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From the President

The Louisiana Judging Center had Bob Fuchs, American Orchid Society President as guest speaker and judge at the February Judging. He gave an update on the American Orchid Society happenings and the Centennial Celebration celebrating 100 years of the AOS. The Centennial Celebration will be held in conjunction with our Fall Members Meeting, October 27th - 30th, 2021, Coral Gables, Florida. The Centennial Gala and Banquet will be held Saturday, October 30, 2021. The American Orchid society 2021 Spring Members Meeting will be held virtually this year on March 13, 2021. There were seven awards out of 14 entries at LJC for February.

I have spoken with St. James Episcopal Church about our meeting place. They informed me that United Way is currently renting out the room. The Youth building will probably be available after the month of May. We have planned a potting session at Andrea Mattison's home on April 18 starting at 1:00pm. It will be nice to meet again and plan the remaining year. This month's meeting is canceled.

Wilton Guillory, CLOS President



Meeting Time & Place

No Dues will be collected for 2021

Meeting canceled for March

Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

President – Wilton Guillory
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Louisiana Judging Center February

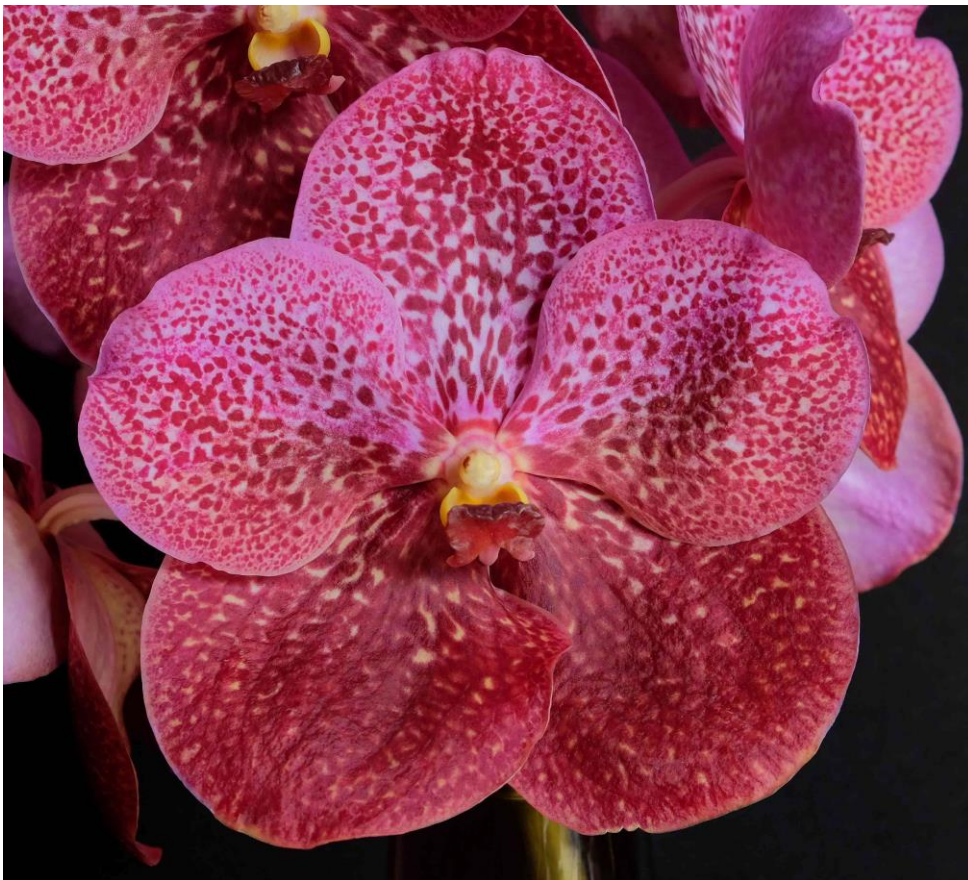


American Orchid Society spoke and judged at the second judging of newly formed Louisiana Judging Center in Alexandria at the home of Wilton and Connie Guillory in Alexandria, LA.





