

<http://www.centrallouisianaorchidsociety.org>

### From the President

We will have our June Meeting at our home at 1516 N. City Park Blvd., Alexandria on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 2:30 pm. We moved it up a week in consideration of Father's Day. The program will be a roundtable discussion of issues going on in your greenhouse or other growing issues. Bring your plant of concern to discuss.

Hopefully, our regular meeting place will be available in July.

Let us know if you haven't already that you can attend. Leave a message on our voicemail home phone 318-445-8049.

See attached directions to our home.

CLOS member, Judy Smith had a mild stroke last week. Send Get well cards to 1211 Lancaster Drive, Alexandria, LA 71303

CLOS member, Doris McGraw celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday at the end of May. Cards may be sent to 3820 Lafayette Drive, Pineville, LA 71360  
Wilton Guillory, President



**Meeting Time & Place**  
**Sunday**  
**June 13, 2021**  
**2:30 pm**

**Wilton and Connie**  
**Guillory's home**  
**1516 N. City Park Blvd.**  
**Alexandria, LA**

**Directions 318-445-8049**

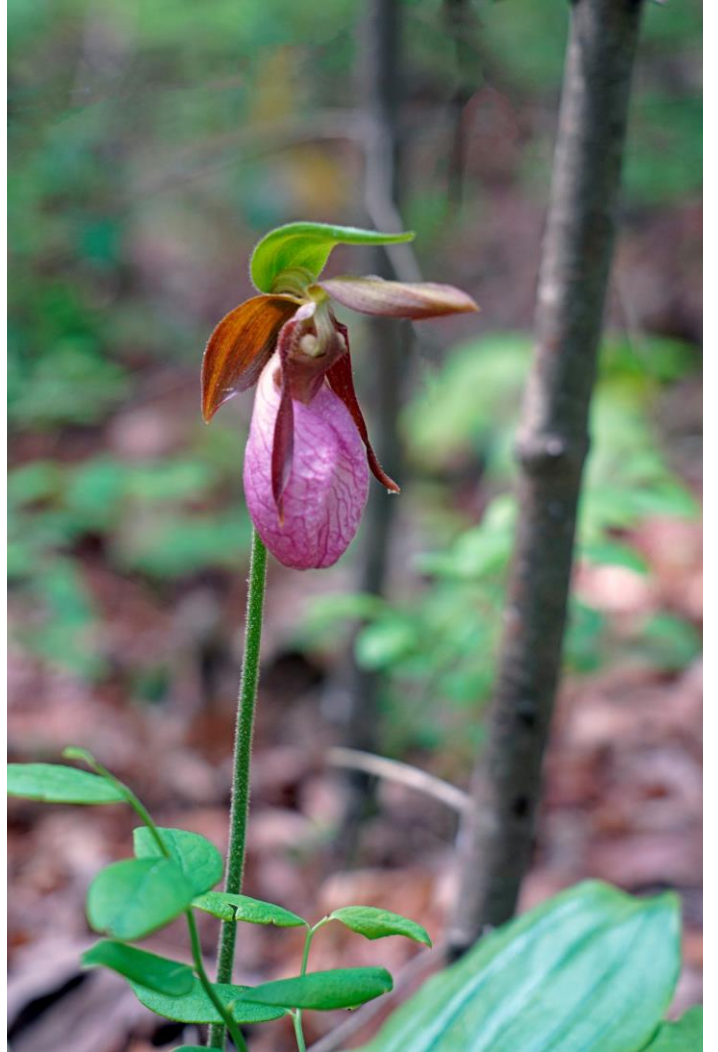
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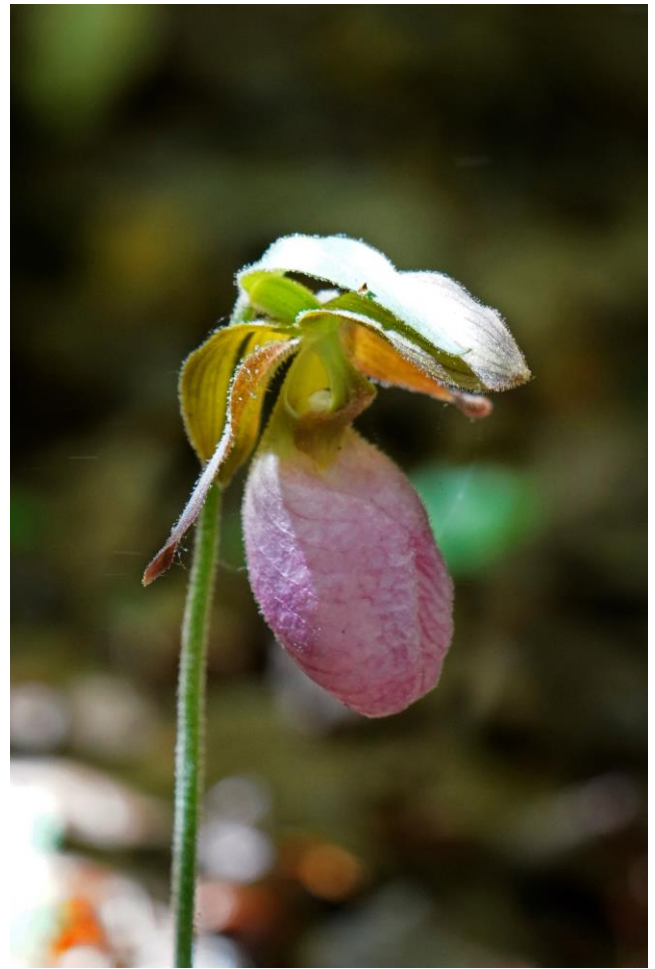
**Doris McGraw, CLOS founding member turns 99**











