



From the President

We have a real summer treat for our meeting this month, the ice cream social! I will be making some homemade Butter Pecan Ice Cream in an old fashion wooden ice cream maker. If pecans or Butter Pecan is not your favorite, please bring some other flavor. Also feel free to bring any of your favorite toppings as well!

The program on Blue Cattleyas this month will be a treat also. We will spend a few minutes continuing our plans for the September CLOS show.

**See everyone Sunday.
Wilton Guillory, President**

Please let Eron know if you know of any way to get ahold of a girl scout troop in Alexandria/Pineville.



**Meeting Time and Place:
Sunday, July 16, 2023
Time: 2:30 pm**

**Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20
Program: Blue Cattleyas
Created and Recorded By:
Frank Zachariah**

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

**Refreshments:
ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

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Member Feature

Dr. David Remedios

David first became interested in orchids about 40 years ago while getting to see native orchids in Puerto Rico. He loves nature and was captivated by the smell and beauty of these unique flowers. He joined the CLOS around 2000 and always gives encouragement and motivation to fellow growers.

David is a general and vascular surgeon as well as a wound care specialist with his own practice in Alexandria. In addition to being a medical doctor, he is also a Senior Pastor of Trinity Christian Center in Forrest Hill. He is married to Yvonne (also a Senior Pastor) and they have five children and four grandchildren.

David has seen native orchids in Argentina, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Honduras, and El Salvador. His orchid bucket list destinations would be to Madagascar and Australia. His favorite genera of orchids are the Laelias and Dendrobiums, and he particularly loves the Australian Dendrobiums.

He grows his orchids both indoors as well as in a greenhouse. The picture above shows him in his greenhouse with a very large Catasetum plant! The most exciting orchid moment for David is getting to see the first bloom of a new plant, or see the bloom of a struggling plant that he has been nurturing to keep alive.

His other hobbies include growing all sorts of foliage plants (especially bromeliads and air plants,) breeding parakeets, and he is searching for a pair of red factor Canaries to raise and breed.

David's best advice is having keen observation to learn the needs of your plants. With watering, he has found that "less is more."

And growing orchids teaches us about perseverance and brings us peace with nature!

JULY PROGRAM

Blue Cattleyas

Frank Zachariah of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society created and narrated this program on blue cattleyas. He discusses the cattleya species behind the most common blue hybrids we see today. He also shows the most popular hybrids created by Ervin Granier of Louisiana. While Ervin is no longer with us, his hybrids and legacy lives on in his work.

Tip of the Month

The heat and humidity of summer are here. When day time temperatures rise above the 90 to 95F range, you'll see orchid growth start to slow. Water slightly less frequently than during the spring. Orchid plants require lots of fresh air to keep the plant leaves cool. Consider spraying under benches or the planting area to lower temperatures a few degrees. Pests are most active during the warm months. Be vigilant in observing signs of damage and treat quickly if they appear. The bulk of your repotting should be complete.

Central Louisiana Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2023

Discussion of upcoming CLOS Orchid show September 23, 2023. Approximately three months away.

Noted below are the points I took away from our discussion at our meeting Sunday and where we are in the show planning.

Show Chair: Al Taylor. Co-Chair: Andrea

Show Theme: Hunting for Orchids

Exhibitors to date: Terrebonne, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, New Orleans (Larry), Mary Mancini, Eron (Educational)

Vendors: Possibly only CLOS which we approved a budget of \$1,000.00 for Al to obtain blooming plants from a vendor of his choosing. It is possible Sheila's Orchids may be a vendor but we don't have a definite. We also discussed that anyone else wanting to exhibit would be able to.

Publicity: Eron

Food for Judges Dinner Friday 5 PM: Connie

Awards: Plants and Hycee, etc.

We have Yard Signs never used that I have.

Schedule: Russel

Placards: Karen

Handing out awards: A number attached to a ribbon corresponding to actual award.

Judging: Wilton

Layout and Staging: Wilton and Eron.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilton & Connie Guillory

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Scout Patch Project

by Terri Jozwiak/forward by Eron Borne

FOREWARD What can the AOS do to interest the youth of today in orchids? This has been a long-term focus of the AOS Education Committee. For any orchid lovers who are involved in the Girl or Boy Scouts, we have developed an interest project and an iron-on patch. One excellent idea is to have Girl or Boy Scouts help with local shows to earn their patches.

The Orchid Growers Guild (OGG) of Madison, Wisconsin has talked about adding youth activities to their annual weekend fundraising-informational event, Orchid Quest, for years, however running a show with over 3,600 attendees was already a vast responsibility that takes all of their members to achieve. They really could not spare adults as workers for the youth activities. Terri Jozwiak, from the OGG and the chair of the 2023 Orchid Quest, implemented the vision of the Education Committee with her granddaughter's Girl Scout troop. The following is her account of this Girl Scout project and the activities they created to make a successful "Kid's Corner" at Orchid Quest, this past February.