Rth. Kin Star FCA 'Stevie Nicks' HCC/AOS -76pts - William Caldwell



V. Don Ghiz 'Crownfox' AM/AOS - 82pts - rf Orchids

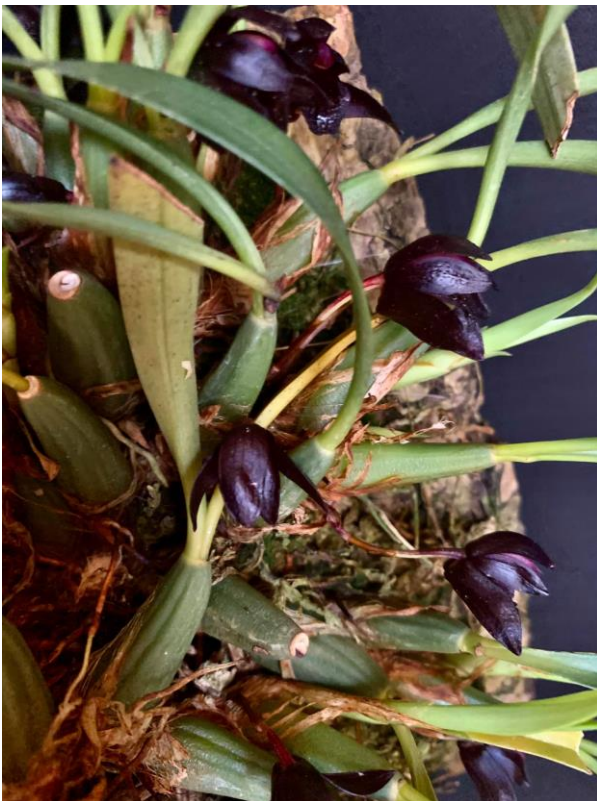


Pda. Batram 'Quinn' AM/AOS - rf Orchids



V. Crownfox Sundancer

'Luna' AM/AOS -82pts - rf Orchids



Max. schunkeana 'Catahoula' CCM/AOS

- 88pts - Eron Borne



Rth. Dixie Beau 'Hynson Bayou' (Rth. Wanda's Fire X Ctt. Chocolate Drop) -
HCC/AOS -76pts - Wilton Guillory Jr.



V. Crownfox Sundancer 'Luna' AM/AOS -
82pts - rf Orchids



Rhy. Kultana 'Gecko' HCC/AOS - 79pts - rf Orchids



LJC February meeting in Alexandria

Upcoming Orchid Events

CLOS Potting Session

Andrea Mattison's home

April 18th at 1:00 pm

8421 Fairway Drive

Pineville, LA 71360

Ph# 318-792-8115

Louisiana Judging Center

Guillory home

March 27th

11:00 am



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2021 MARCH 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>

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

You are invited to attend the [AOS VIRTUAL Meeting of the Members](#) Saturday, March 13, 2 p.m. ET

We recognize that many members of our community may be reluctant or unable to travel due to health mandates and other external factors. This virtual event ensures that you won't miss out.

Current AOS members will receive an email notification and coordinates to participate in the Meeting of the Members Virtual Town Hall gathering. There is no charge to attend this event but space is limited, so register today!

The 2021 Spring Members Meeting will be Virtual (Online)!

We recognize many members of our community may be reluctant or unable to travel due to institutional mandates and other external factors and this year's virtual event ensures that you won't miss out.

The meeting will be held using our GotoWebinar platform. Although there is no charge for this event, you must register to attend.

March 13th, 2021



MARCH 03-08, 2021

Get Ready! Bid on books, supplies, plants, collectibles, orchid of the month gift certificate, and more!
Auction item list updated frequently.