**Connie Guillory spotted this clump of Pink Lady Sipper Orchids in DuPont State Forest in NC in mid-May.**

Lady's Slipper Orchid, *Cypripedium acaule*, is one of the best known of all the hardy orchids. Its large (2-3") pink, mocassin shaped flowers resembling a swollen egg. The pouches are pink with raspberry colored veins, and an opening through which pollinating insects travel. There is no nectar, and insects have to find their way through the pouch and out the back. They probably soon learn there is little nectar available in Lady's Slippers and avoid the flowers, which may be why so few are pollinated in the wild. Flowers are singular on medium height spikes, and topped by green and brownish maroon sepals. It is a late Spring, early Summer bloomer, and flowers can last up to a month or more. Flower spikes benefit from staking, and protection from the wind. Two wide, long elliptical leaves rise from the base of the plant. They are rich green above and silvery green below. They are corrugated by thick, parallel veins. In their natural habit, Pink Lady's Slipper Orchids grow in open, upland woods, above bogs and

fens, usually under pines. The soil is typical low nutrient, loose, well drained and humusy. It is consistently moist, but not saturated. There is frequently a layer of decomposing leaves on the soil surface. Light is shade or dappled sunlight. Plants tolerate full sun, but do not look their best. Seeds are very fine and can be a challenge to germinate. It is winter hardy, and should be protected from rodents during dormancy. Mulch with 4+" of pine needles in the Fall. Leave at least a 1" of needles after spring cleanup. The rhizomes can be stored in damp sphagnum at 35°F (2°C) in a refrigerator for 3 or 4 months. Water with rain/distilled water, they are sensitive to mineral buildup. Do not over water, and be sure to keep the soil slightly moist during the peak of summer. Keep soil acidic, provide good drainage, and do not fertilize. It does well in beds and pots, and makes a charming addition to the bog garden.