Picture this, two 11-year-old Girl Scouts with their badge-covered tan vests stand in the lobby of Orchid Quest, talk to a father and his 3-year-old son about coming to the room with the "Kids Corner" for some fun family activities. The little boy looks up at his father, takes the hand of one of the Girl Scouts, and walks with her, checking over his shoulder to be sure his father followed. They go into a room with two tables covered with a bright purple tablecloth, the Girl Scout sits next to the boy and brings out an orchid picture to color. Then they work with some orchid stamps to add to the image.

Terri Jozwiak contacted the Girl Scout leader of her granddaughter's troop, Tina Carlson, of Junior and Cadette Girl Scout Troop 8268, and asked if they would be interested in leading a Kid's Corner activity center at Orchid Quest. In return, they would earn a special interest badge. With about 18 girls in the troop, Carlson met with the girls to get their consent. They arranged for Jozwiak to come to a meeting to prepare the girls for the event. Jozwiak brought old orchid magazines, a laminator, scissors, glue sticks, folders, and paperwork.

Jozwiak explained to the girls what Orchid Quest was; a place to sell, exhibit, and teach about growing orchids. Their hands-on activity involved the 10 to 12-year-old Girl Scouts cutting out beautiful orchid pictures from old magazines, including cutting out the name of the orchids and pasting it on the back of the picture. The next step in the process was to send those pictures to the laminating station, where three to four girls worked on placing the pictures between the laminating pages and sending them through the machine. The new laminated page, containing several images, was then cut apart by another girl or two. It was quite a production to produce about 100 laminated photos. Jozwiak said, "The girls were fun to work with. They were very interested in the great pictures in the orchid magazines and in laminating those pictures. I could see I had their attention when I was quizzing them on the orchid types, and they found it rewarding to identify the pictures. One girl loved the pictures so much that she asked to take some home. I saw her on the way out with 6-10 stuffed in her pocket."

When finished, Jozwiak sat down with the girls and the laminated orchid pictures. She took a picture showing them an orchid with a feathered lip and explained that it was called a



cattleya. Jozwiak found another cattleya picture, and they could recognize the "fat lip" and said it was a cattleya. After a few more pictures of cattleyas, she explained the "slipper orchid," paphiopedilums. The girls readily recognized paphiopedilum

pictures from cattleya pictures that Jozwiak held up. She introduced them to phalaenopsis, saying it was the "moth orchid." She added a copy of a bulbophyllum, and the girls decided it looked like a "skirt" and could easily recognize this genus in the photographs. When quizzing them later, the girls may not have remembered the words paphiopedilum, cattleya, and phalaenopsis, but they could identify each orchid with "fat lip," "slipper orchid," "moth" and "skirt." This activity prepared them for the sorting game they would play at the Kid's Corner.

The sorting, suggested and explained by Sandy Stubbings and Susan Dally on the AOS website, involved having a few boxes, each of a different color and possessing a sign of an orchid species. At the Kid's Corner, the Girl Scouts would help the younger kids sort the laminated orchid pictures by color (if a younger child) or by genus (if an older child).

The scouts also prepared about a dozen folders for a game called the orchid hunt, as suggested by Stubbings on the AOS website, a scavenger hunt for orchids. The girls stapled the explanation paperwork on the outside of the folder and the guessing grid on the inside.

Jozwiak was concerned with how the scouts would approach visitors to invite their children and escort them to the Kid's Corner, so they role-played a game to teach themselves this skill. Jozwiak had a visiting mother play the parent, and scout played the child. The girls took turns being the "recruiter" to graciously ask the parent and child to visit the Kid's Corner. The girls learned to be polite and respectful while inviting parents and children to the site.

Carlson had an additional meeting with the scouts to make the sorting boxes, prepare a poster with the troop name and construct award ribbons to present the winning Kid's Choice awards.

Our Kid's Table activities were now ready, offering coloring pages and bookmarks to color, ink and stamps with orchid pictures, the sorting game, the orchid hunt game, ribbons to give to the participants, and the "Stuck on Orchids" sticker-coloring book from the AOS.

Several scouts and Carlson came on Friday, the set-up day, covering the intended tables with a bright purple tablecloth and setting everything out. It was essential that the orchids picked for the orchid hunt were chosen by the scouts, so two of them went to the exhibit room, and Jozwiak took photographs of the orchids they chose. After the scouts left, she printed the images with numbers, two on a page, for the folders.

Saturday saw the first public day of Orchid Quest. By the time Jozwiak had gotten to the Kid's Corner, the scouts already had three parents and five very young children at their table working on coloring pages and bookmarks!

The scouts, nearly always in pairs, went out to the lobby and talked to anyone with youngsters. They called it "recruiting." They were incredibly polite, energetic, and encouraging. After finding a family, they would bring them to the room, sit with the child (or children if there were more in the family) and encourage them to color, play the sorting game, or tell them about the orchid hunt. The AOS sticker books were quite popular and had to be limited to one per family.

The sorting game worked well. The smallest children could pick their favorite orchids from the pictures and were encouraged to put them in the box of the same color. The older children sorted them by genus. A group of older boys, perhaps 12–14 years old, sorted through the selection of about 100 orchid pictures twice.

