

July 2020

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From the President

See message on Page 2-3.

No minutes this month. We just discussed the upcoming show and how it will take all hands on deck to pull it off in September IF our state makes it out of Phase 2.



Meeting Time & Place
Sunday, July 19, 2020
Plant Entry 2:00 pm
Meeting time 2:30 pm

St. James Episcopal
Youth Building
1546 Albert Street,
Alexandria, LA
Refreshments: Linda
Roberts
Program:
Judging Cattleyas-Wilton
Guillory

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Message from the President

I hope everyone had a nice 4th of July holiday and are staying safe out there! Our fall show is now only TWO months away! We have several volunteer areas where we could use your assistance and we need your help! All of these jobs are EASY, but they need you! You can volunteer for more than one area if you prefer to change out. If we can take “shifts,” no one will be stuck behind a table the whole time. Please let Wilton or I know if you are willing to help with one of the tasks below.

Clerking: On Friday evening, we have ribbon judging for all the plants entered from the exhibits. Clerks help the judges spot the plants and put ribbons on the winners. They also may be asked to help with the decisions. This is a fun way to learn about the flowers and why some merit ribbons and others do not. Jim will coordinate the clerks, but we need you to volunteer to be a clerk! We usually start around 5:30 just after the judges’ dinner, lasting for a couple of hours.

Rick will take the lead arranging the CLOS exhibit and will be there first thing Friday morning. Members of our society can bring their plants to be entered in our host society exhibit and we ask that plants be brought in very early so we can see what will go and fit together. If you would like to put in your own personal exhibit, please let Wilton know. Try it and it can be something small!

Kid’s Corner Table: This is a learning area and is something we can get the youth that visit our show to participate in. As you know, our venue is at Kees Park, which has a children’s playground not far from our exhibit area. Volunteers are needed to assist children with some special games and activities I will have ready. Everyone who helped last year enjoyed the interaction with the kids and parents.

AOS/CLOS/Orchid Digest information table. This is usually the first table people see as they walk through the door. Volunteers are needed to chat with people about orchids and the various organizations and to hand out information.

Repotting Table: We had a lot of people take advantage of this at our last show and I really hope it is like that again this time. If people find out we have someone that can assist them in repotting their orchids, they may go home and come back with their orchid for help. In addition, of course any of our members can bring theirs in to be repotted as well! This is a

great benefit and way we can help someone who is scared or unsure how to repot his or her orchid the first time. However, it takes manpower for all these stations and with a small society; we will need everyone's help to make this the best show possible. Please volunteer to participate in our show and it will be an accomplishment we can ALL be proud to have been a part of!

This month's program will be Wilton explaining how Cattleyas are judged by the AOS. 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, July 19, at 2:30pm!

Eron

Show and Tell June 2020

Cattleya Division

1. C. Hawaiian Ice 'Fighting Tigers' HCC/AOS-AI Taylor
2. *Cattletonia miniata en rose* 'Fighting Tigers' HCC/AOS-AI Taylor
2. Rth. Lemon Drop 'NN'-AI Taylor
3. Blc. Texas Sunrise-Wilton Guillory

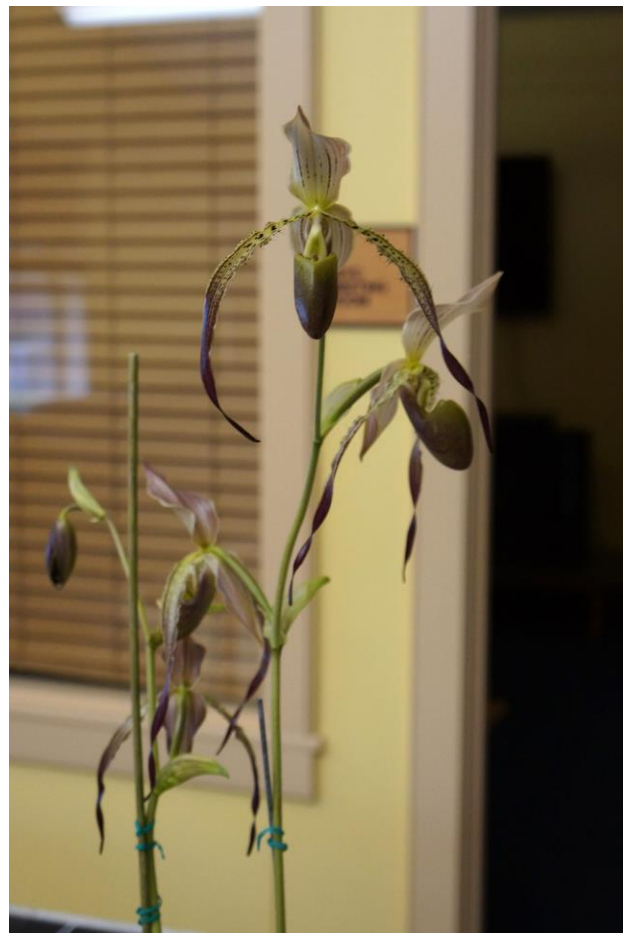
Other Division

1. Paph. Parish Ambler 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS-AI Taylor
2. Paph. Temptation 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS-AI Taylor