Taken from

<https://carnivorousplantnursery.com/products/ladys-slipper-pink>

# Dendrobium Care

## Question

Please tell me how to grow *Dendrobium spectabile* and *Dendrobium eximium*. All I was told is that they come from an area where there is lots of rainfall. — **Jose Bona**



*Dendrobium spectabile* 'Bunny', HCC/AOS

Exhibitor, Leon Rademacher. Photo by Karl Siegler

## Answer

Charles and Margaret Baker, in their book *Orchid Species Culture: Dendrobium*, indicate that both of these plants would grow well in rather high light in intermediate to warm conditions (mid 80s during the day with a 10- to 20° F drop at night). Moisture is consistent throughout the year, with some dryness in winter months, though the humidity remains high. The Bakers' information indicates that while *Den. eximium* will flower easily and young, *Den. spectabile* is more difficult to flower in temperate areas, because it requires a slightly cooler and drier rest, as well as needing to be a fairly large plant. —

**Ned Nash**

Taken from

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-question-answer/dendrobium-care.aspx>





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### 2021 JUNE 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](#) by all members. <http://www.aos.org>

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

### How We Have Managed Through the Pandemic The Results Are In

Thank you to the following societies for sharing your thoughts:

[Cherry City Orchid Society](#), [Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City](#), [Ottawa Orchid Society](#), [Peninsula Orchid Society](#), [St. Croix Orchid Society](#), [Triangle Orchid Society](#)

- Did your society meet in any form from March 2020 through March 2021?  
**Respondents –** When the name COVID-19 was finally assigned to this pandemic, after the initial aftershock, most societies took to virtual meetings. Most popular platform Zoom! Others met via Google Groups, or Facebook Groups. Some added once a month group chats to share culture information and other society issues in addition to offering a regular meeting. Zoom Orchid Growers' Tours, Zoom or other online auctions, and even a Zoom Holiday party/awards presentation were held virtually.
- If you did not meet in-person, how did you carry on the business of your society?  
**Respondents –** Virtual Board meetings were popular. Communication to society members was improved with a new monthly online newsletter resulting in increased membership. Orchid sales were held in connection with botanical gardens maintained by the society. Group orchid orders were offered so members could get their live orchid fix.
- Did you join an online meeting of your society or join as a guest of another society?  
**Respondents –** All joined online meetings of their own society and/or were virtual guests of other societies. Societies opened meetings to other geographically diverse groups.
- Did you utilize any of the speakers on the AOS Speaker's List for remote presentations?  
**Respondents –** Some used our Speakers List.
- Did you present any AOS webinars to your members in lieu of a guest speaker?  
**Respondents –** Some used the webinars.
- Did you have online Orchid Drawings/Raffles for your members?  
**Respondents –** Some managed this successfully and some are still figuring out how best to do it.

- Did you share monthly virtual bloom table show & tell?  
**Respondents - Many set up some type of virtual review of orchids to share with their members, citing that it was a big part of getting together remotely. Some offered virtual bloom table review more often than once a month.**
- What has the worst thing about not meeting in-person over this twelve-month period?  
**Respondents – Everyone missed face to face contact with orchid friends, and not having, hosting, attending orchid shows or orchid judging. Many felt some members were struggling with technology that kept them isolated.**
- What has the best thing about not meeting in-person over this twelve-month period?  
**Respondents – Not having to drive in traffic congestion or inclement weather was a bonus. Online meetings allowed reaching a wider group of members. A big plus was being able to invite guest speakers to present remotely that otherwise might not have been affordable in-person after paying for travel, and lodging. Many had good participation from members virtually. Some took the time to become more comfortable with technology. Virtual tours of growing areas to see how other members grow their orchids was popular. There was an economic savings of suspended meeting site expenses.**
- Have you implemented any new procedures that you will carry over to in-person meetings?  
**Respondents – Most were interested in doing hybrid meetings and to continue sharing meetings with other orchid groups in person and virtually. Some may substitute a virtual meeting for extreme weather situations where travel would be difficult, or to reach a wider audience.**

The consensus was that there is sincere interest in returning to see our society members, onsite, and in person. There is a need to visit with orchid friends, buy new orchids to add to our collections, and share this passion we have for orchids.

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Many of our **affiliates** have not met in person throughout the pandemic, and a number of our affiliates' **membership** in the American Orchid Society have **expired**.

Affiliated Societies Committee members have called on the AOS Representative contact that we have on file to advise of expired status.