Used ribbons from the Guild were used for award ribbons for the kids. The ribbons had been trimmed, so the words first,



- [1] Girl Scouts (left to right) Billy P., Eva L. and Kyrra F. cutting magazines to get orchid pictures for the sorting game.
- [2] Girl Scouts Ada U. (red shirt) and Lillith C. (behind Ada) work on activities with the visitors at the Kid's Corner. Tina Carlson, Scout Leader, is pictured holding the folders.
- [3] Girl Scouts Eleanor O. and Evie M. invite a mother and her girls to the Kid's Corner for activities.
- [4] A sample of the orchid hunt folder.
- [5] Girl Scout Ada U. shows off her orchid face painting.

second and third place were cut off. They just had "Orchid Growers Guild" printed on them. After finding out there was a prize, many children joyfully participated. The scouts asked the recipients what color they wanted and either pinned it on the child or let them carry it away. Over 150 ribbons were given out this way, and you could see the children proudly wearing their award ribbons around the show.

The orchid hunt was very popular. This activity allowed the parents to browse the exhibit room with a squirmy child; now, the child could play a game that interested them in the same room. The folders could be given to an adult for a young child or handed to an older child. The parents and children could work together on a project enjoying their time. The scouts learned that by giving the hunt folders out in the lobby, they could be used immediately before entering the exhibit room. If the children got the folder in the Kid's Corner, they would drag their parents back to the exhibit room to "play the game" because they now wanted to see the

flowers. For the children, the previously “boring” exhibit room was now “cool” and more enjoyable for parents and children alike. The parents were grateful to have something for their children to do. While the kids were occupied, parents browsed the OGG’s sales table, with orchid supplies, pictures for sale, raffle items, and door prize registration.

Over 50–75 children and adults played the orchid hunt and everyone who played got a participation ribbon. Even some adults without children wanted to play the game.

The orchid hunt also determined a winning orchid plant chosen by the children who played the game. The scouts tallied up the totals and gave their homemade “Kid’s Choice” award ribbons to the first-, second-, and third-place winning orchids.

The OGG also offered face painting! They had a talented artist who said she would not mind working for tips. She even designed orchid choices specifically for this event. The kids and the scouts were thrilled to walk around with a beautiful phalaenopsis or paphiopedilum sparkling on their faces.

Carlson said of the event, “One key takeaway is that the girls were hands-on for this event. They learned how to identify several different kinds of orchids while they created the sorting game. They identified, cut out and laminated the photographs and created the boxes for sorting leading up to the event. At the event, they chose orchids for the scavenger hunts, tallied the kid’s votes, and awarded the Kid’s Choice ribbons. They spoke with parents and children to let them know about the Kid’s Corner and explained the activities available there.

At the end of the weekend, Carlson had enlisted the face painting person to come and talk to their troop about female entrepreneurship. The parents of one of the scouts were encouraged enough to seriously consider scouts making an educational exhibit to include in the exhibit room at next year’s Orchid Quest.

Girl Scout Ada U. said of the event, “I enjoyed it so much. I got to talk to adults and then play with kids. ‘Some of the kids,’ Ada continued, ‘asked to hold my hand and dragged me to the Exhibit Room to help them find an orchid. It was so cute.’

“Being so hands-on with the whole process gave the scouts a bigger stake in the event, making them more engaged and more excited to make sure children visiting the Kids Corner had fun,” Carlson said.

“Some of our more reserved girls,” Carlson continued, “had to step out of their comfort zones to approach people to let them know about the Kid’s Corner and found they enjoyed it more than they thought they would. Some of our more outgoing girls had to learn to take a step back when it was not their turn to be the ‘fishers.’ They also learned some new ways to teach people about a topic they might find interesting — through games, coloring, and other fun activities.”

Jozwiak said of the adventure, “I was so proud of the Girl Scouts. They were energetic, kind, and gentle with all the little ones accompanying their parents to Orchid Quest. They made the day for many parents who wondered how long they could keep their children’s attention while visiting the orchids. I was very excited to see this match of Girl Scouts, Orchid Quest, and children highly beneficial to everyone involved.”

Instructions for creating all the activities in this article are found on the AOS website under Youth Programs. The AOS *Stuck on Orchids* sticker book and *Orchid Nonsense* coloring book are also available for purchase on the AOS website. If you are interested in the Scout Interest Project, please contact the AOS Education Committee at education_committee@aos.org.

— Terri Jozwiak and Eron Borne



[6] Girl Scout Ada U. awards the Kid’s Choice first place to Cattleya Fritz Nicholas ‘Spring Dance’ belonging to Liz Fitzgerald of the Batavia Orchid Society. Liz was very happy with the Kid’s Choice award because her orchid had not received any other award.

[7] The Girl Scout special interest badge the scouts earned.

June Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1st – *Den. Liberty Creek* – AI (above,) 2nd – *C. Irene's Song* – AI (above,) 3rd – *C. NOID* – Andrea (below)





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