

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA ORCHID SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the President

**We will be in full swing planning for our CLOS show this September 22-23, 2023. This can be a fun time to enjoy meeting some neat people and see some beautiful orchids. Each person doing his or her small job leads to a successful show.**

**Keep an eye out for spring critters on our plants. Catching early is much easier than full-scale war.**

**Wilton Guillory, President**



**Meeting Time and Place:**  
**Sunday, March 19, 2023**  
**Time: 2:30 pm**

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20  
**Program: The Parvisepalum**  
**Paphiopedilums**  
**Presented by: Eron Borne**

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

**Refreshments:**  
**Eron & Warren**

#### Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

**President – Wilton Guillory**  
**Vice President – Richard Smith**  
**Secretary – Heather Wilfert**  
**Treasurer – Jim Barnett**  
**Director – Andrea Mattison**  
**Director – Eron Borne**  
**SWROGA Director#1 Linda Roberts**  
**SWROGA Director#2 Eron Borne**  
**AOS Representative – Wilton Guillory**  
**ODC Representative – Andrea Mattison**  
**Conservation Rep - Jim Barnett**  
**Newsletter Editor – Eron (temporary)**  
**Show & Tell – Al Taylor**  
**Webmaster – Eron Borne**



## Member Feature

### Bill Caldwell

I am a retired environmental engineer. I have been a nature buff my whole life. I like exploration and discovery in the wild. I spend most of my time working in Woodville, TX on my property where I have a small nursery and cattle production. My last job as an engineer was a regulatory compliance auditor traveling the globe, so I have been able to see arboreturns and wildlife. I was fortunate to have a job with travel to see these places and I didn't have to pay for trips! Now I do.

I was 13 when I received my first orchid as a Christmas gift from my parents and the Cattleya alliance are my favorite orchids. I have been a CLOS member for three years now and I am currently a trainee in the AOS judging program.

My most exciting orchid moment is when I found the ugliest orchid (*Gastrodia agnicellus*) in Madagascar in 2019. The experts used the specimen I found to identify the newly described species because it was fully intact. The species is a saprophytic terrestrial orchid but find it growing under leaf litter on a buttress of a tree.

As for my bucket list, I went to Columbia in January 2023 for three weeks. It is really the only place I really desire to go to.

I grow my orchids in a very small greenhouse and in my nursery building in the wintertime under LED floodlights.

From my trips to the tropics, I have learned that when it is the dry season it really is dust dry. It does rain occasionally. I sparingly water my Cattleya and Catasetum orchids in the winter or dry season.

## **Tip of the Month**

Signs of spring abound with an abundance of emerging flower spikes and buds. The flush of spring growth will follow soon so plan your repotting program which should begin in earnest this month. The best time to repot is right before the new roots start growing so the plants will reestablish quickly. Watch for signs of mites, particularly on thin leaved orchids like the Catasetinae and Grammatophyllums, and treat any problems promptly!

### **Central Louisiana Orchid Society Meeting Minutes February 19, 2023**

#### **1.0 Call to Order**

President Wilton Guillory called the meeting to order at 1433.

#### **2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes were approved from our January meeting. Wilton made the motion and Jim seconded.

#### **3.0 Officer Reports**

##### **3.1 President Report**

3.1.1 Wilton gave his report

3.1.2 Wilton mentioned that the Louisiana Judging Center will have their monthly judging next Saturday on February 25th.

##### **3.2 Vice President Report**

- 3.2.1 Richard is observing everything the President does to learn what he does in case of his absence.

### 3.3 Treasurer Report

The treasurer Jim Barnett gave his report.

3.3.1 Overview of CLOS Deposits/Withdrawals since last month and current financial state of the society. Jim stated “We are in good shape!”

- 3.4 3.3.2 Raffle Tickets for sale – Many items were donated for the raffle this month. Everyone was encouraged to buy tickets. Connie brought and gave away several non-orchid plants and blubs from her yard; some were used in the raffle.

- 3.5 **Secretary Report** – January minutes were in this month’s newsletter. Featuring a member each month in the newsletter has been well accepted and is a very nice addition.

### 4.0 Old Business

- 4.1 Al stated we are sanctioned for our show with AOS. Al will also let ODC know.
- 4.2 Dr. Jim Barnett shared a recent letter received from Kevin Allen. Although Kevin is constantly working, he is collecting what is needed to continue to propagate for the Cypripedium project and restoration work in the Kisatchie National Forest. Kevin wrote about the need for green capsules to inoculate with fungus to speed up the process. It will take approximately twelve months for germination. Andrea mentioned the possible use of dormant plants in the area.