Paph. Temptation 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS

Placed 2nd in Other Category-Al Taylor



**Paph. Parish Ambler 'Louisiana'
HCC/AOS**

Placed 1st in Other Category-Al Taylor



C. Hawaiian Ice 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS won 1st place in Cattleya Division-Al Taylor



Blc. Texas Sunrise won 3rd place in Cattleya Division-Wilton Guillory

Leaftip Burn

Question

I've noticed the tips of the leaves of some of my orchids are brown, and guessed it was due to over-fertilizing. This morning, I discovered two small (not tiny) brown spots on a dendrobium leaf. The cane has at least seven to eight leaves, and the spotted one is top-most. By looking at the back of the leaf, I found the center of the brown spots became thinner than the leaf. Are the spots an indication of sunburn or fungus? I have the orchid at an east window, so it shouldn't be receiving too much sun. —

Elizabeth Hsu

Answer

The leaf-tip burn you describe is not unusual in orchids grown in the home or under very dry conditions, nor is it necessarily indicative of over-fertilizing, but rather of salt-related damage. This occurs when the salt concentration in the soil solution reaches a certain critical point, either through accumulation by over-dry conditions, or by the excess application of fertilizer. Keeping the plants more evenly moist, and flushing thoroughly with clean water can also help to reduce this sort of injury to orchids. I doubt that the symptom you describe on the top leaf is fungus, and even if it is, it sounds like a type that is the result of a secondary infection that is rarely more than a cosmetic problem. Unusually cold water can bruise the softer tissue of a developing leaf, making it susceptible to infection in the same way that a cut on your hand is liable to be infected. The infection usually stops on its own, leaving the type of lesion you describe. — *Ned Nash*

Taken from <https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-question-answer/leaftip-burn.aspx>

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

10/16/2020 - 10/18/2020	<i>Alamo Orchid Society Show</i> <i>San Antonio Garden Center, San Antonio Texas</i>
05/08/2021 - 05/09/2021	<i>Kansas Orchid Society Show and Sale; Hosting SWROGA Spring 2021</i> <i>Sedgwick County Extension Building, Wichita KS</i>
10/01/2021 - 10/03/2021	<i>Oklahoma Orchid Society/SWROGA Show and Sale</i> <i>Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, Oklahoma City OK</i>
11/11/2022 - 11/12/2022	<i>The Shocking Beauty of the Orchid World hosting SWROGA</i> <i>Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Fort Worth Texas</i>



Please Join the
Central Louisiana Orchid Society
for the
2020 Orchid Show and Sale



“Celebrating our Orchid Roots - CLOS 40 Year Anniversary”

Friday, September 18, 2020, 2:00-5:00pm

Saturday, September 19, 2020, 8:00-4:00pm

Kees Park Community Center

2450 Highway 28 E, Pineville, LA

Free Admission

- ❖ Amazing displays and galleries of orchids
- ❖ Orchid growers will be present to give tips on growing and repotting
 - ❖ Silent Auction
- ❖ Beautiful orchids available for purchase
- ❖ Bring your kids! Orchid treasure hunt and ribbons awarded.



If you want to learn more and how to grow these beautiful flowers, come to a meeting.
The Orchid Society meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30pm in Alexandria.
Anyone interested in orchids is welcome!

For more information, please visit our website: www.centrallouisianaorchidsociety.org



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2020 JULY 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>

Carving Out a New Normal

As societies get the go ahead to meet in person with social distancing protocols in place, it will be interesting to note the development of our new normal. Will members show up wearing masks and gloves? Will we continue to share refreshments as we once did? Will we bother to bring our bloomers to the table for show & tell? How will we welcome new members without shaking hands or high-fiving? Will we instead offer a gentle fist bump? How about the flat handed Vulcan Salute - Live Long and Prosper? Now, that is a good thought for both our society members and our orchids!

Some societies may find that meeting remotely fits their membership better than meeting in person and may choose that option for the near future. I recently sat in as a virtual guest on a west coast (USA) orchid society meeting. There were seventy-five viewers signed on that night. They shared their orchid show & tell table, allowing members to talk about their entries, and had a well-known guest speaker from a different time zone give a great talk. They had giveaway gift certificate drawings for their members. It worked well in this disconnected time of uncertainty. We all have to find what works best.