Online AUCTION

If you would like to donate an item for the auction please contact Jennifer Reinosa, Vice Chair, Development Committee
Special Funding Committee
jenniferr@aos.org

<https://aos.betterworld.org/auctions/aos-spring-auction-3>
Link goes live March 03, 8:00 a.m. EST
Please read the fine print on bid procedures before finalizing your bid
www.aos.org

GET READY, GET SET, BID! [AOS Auction](#) goes live March 03, 8 a.m. ET

<https://aos.betterworld.org/auctions/aos-spring-auction-3>

If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, contact jenniferr@aos.org

AOS Committee Meetings are planned at various times prior to the Members Meeting. If you'd like to attend one or more of these, kindly contact the Committee directly for details. (<https://www.aos.org/about-us/committees.aspx>)
To attend the **Affiliated Societies Committee** meeting during this event, send a message to affiliated_societies@aos.org and we will add you to our meeting guest list.
<https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/event-calendar/2021/2021-03/aos-2021-spring-members-meeting.aspx>



Observations – Making Connections on Facebook

Are you wondering how I get insight into what is happening in the orchid world at the affiliated societies level? Quick answer - Facebook of course. Since I have become the editor of this newsletter, I have requested to join many orchid society Facebook groups. Some have qualifying questions to screen potential members. So far, when I say I am on the AOS Affiliated Societies Committee, I have been readily accepted to all groups. Since I administer my local society page and write this column, I do like to see how other societies are using their pages.

I browse through the different groups from time to time. Many encourage their members to post their orchid blooms, or run competitions for an orchid-of-the month photo voted on by page members. Some use their pages to communicate meeting notices, guest speaker announcements, field trips and special events.

For my society, I create monthly bloom table albums on our group page where all members can drop in their favorite orchid photo blooming in the current month. We set deadlines for entry before each monthly meeting and those photos are showcased on our Zoom meetings. Our members are happy to be able to talk about their particular plant at our monthly meetings. Until recently, Facebook allowed the creation of polls that included photos. After the Zoom, I created a poll with the entered orchid photos, complete with names, and set it up for our page members to vote. We awarded Orchid of The Month to the most liked species, and most liked hybrid. Unfortunately, Facebook does not offer the photo option on their polls any longer. Working on plan B.

Facebook group pages also offer the ability to schedule posts for future desired date and time release. You can schedule meeting reminders. I use this feature often, most recently for reminders that we need volunteers and trophy sponsors for our show. When I create a post, I always include a link to our society website. When I announce something exclusively for society members, I remind non-society page members how they can become dues paying members and get all the benefits of society membership with a link to our website.

Since our society hasn't met in person for a monthly meeting since February 2020, we needed to find an easy way to collect membership dues and keep our members engaged. Our society has a Square account credit card processing tool that we usually use once a year during our in person orchid auction. For a minimal service fee, transactions are deposited directly into the society bank account. Square now allows us to set up multiple point-of- purchase transactions. For the convenience of not handling currency, we have used this feature for membership dues and drawing tickets for our monthly orchid drawings. Our treasurer recently remarked

that we have made more in sales from our orchid drawings on Zoom than we did at face-to-face meetings. We are considering using Square for pre-purchase or touchless admission tickets to our upcoming orchid show.

Our society dues paying membership totals about 100, our Facebook group page membership numbers over 650 members. On our page, we have set up qualifying questions to become a member of our group. One reason is to keep our shared comments and advice pertinent to our growing area and another reason is because we sincerely want to meet and see these people at monthly meetings when we get back to meeting in person. It is obvious that there is a large pool of potential new society members to recruit from our Facebook page. With our current meetings by Zoom, we have managed to add several new dues paying members to our society, and we do hope to meet them soon. We invite all of our page members to our meetings whether in person or remotely. If your society isn't on [Facebook](#), it's worth creating a page. It's free, it's easy, it's another tool in our toolbox to keep our members connected. It *can* be more than just pretty pictures. <https://www.facebook.com/>



AOS Celebrates 100 Hundred Years
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Historic Event

- [Registration](https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/centennial-celebration.aspx)
<https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/centennial-celebration.aspx>
- [Become a Sponsor](https://secure.aos.org/event/sponsor)
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How many of you are using webinars for your remote meeting presentations? If you are meeting remotely with an internet connection, as an affiliated society, you have access to all of the webinars. You can tune in live for any of the presentations or play the recorded version for your members. There is a full list of webinars on the AOS website. Want to resolve culture conundrums? Tune in live to a GREENHOUSE CHAT or select a recorded version that is indexed by topic for future viewing.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	March 02, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday	March 09, 2021 8:30 pm EST Tuesday	March 13, 2021 2:00pm EST Saturday	April 08, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Star Search: Judging Angraecoid Orchids	Semi-Annual Meeting of the Members <i>Space is Limited Register NOW!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Beth Martin AOS Associate Judge	AOS Officers, Staff, Committee Chairs, Member Volunteers	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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