**To continue to receive the benefits of affiliated membership, it is important that your society information is updated with the AOS and that your affiliated membership in the American Orchid Society is renewed.**

*If you are receiving this newsletter, please check your society expiration date, or pass this message along to the appropriate person within your society. If you have questions about your society membership, our AOS Home Office Contact is:*

**Affiliated Societies ([sandra@aos.org](mailto:sandra@aos.org))**  
**Sandra Kurzban (305-740-2010 ext 102)**

### **AOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

#### **AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY**

Affiliated Societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your Affiliated Society can obtain a FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation in the comments section online at checkout or on the [printed membership form](#).

<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOSJoinForm2020.pdf>

**AOS Representatives**, please remember to let your society members know that we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to [join the AOS today](#)! Once they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. <https://secure.aos.org/store/register-renew>

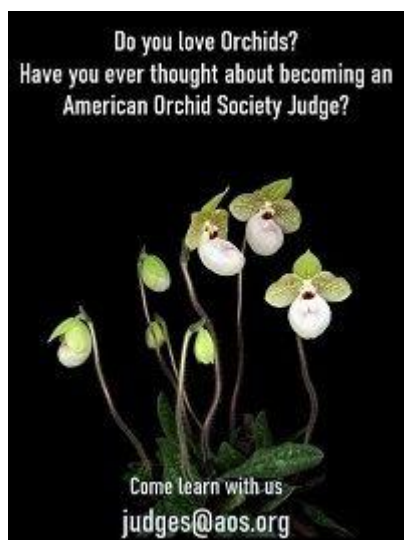


*Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues.*

## **Notice DEADLINE EXTENDED: June 15, Distinguished Affiliated Societies Service Award (DASSA)**



**REMINDER** - In this centennial year of special recognition, we invite our affiliates to submit a nomination for the DASSA. This prestigious award is given to an affiliate in recognition of sustained, outstanding contributions in areas of service and support in the field of orchidology. Nominations for the DASSA may be made by any member of an AOS affiliate and should be forwarded to the [Affiliated Societies Committee](#). If you think your society may be a contender, review the criteria for the award and send off your submission by June 01, 2021. [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org)  
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**School is out for summer but that doesn't mean we should stop learning.** Orchids are a continuing education. Take the mystery out of orchid judging. Learn to see what the judges look for at the judging table. Most orchid Judges are orchid growers just like you. They have been trained to look for quality in an orchid.

The AOS Judging System is willing to help you learn by building core competencies. The goal of educating students is to bring each up to a general level of knowledge/proficiency in: *The Handbook on Judging*, judging procedures, Genera most often seen (both species and hybrids), research, analysis, and communication in a variety of settings, and ultimately how to judge an orchid.

The life of a student judge involves homework, papers/presentations and hands-on judging experience at judging centers and orchid shows. Traveling to centers/shows beyond your local judging center is a great way to broaden your experience. Attending AOS Members Meetings affords wonderful opportunities for meeting expert orchid growers who will be happy to share their knowledge with you.

American Orchid Society judges are dedicated volunteers who serve the membership and the orchid-growing public through participation in the Society's judging system. Each judge has made a sincere, long-term commitment, and gives much of their personal time and resources to the program. AOS Judges are not compensated for their services or travel to various judging

events. All for the love of orchids. To learn more about [orchid awards and judging](https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging.aspx) visit <https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging.aspx>

**ORCHIDPRO** the AOS awards database, is available at no extra cost to members. A digital version is included with every AOS membership. You have access to the same program that the judges use at monthly orchid judging. Visit often to view quality and outstanding culture in awarded orchids. <https://op.aos.org/award>



**Award No: 20213764**

Cattleya violacea  
'Redondinha'  
AM/AOS (80 points)  
Hawaii Judging Center  
Exhibitor: The OrchidFix Nursery, Inc.  
Photographer: Glen Barfield

**Award No: 20211342**

Cattleya intermedia  
var. amethystina  
'Emma's Delight'  
AM/AOS (88 points)  
Florida North-Central  
Judging Center  
Exhibitor: Matthew Riesz  
Photographer: Wes Newton

**Award No: 20213759**

Cattleya lueddemanniana (Lara)  
'Dark Jewel'  
AM/AOS (81 points)  
Hawaii Judging Center  
Exhibitor: Island Sun Orchids  
Photographer: Glen Barfield

The three cattleya species pictured above are a sample of the orchids seen monthly at [AOS judging centers](https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/aos-judging-centers.aspx) throughout the Americas. They all received an [Award of Merit](https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/aos-awards.aspx), scoring 80 points and above.