Our local group has about 127 members. We rarely get more than forty at our in-person meetings. For our late in the month June meeting, we are going virtual! We look forward to better attendance without our members having to fight traffic and weather. From our 500 plus Facebook group members, we have invited viewers to be our guests for the night. The objective is gaining new members for our society at our monthly meetings, whether they are on Zoom or in person. Our ultimate goal is to have fun while learning about orchids. Failure is not an option. Drop me a line and let me know what's working for you.



DID YOU KNOW? The Affiliated Societies Committee maintains a [list of speakers](https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS_Speakers_List.pdf) available for your monthly meeting presentations. We are now in the process of updating the list to confirm whether each speaker also offers 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

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

[Check out the Complete Affiliated Benefits Package](http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Benefits-of-being-an-Affiliated-SocietiesMember-v5.pdf)

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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 [updated membership](#) rates NOW 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>

Entice your society members to join the American Orchid Society with a [FREE downloadable digital issue](#) of ORCHIDS magazine. <https://go.aos.org/freeissue201904>



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.

AWARDS GALLERY

MEMBERS are privileged to VIEW the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of [ORCHIDS magazine](#).

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

PLUS everyone can check the [most recently awarded orchids on the AOS website](#).

<https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>

To view flower details, measurements, and a description of each awarded orchid or exhibit, go to [aos.org](#), sign-in, then select [Orchid Pro](#) from the drop down menu on your membership status box.

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





Award No: 20205055, Date: Feb 21, 2020

American Orchid Society Show Trophy 'J & L Orchids' ST | AOS (86 points)

Event: Amherst Orchid Society Show (Northampton, Massachusetts)

Exhibitor: J & L Orchids, Photographer: Joseph Maciaszek

Exhibit also received a Silver Certificate: Award No. 20205056



Award No: 20205478
 Masdevallia Galaxy 'Alma del Bosque'
 AM | AOS 80 points)
 (*Masdevallia triangularis* x
Masdevallia Kimballiana)
 Exhibitor: Daniel Piedrahita-Thiriez
 Photographer: Bryan Ramsay



Award No: 20205475
 Platystele beatricis 'Diego'
 CCE | AOS (93 points)
 Exhibitor: Pascal Arrondeau
 Photographer: Bryan Ramsay

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

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS July Preview

For the Novice - Soluble Salts by Sue Bottom Sue shares practical advice in easy to understand terms. Her contributions to ORCHIDS through the years have been invaluable to novice and experienced growers alike. You will come away with new knowledge, or a refresher course, on how to grow your orchids better. Catch her words of wisdom and more in the July issue of ORCHIDS.

- The New Refugium Botanicum - Encyclia alata by Franco Pupulin and associates
- Collector's Item - Bulbophyllum section Lepidhoriza by Charles Wilson
- Orchids Illustrated - Bulbophyllums of du Petit-Thours by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- Orchids of Bhutan - Spathoglottis by Stig Dalström, et al.
- Orchid Treasures of the Northwest Amazon - In Search of Scuticaria steelei by Nicola Flanagan
- The Orchids of Guanahacabibes National Park, Cuba by Lawrence W. Zettler, et al.

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

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	July 14, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	July 22, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	August 26, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	RECORDED WEBINARS at your convenience
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Digital Resources Orchid Culture Insights from the Internet	<i>Maxillaria</i> Not just <i>tenuifolia</i> anymore	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Bill Bodei Committee Chair AOS Membership & Marketing, Technology Chair Deep Cut Orchid Society	Eric Sauer Awarded Maxillariaologist & Greenhouse Grower	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More

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

<https://instagram.com/americanorchidsociety?igshid=16ixfciczky01>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839/>



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Visit the AOS website for a **Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care**

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

July: The Month of Portals

By Thomas Mirenda

WHEN I WAS STILL a little tyke, my mother went to great lengths to encourage my interest in natural history, biology and the sciences. Widowed when I was only five, she took my development very seriously and made many a sacrifice to help me on my path. Even though funds were very tight, she managed to find ways to feed my curiosity and nurture the interests that would eventually lead to my career in orchids. I was recently reminded of this when I found my old, well-worn and used *Orchids A Golden Nature Guide*. Held together now with a rubber band, dog-eared at the edges and the covers scratched and fading. This little \$2.95 purchase (over 40 years ago) at the American Museum of Natural history bookstore was perhaps one of the most precious things she ever gave me. One never knows what effect the gifts we give may have on the recipient, especially if the receiver is a young sponge, with a pliant, impressionable mind. In my case, this tiny book was a portal to another world I'd never imagined, a passport to tropical jungles, cloud forests, swamps and alpine meadows full of exotic beauty and mystery. That book was practically memorized in a week and is still the initial base of knowledge of what I know today. While modern research has changed much in the orchid world since (e.g., where the genus *Neocogniauxia* fits in phylogenetically); this basic knowledge absorbed at such a tender age has served me well into adulthood. Do not hesitate to nurture those around you, especially the young ones, with your orchid knowledge.