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

Webinar announcements are posted on Facebook,

Instagram, and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to greenhousechat@aos.org

If your society does not have internet access, please contact Sandra Svoboda at sltsvoboda@gmail.com (NOTE: new email address) and request [a program, or multiple programs, from the recorded list](#). The video file(s) with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy to a flash drive or copy to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting. This list has been updated and should be ready to view in the very near future.

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

If you have an idea for a webinar topic, or would like to present a webinar for our members, this is your opportunity. We are flexible! We are always looking for interesting topics to share with our viewers. Choose a day convenient for you. You will need a prepared PowerPoint topic, an internet connection, and a computer with audio capabilities to present an AOS webinar.

Contact [Cheryl Erins](#) to be added to the AOS webinar line-up or for further information. She can arrange a webinar practice session to help you get familiar with the process. cerins@aos.org



SEEKING AOS JUDGES

**The American Orchid Society Judging Program
is seeking highly motivated orchid enthusiasts
to join the judging ranks.**

*Work with other such people and help maintain our
awards programs and educational efforts.*

For more information contact us at judges@aos.org

Have you ever thought about becoming an AOS Judge?

The American Orchid Society Judging Program is willing to teach you to become an AOS Judge and is actively seeking orchid enthusiasts.

If You

- Have a love of orchids
- Want to learn more about orchids
- Are willing to contribute to the long-term health of AOS and its Affiliated Societies
- Desire to teach the public about orchids

Then Contact the AOS Judging Program at judges@aos.org for more information about how to become an AOS Judge.

From the AOS website... Insight to the World of Orchid Judging

An excerpt on AOS Judging from Ernest Hetherington

"When a person is introduced into the American Orchid Society's judging system, they are told, or they grasp the realization, that the orchid world is vast: literally more than anyone can learn or know. Still, and I subscribe to the dictum, they must be knowledgeable. A judge must be ever learning, and here is the problem. The orchid world is expanding in technology, hybridizing, taxonomy and other areas. In our system there are many very good judges, still, with even the best, they must admit they are most knowledgeable in certain areas. Literally no person can know everything about judging orchids. This is the point of my commentary: I respect a person for saying the three little words — "I don't know." It has been my experience that when saying "I don't know," another judge who does know will give much appreciated and valuable information on the plant or line of breeding. When a judge has summed up everything they know or can learn about the plant they are judging, then, and only then, can they come to the moment of truth when they put down a score."

To read the entire article: [https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Judges%20Forum/Hetherington Ernest Three Little Words Word .pdf](https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Judges%20Forum/Hetherington_Ernest_Three_Little_Words_Word_.pdf)

For other outtakes on different aspects of Orchid Judging, review the Judges' Forum on [aos.org](https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-and-judging/judges-forum.aspx) <https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-and-judging/judges-forum.aspx>

ORCHIDPRO



AD | AOS (0 points)
Award #20196652



AQ | AOS (0 points)
Award #20211263



JC | AOS (0 points)
Award #20211276

AOS awards are granted on merit - Not every type of award receives a point score

AD (Award of Distinction)

Awarded once to a cross representing a worthy new direction in Breeding. The award is granted unanimously without scoring by the judging team assigned.

Paphiopedilum Hawaiian Moon AD | AOS (0 points)

(Paphiopedilum Silver Moon x Paphiopedilum Egret's Jewel)

Award No: [20196652](#), Hybridizer: Lehua Orchids, Exhibitor Stanley Luk , Photographer: Judy Higham

AQ (Award of Quality)

Awarded once to a cross exhibited by a single individual as a group of not less than 12 plants or inflorescences of different clones of a hybrid or cultivated species. At least one of the inflorescences must receive a flower quality award and the overall quality of the group must be an improvement over the former type.

