exhibited only.

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Sheila's Orchids
So Orchids**

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Presents

A French Garden of Orchids

Orchid Show and Plant Sale



ORCHID EXHIBITS, PLANT VENDORS, ORCHID ART

March 14, 2026 - 12:00 Noon until 6:00PM

March 15, 2026 - 12:00 Noon until 5:00PM

Bulber Auditorium

McNeese State University

4305 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA



**The American Orchid Society
2026 Spring Conference**

Save the Date
April 8th - 11th

**In Conjunction with the Apopka
International Spring Orchid Festival
Apopka, FL**

24th WOC



Germany 2026

24th World Orchid Conference
26-29 March 2026 Dresden



2026 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.


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When	Winter Break	Jan. 08, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 10, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Special Selections
Topic	Choose Your Topic From Our Library of RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Jan. 05</i>	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 07</i>	All About Orchid Judging Understand more about what goes on at the judging table. Select from the recorded FULL INDEX category.
Presenter	Expert Growers, Conservationists, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, and more	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	National Education Coordinator, Expert Growers, AOS Judges, and more

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*** Orchid Word of the Month ***

Bulbophyllum (bulb-oh-FILL-um)

Native Orchid of the Month—January

Calopogon barbatus (bearded grass-pink)

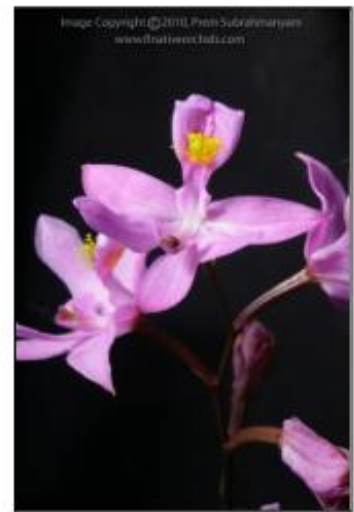
Calopogon barbatus (bearded grass-pink) is one of the earliest orchids to appear in spring in moist, acidic bogs, savannas and grasslands. It is a small (typically less than 6 inches) tall terrestrial with one-inch flowers typically opening semi-sequentially up the raceme. The upper stem is often purplish.



The plant consists of a small corm with a single, narrow leaf in addition to the flowering stem on mature plants. Flower color ranges from white to deep magenta. The lip is the upright topmost petal and it bears a beard of yellow club-shaped hairs.

This species is distinguished by a narrow leaf that is closely appressed to the inflorescence at flowering and continues to elongate during growing season.

Its range is limited to coastal states from western Louisiana to North Carolina.



*Remember, previous newsletters can be found at our Central Louisiana Orchid Society website under the About Us tab.

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Become an AOS Judge

The American Orchid Society Judging Program

is seeking highly motivated orchid enthusiasts to join the judging ranks

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



The American Orchid Society has a regional Judging Center that meets in Alexandria on the fourth Saturday of every month. The Central Louisiana Orchid Society sponsors the Louisiana Judging Center. If you are interested in joining the judging program, please contact CLOS members Al Taylor and Eron Borne.

<https://louisianajudgingcenter.weebly.com>