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President's Message

I'd like everyone to send healing thoughts to those of us who still need them. May we continue to fight the pain and enjoy the moments that we can.

This summer is looking to be another very hot one at times, but we have had some showers to cool off some days. I am sure the plants have enjoyed those days and I have to say I have, too. Not having to get out in the heat to water is quite a blessing to me. I hope you are enjoying blooming orchids in your growing area and hope to see some of them at the coming meeting. I am still just barely keeping mine alive. Haven't been able to do any further work on the greenhouse yet but hoping to before the fall and winter arrive.

Was planning to get to the Baton Rouge show this past Friday but at 8:00 AM my electricity went out. The Entergy notice was that it might be restored by 11:30 AM. It tried several times but would not stay on for more than a few seconds. That happened several times until around 1:30 PM it finally stayed on. My fish in my 150-gallon pond were hungry for oxygen and luckily, I didn't lose any.

We are now getting closer to the peak of hurricane season, so stay aware of the weather and hopefully we will only have some rainy days in August and September to cool us off for a bit.

Happy growing and blooming,

Russel Deroche, Jr.



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

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20
Program: Fragrant Orchid Species –
Part 2 of the SWROGA Program

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

Refreshments: Richard & Judy

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JULY MEETING

Fragrant Orchid Species - Part 2

Russel will continue this SWROGA presentation series with Part 2 of the Fragrant Orchid Species powerpoint. We all love orchids that have wonderful fragrances and join us for more amazing orchids that are pleasing to the senses!

Tip of the Month

Careful watering and judicious drying will do more than any other practice to ensure healthy plants. Drought is the orchid plants armor against disease. Be sure that your plants dry as completely as the weather of July permits. Nonetheless, as our plants are in full growth they need adequate water in July therefore after a hard drying, orchid plants need a thorough rehydration. If the next rain fall is insufficient to saturate pot, roots and media, the grower should add to the natural moisture until he is sure both roots and media are saturated, using two or three applications of water spaced a few minutes apart. When the plants stop dripping is the time to apply the next dose of water. Don't stop watering until the "heft" of the pot tells you that it is holding as much water as it can.

- 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
June 16, 2024

1.0 Call to Order

President Russel Deroche called the meeting to order at 1430.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our May meeting.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

3.1.1 No report

3.2 Vice President Report

3.2.1 Richard was absent

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.

3.4 Secretary Report – Nothing to report at this time.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Russel and other members planned their trip to the bank when Eron is back. He also mentioned some details regarding the liability insurance we will be getting next year.

4.2 Our spring show will be held in 2025. Al said it will possibly be in February at Kee's Park. Also members discussed the need for reaching out to attract more members and ways to do this.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Members discussed our participation for the upcoming Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show in New Orleans July 12-14. We will be entering a display of the five or less category. Al, Heather and Russel will meet Friday for set-up and Heather will return Sunday for take-down and bring plants and materials back at the next CLOS meeting.

5.2 It was decided our annual ice-cream social will be in August. Other refreshment assignments for the year were also covered, as well as our pot luck in December.

6.0 Program

Al presented his experience at the 2024 World Orchid Conference he attended in Taiwan in February. He had several pictures and walked us through this incredible event.

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Andrea, Russel, Heather, Al

Door Prize Winner: Andrea

Jim provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *D. Thongchia 'Go'* – Andrea

Cattleya Alliance: 1st – *C. purpurata* – Al

2nd – *RLC. Memoria Helen Brown* – Al

3rd – *C. Motte Spot* – Andrea

All Others Group: 1st – *D. Thongchia 'Go'* – Andrea

There was no other business.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1640.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather A Wilfert
Secretary



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Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 8:30 PM EDT



Greenhouse Chat - Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at

greenhousechat@aos.org by July 7, 2024. *Open to all.*

Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 8:30 PM EDT



Repotting, Dividing and Mounting your Orchids - One of the Master Gardener Series - Join Jay Balchan for a broadcast of our Master Gardener Series on learning how

divide and mount, and repot your orchids. You'll come away knowing when and how to repot and divide your orchids. Jay will answer your questions live after the

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