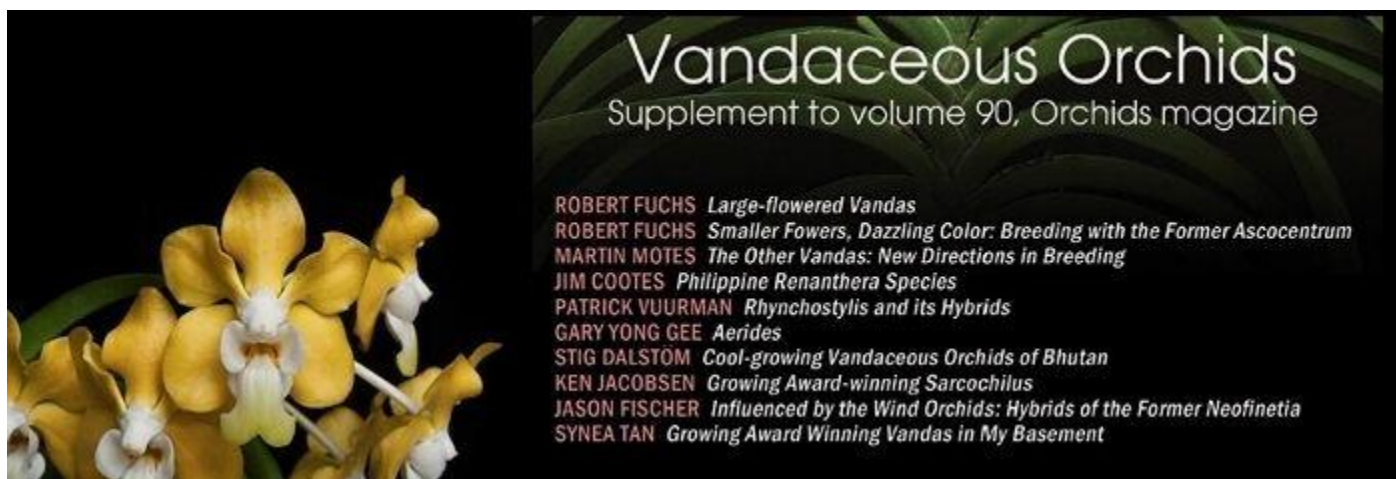
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As we move into the second half of 2021, more judging events are beginning to take place. Be sure to visit the [Events Calendar Page](https://www.aos.org/news-events/event-calendar.aspx) on the AOS website to find your area monthly judging dates and show events that include judging. If your society is thinking about putting together an orchid show soon, now is a good time to review the [Affiliated Societies page](https://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx) on the AOS website for guidance.

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### Let's Get Wild About Vandaceous Orchids

The AOS 2021 supplemental issue will go in-depth with this family of orchids.

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### TOM'S MONTHLY CHECKLIST JUNE: THE MONTH OF TRANSFORMATION

By Thomas Mirenda

Have you ever wanted to just chuck it all? To start over, erase past mistakes, buy some fine new clothes, take a hot shower and feel like a brand-new you? Have you ever inadvertently said the precisely wrong thing in a conversation and hurt or upset someone you cared about, or would like to care about? Wouldn't it be great to just press a reset button and have all those awkward moments vanish? I have always liked to think that our basic core values stay with us all our lives, and though we may change outwardly, inside we remain the same. As I mature, I have come to realize that the brash young man I once was has indeed changed. It is no longer so important to be always right, to get all the attention, even to believe I am "special." Though the following statement changes the definition of the word, truly, we are ALL special.