### 5.0 New Business

- 5.1 Connie and Jim discussed the upcoming monthly Judging at the Center. Jim volunteered to help with this.
- 5.2 Members discussed supplies needed for upcoming shows such as a display table.
- 5.3 March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Dallas show and committee meeting we may participate in.

### 6.0 Program

Jim presented growing orchids in your home verses outside or in a green house. He covered proper lighting, plants in windows and artificial lighting. Jim reviewed leaf color being a possible indication of light requirements. He talked about when to repot and pruning of old flower spikes as well as fungicides, fertilizers and humidity. In addition, air circulation to rid plants of many diseases and funguses as being very effective.

### 7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Al, Heather and Eron

Door Prize Winner: Connie

Wilton and Connie provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *Phrag.* Nicholle Tower - Eron

Cattleya Alliance: 1<sup>st</sup> – *Caulaelia* Mizoguchi ‘Louisiana’ HCC/AOS - Al

2<sup>nd</sup> – *Epc.* Butterfly Kisses - Andrea

Cypripedium Alliance: 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) – *Paph. venustum* - Eron

1<sup>st</sup> (tie) – *Paph.* Black Leopard - Al

2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Phrag.* Don Wimber - Eron  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Phrag.* Beresford - Eron  
All Others Group: 1<sup>st</sup> – *Phalaenopsis* unnamed - Heather  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Phalaenopsis* unnamed – Heather  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Dracula* Swamp Fox - Eron  
There was no other business.

## 8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 15:29.

Respectfully submitted,

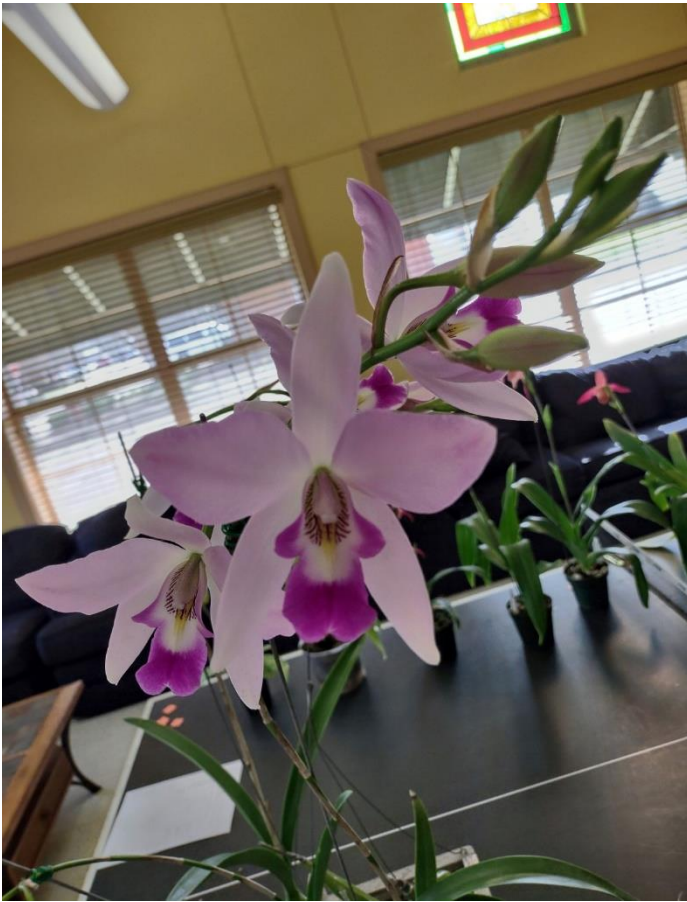
Heather A. Wilfert  
Secretary



Eron's Best Grown Plant – *Phrag.* Nicolle Tower



Show and Tell winners – Cattleya Alliance Category



1<sup>st</sup> – *Caulaelia* Mizoguchi 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS - Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Epc.* Butterfly Kisses - Andrea

Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1<sup>st</sup> – *Phal.* unnamed – Heather, 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Phal.* unnamed – Heather, 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie)– *Dracula* Swamp Fox – Eron

Show and Tell winners – Cypripedium Alliance



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# Know What You Grow - Orchid Names and Pronunciations

**Yes, it is beautiful, but learn to know what you are looking at.**

Before you can determine how to care for your orchid, you must first be able to identify what kind of orchid you have. Most people who have just a few orchids will have a "moth orchid" or *Phalaenopsis* (fail-eh-NOP-sis)

If you have *Phalaenopsis* orchids, they probably came as a gift to someone and are either finished blooming, or the flowers are close to fading. Where to cut a *Phalaenopsis* inflorescence, or flower spike, is the #1 most frequently asked question.