Rhyncholaelia Aristocrat AQ | AOS (0 points)

'(Rhyncholaelia glauca 'Crystelle' AM/AOS x Rhyncholaelia digbyana 'Fiddler's Green')'

Award No: [20211263](#), Exhibitor: Krull-Smith, Photographer: Kay Clark

JC (Judges' Commendation)

Given for distinctive characteristics that the judges unanimously feel should be recognized but cannot be scored in the customary ways.

Cattleya Rose Marguglio Szwed 'Big Bear's Marbled Queen' JC | AOS (0 points)

(Cattleya Melody Fair x Cattleya Circle of Life)

Award No: [20211276](#), Exhibitor: Ryan Kowalczyk, Photographer: Wes Newton

To find an AOS award type in OrchidPro - select *Full Search* on the Awards bar. From the *ALL* drop down menu, select AOS. From the *Award Type* drop down menu, fill in your desired award type. It's educational to see all of the different orchids and read their award descriptions. <https://op.aos.org/>

[ORCHIDS MAGAZINE](#)

Coming in March 2021

- Tom's Monthly Checklist
- For the Novice - Stakes by Carlos Macku
- Collectors' Item - Bulbophyllum section Macrobulbon by Charles Wilson
- Questions & Answers by Ron McHatton
- The New Refugium Botanicum - *Rhynchostylis gigantea* by Franco Pupulin
- Orchid People - Karen Kimmerle by Tom Mirenda
- Orchids Illustrated - Augusta Withers: Flower Painter in Ordinary by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- Colombia's Tatamá National Park by Spiro Kasomenakis
- Orchid Roots by Fred Clarke
- Atlanta Botanical Garden: a beacon for orchid conservation by Philip Seaton
- *Bulbophyllum (Trias) oblongum* and Andrew Thomas Gage by Rudolf Jenny

- Lindleyana: Two New Species of Sudamerlycaste from Southwestern Ecuador, José Portilla, Hugo Medina and Iván Portilla
<https://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>



Have your members [download](#) a free digital issue <https://go.aos.org/freeissue201904>
 They won't miss out on this monthly benefit when they become an AOS member.

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.

CARE TO SHARE?

Please share a PDF copy of your society newsletter in the Files section of our [Affiliated Societies Facebook page](#). Take a virtual visit to other affiliates. Exchange information with our online groups. We currently have 16.9K international followers on the AOS [Instagram](#) account. To participate on Instagram, please email your photos to americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. The grower or society gets credit/tag for photos. You may include any other information you wish to share about your orchid or event. <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 or askmasc@verizon.net

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

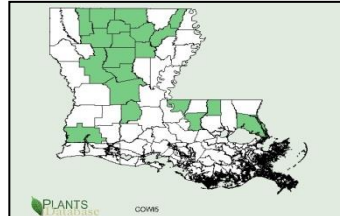


Native Orchid of the Month—March

Corallorrhiza wisteriana (spring coralroot)

Corallorrhiza wisteriana (spring coralroot) is a saprophyte and is among the few flowering plants that have no green color at any time, but support themselves, as mushrooms and toadstools do, on the dead remains of other plants in the soil.

The flowering stems are yellow to purplish and stand anywhere from 2 to 8 inches tall, bearing small flowers that might reach 1/3 inch from top-to-bottom at the most. The sepals and petals form a hood-like structure over the lip and are snowy white with small purple spots. The lip contrasts nicely with these, being a greenish-brown color. Flowers are rapidly pollinated (or perhaps self-pollinate) and do not last long.



Spring coralroot can be found throughout much of the lower 48 states of the United States, excluding portions of New England and the far western states. In Louisiana, it is found primarily in the northern wooded portion of the State. The plants are difficult to locate due to their unusual growth cycle. They are most frequently located on sites where there is abundant decaying woody debris.

Spring coralroot blooms as early as January in Louisiana, but may continue through July. The flowers generally only last a few hours. The plants remain dependent on fungi for their entire lives, often hosting their fungi in crystalline, coral-like modified root structures.



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