June is a month that heralds development and transformation, both in our orchids and in our lives. The summer season is both a shift from academic pursuits to more hedonistic ones as well as a chance to balance, catch our breath, rest and assess, and change direction if need be. Before the stresses of summer heat materialize, this month may very well be the very best one to promote growth and progress in our plants and in our lives. Past cultural mistakes can now be corrected. Observant growers will witness rapid advancement practically daily at this time of year. It can be incredibly satisfying and most exciting. For me, it is actually more exciting than the onset of flower spikes.

**LIGHTNESS** The onset of summer marks the sun's ascent higher in the sky and increasing day length. This can have profound effects on your plants if you take advantage of it. Although most of our cultivated orchids grow in semishady conditions under a canopy of leaves, there is much to be said for natural light. After all, people spend hundreds of dollars on lighting systems that replicate sunlight, so why wouldn't you use the real thing if you had access to it? This is one reason why I recommend that everyone who can do so put their plants outside during these months that have generally excellent weather. It is, of course important for you to understand the light requirements for your individual plants so you can place them correctly. Cattleya light might burn a phalaenopsis and,



phalaenopsis light will not induce vandas to flower.

**AIRINESS** Another reason to bring plants outside is to take advantage of the fresh air and gentle air movement. Fans, cool pads and vents are important tools to replicate orchids' epiphytic environments. But again, if the perfect conditions are outside under your willow, beech tree or covered patio, why not take advantage of that proximity? Fresh, naturally humid air will encourage excellent root growth, which will in turn produce big fat pseudobulbs on oncidiums, lycastes and catasetums. Many of these will grow incredibly fast this month if...

**YOU FEED THEM** June, with its optimum environmental conditions, has the potential to completely transform young plants if you supply them with the necessary nutrients and sufficient water. Many different quality plant foods abound — there are many excellent ones in the pages of this magazine. Although orchids generally do not need too much fertilizer (plants can make their own food after all) light fertilizing can sometimes do wonders, especially this month. Look for new leads on many orchids especially cattleyas, dendrobiums and cymbidiums. By the end of June these can often have grown 6 inches (15 cm) or more.

**MOISTURE** Because orchids are often so tough and leathery, we can sometimes forget they are mostly water and need plenty of it when in active growth. I often compare orchids to succulents such as aloes, euphorbias or even cacti. We think of these plants as being desert-adapted, and they are. But even most desert plants experience a short rainy season, or have extraordinarily long tap roots to gain access to water that they store in their succulent tissues for tougher times. For most of our epiphytic orchids, spring and summer is that time when moisture and nutrients are stored. It is definitely time to step up on our fertilizing and watering duties. Do not miss the opportunity for growth and transformation that June promises us each year.

— *Tom Mirenda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades and is the past chair of the AOS Conservation Committee. He is an AOS accredited judge in the Hawaii Center (email: [biophiliak@gmail.com](mailto:biophiliak@gmail.com)).* You can view articles dating back to 1933 in the digital [ORCHIDS MAGAZINE archives](https://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx).  
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*From the AOS website...*

**AOS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DATES: October 27th - 30th, 2021**

We are proud to present the American Orchid Society's Centennial Celebration!

The four-day celebration will encompass our 2021 Fall Members Meeting activities. Join us for an exciting live auction, a splendid gala banquet with gourmet dinner, live entertainment with music and dancing in a beautiful historic setting.



Make your plans now to meet us at the historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. We look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate this important occasion.

Events include:

- Wednesday, October 27 - Meet and Greet reception for registrants 5-6 p.m.
- Thursday, October 28 - AOS Judging, hosted by East Everglades Orchid Society
- Friday, October 29 - Special Centennial Auction, starting at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, October 30 - Speaker Series, until 3 p.m.
- Saturday, October 30 - Centennial Gala, starting at 6 p.m.

<https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/members-meetings/schedule.aspx>

**You and your society can become sponsors of this event!**

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Forever, be a part of the AOS Centennial.