INTERFACES Often orchids exist at the edges: near the tops of trees, by the side of the road, on banks of streams and the like. This is because of the simplest basic needs of orchids: light, water and air. Every orchid needs some mysterious combination of the three to be grown optimally. Finding the correct interface is always a challenge, especially in a mixed collection in a part of the world where the seasons change drastically through the year. Our job is to make seasonal transitions as seamless as possible for our orchids.

GREAT OUTDOORS Depending on where you live, the best place for your plants in July may very well be outside under a tree. The greenhouse may be too hot and stuffy, while the windowsill may be too dry due to air conditioning. It can be a really delicate balance. Still, a little scouting in your yard will indicate many microclimates suitable for orchids. The area under the maple where sun peeks in for two or three hours in the morning, may be the perfect place to summer cattleyas, while the shady canopy covering your back porch may be ideal for paphiopedilums and phalaenopsis, which should never let water or debris fall into their crowns in summer. WORMHOLES Always place plants off the ground, even terrestrials like cymbidiums, or they will be invaded by a variety of critters you would not want to bring back inside when the fall weather comes. Ants, sow bugs, earthworms and a plethora of other nasty things can ravage your plants if you do. Periodically flood your plants thoroughly, this will not only discourage colonization, but will also purge your orchids of any excess fertilizer salts that may have built up from earlier in the growing season.

COMING OF AGE Your orchids have been growing earnestly through April, May and June and by this month, many new growths are

starting to mature. Feeding is still important in July as we must fatten up any new pseudobulbs and harden off any tender new leaves generated earlier in the spring. July, with its often extra-hot weather, can be challenging in this regard. If high temperatures predominate, search for areas with deeper shade and excellent air movement to compensate. Some cooler growing plants might even be better off brought inside to a more temperate space until the extreme heat dissipates in the early fall. *(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 84, NO.7, July 2015)*

DID YOU KNOW? If you have missed an issue of the [AOS Corner](#) they are archived on the AOS website.

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Please send your questions and submissions for the AOS Corner to askmasc@verizon.net or affiliated_societies_committee@aos.org

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - *Affiliated Societies* Newsletter Editor

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Platanthera ciliaris-Yellow fringed Orchid seen 8-26-2018 in

Vernon Parish.



Chiloschista parishii 'Snookie' CCM 87 –Mary Mancini



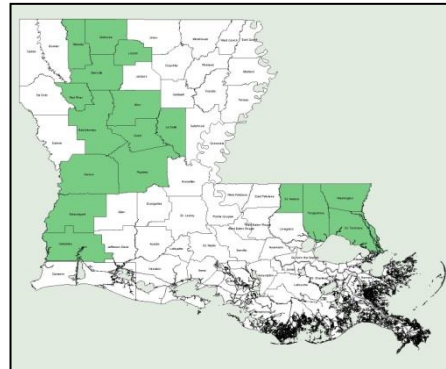
Psh. Exotic's Leprechaun 'Julia Katherine' HCC -77 Eron Borne

Native Orchid of the Month—July

Platanthera ciliaris (yellow fringed orchid)

Yellow fringed orchid (*Platanthera ciliaris*) is a large and showy species. It grows in "acid soil of hillside seepage bogs" in the longleaf pine landscapes of the Gulf many species in these habitats, including flatwoods, it is upon recurring fire to create open conditions. Further north bogs, but even there it may be dependent upon fire to conditions.

Plants may be to 36 inches tall with a raceme of up to fifty about 1 inch from dorsal end of the lip. The borne in a cluster at the plant that can be six



Coast. Like dependent it is found in create open

flowers, each sepal to the flowers are top of the inches tall.

Flowers are apricot to orange in color, heavily fringed on the lip and bearing a spur at the back of the lip filled with nectar at the very tip.



The split anther (an uncommon structure among orchids) spreads to either side of the orifice, which leads to a slender spur filled with nectar in the last centimeter or so. Butterflies are the chief pollinator of this orchid, having to extend their tongues down the spur to drink the nectar.

Flowering occurs from June through September (peaking in August).

Seedlings will produce a single leaf, or perhaps a few leaves in a basal rosette. The leaves, light, almost bluish-green with several prominent veins, start out at the base of the plant and may be of good size (in some cases 12 inches long), and then rapidly decrease in size to mere floral bracts as they clasp higher up the fluted stem.