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# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	June 08, 2021 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	June 17, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	July 06, 2021 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	July 15, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Show Trophy Subjective or Objective	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Cyrtorchilums: Dancing Ladies of the High Andes
Presenter	Marc Burchette Head of Biltmore Estate Orchid Collection	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee, ND Associate Judge President of COC

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!

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We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure.

GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

**Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to:** [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)

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

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

*If you would like to spotlight an issue or share news with other affiliated societies, we welcome your input. Let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter! If there is something within your society that is working extremely well – let's share it*



here. If there is something you could use help with – let us know. By chance, another affiliate may be able to offer a solution, or want to try something you have achieved. Your contributions are critical to bringing fresh, timely content to this publication each month. Please send your questions, solutions and submissions for the AOS Corner to [eileenh@aos.org](mailto:eileenh@aos.org) or [askmasc@verizon.net](mailto:askmasc@verizon.net).

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!  
**Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor**



## **We Are Your National Volunteers Let us Know What We Can Do For You**

### **Valued Members and Volunteers**

An organization is only as good as its members. The AOS is deeply indebted to the many talented and dedicated volunteers who give their time and service to encourage a widespread interest in orchids. They advance the mission of the AOS more than they will ever know. *Please contact any of us if you would like to join our committee.*

### **Affiliated Societies Committee**

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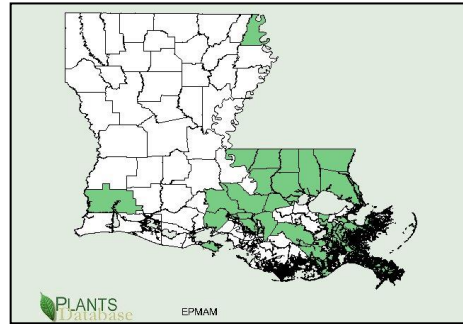
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## Native Orchid of the Month—June

### *Epidendrum magnoliae* (green fly orchid)

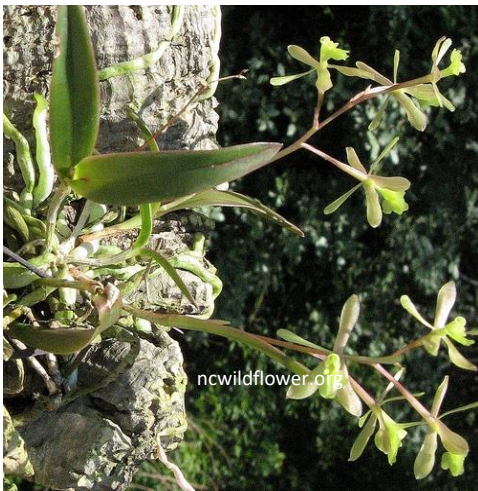
*Epidendrum magnoliae*, the green fly orchid, is encountered in swamps and hammocks, most often on live oak (*Quercus virginiana*) trees among resurrection ferns (*Pleopeltis polypodioides*). Other common host trees include bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) and southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*). It is an epiphyte and the leaves remain green all winter.

Since the plants are often the same height as the ferns, these orchids (even when in bloom) is often quite challenging. It is perhaps easiest to see them when it has not rained for a brief period. The resurrection fern leaves wilt and appear brownish in color, making it easier to spot the shiny, green grass-like orchids growing on the branches.



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It is the most northern-growing *Epidendrum* in nature, being found wild as far north as North Carolina. They flower from June to January, sporadically in fall, and produce fruiting capsules from October to January.

Plants will often form large matted colonies of many dozens, perhaps hundreds, of growths, their fleshy roots buried in the layer of humus formed from decomposed remains of mosses, bromeliad roots, and fern rhizomes that cover the branches of the trees.

The small, green flowers 1/2 to 3/4 inch in diameter, are usually green on the lip and petals from greenish to reddish brown on the sepals depending on light opening beneath the column is usually ringed with purple. The become intensely fragrant at night suggesting a night-flying moth pollinator.



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