*Dendrobium* (den-DROH-bee-um) is a very large and wide-spread genus, several types have impacted the pot plant market. These are popular because they are very flowery, and blooms can last several weeks.

Plants in the *Oncidium* family often have flowers that resemble dancing ladies. Many plants in this have very complex intergeneric backgrounds and a wide range of colors and shapes, blooms are usually smaller than other but can have numerous flowers on a spike/inflorescence/stem.

The *Cattleya* (CAT-lee-ah) family may very well have caught your eye - or nose! Many of these plants have delightful fragrances and can be irresistible. Cattleyas come in many sizes, shapes and colors on both big and small plants but can be recognized by their symmetrical flowers.

In Florida *Vanda* (VAN-duh) orchids and hybrids made from vandas are very popular because of their rainbow of colors and frequency of flowering.

Another popular house-plant genus is *Paphiopedilum* (paff-ee-oh-PED-ih-lum) or lady slipper orchid. Like *Phalaenopsis*, *Paphiopedilum* plants have long-lived flowers. They are characterized by a slipper-like pouch.

Becoming comfortable and familiar with the Orchids listed is your foundation for buying, growing, and communicating with others in the orchid world.





## 2023 March AOS Corner – for [Affiliated Societies](#)

We encourage use of the [AOS website](#) by all members.

### Got Orchids?

The American Orchid Society website is your portal to knowledge for all things orchid. The AOS website, along with ongoing Webinars and OrchidPro, offers a plethora of information to help you grow and show your orchids to peak performance. We encourage use of the [AOS website](#) by ALL orchid growers. The next best place to learn about the orchids that will thrive in your area, is to attend and become involved in your local [Affiliated Society](#) meetings.

[Webinars](#) offer new material each month and recorded sessions allow you to search a multitude of topics to view on your personal schedule. The popular monthly [Greenhouse Chats](#) are open to everyone. AOS membership is not required. However, if you are an AOS member there are so many more webinars available to view.

Whether you are new to the hobby or an established successful grower, there is always more to learn. Review the AOS website.

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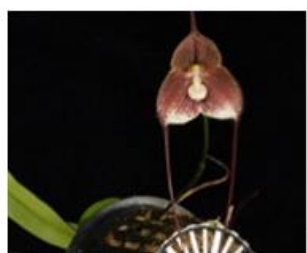
Thursday, March 9, 2023 8:30 PM EST



### **Greenhouse Chat with Ron**

**McHatton** - Join us as Ron McHatton answers questions about your orchids. *Open to all.*

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### **DRACULA...Whimsical**

**Monsters of the Orchid World** - Join Tom Etheridge, AOS judge and former trustee and officer, as he takes us through the mysterious world of Draculas. See why they are named "Dracula." *Member exclusive webinar.*

## **Become an AOS Judge**

### **The American Orchid Society Judging Program**

is seeking highly motivated orchid enthusiasts to join the judging ranks

*Work with other like-minded people in support of AOS awards programs and educational efforts*

*For more information contact us at  
[judges@aos.org](mailto:judges@aos.org)*





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

**Orchid Muse Book - Link updated, Photo credit added**

**[Register for our 2023 Spring Members Meeting](#)**  
**[in San Diego, California! More details below.](#)**

**March Issue of ORCHIDS**



The March issue of *ORCHIDS* is now in the mail to current print members.

**All Current AOS members can [log in to read it online now.](#)**

In the minds of many, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is little more than an endless expanse of sand, dotted with oil wells, camels, perhaps a few oases, and not many cities here and there. This is by no means the case and Saudi Arabia is home to has several native orchids.

In our March issue Dr. Joseph Arditti and Dr. Jameel Al-Khayri introduce us these fascinating orchids. Carol Butcher gives us a survey of the beautiful hybrid genus *Catyclia* and some of the awards members of this genus have received. Rounding out our features is a spotlight originally written by the late Gene Crocker



enthusiasts.

If you have a love of orchids, want to learn more about them, are willing to contribute to the long-term health of the AOS and its Affiliated Societies, and have a desire to teach the public about orchids, then contact the AOS Judging Program at [judges@aos.org](mailto:judges@aos.org) for more information about how to become an AOS Judge!

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### Orchidist's Word of the Month

**cladogram (KLAY-doh-gram):**

A branching diagram depicting the successive points of species divergence from common ancestral lines without regard to the degree of deviation.



*Please remember to call ahead when planning to attend an orchid show, judging*

illustrating the variation in *Cattleya mossiae*, Venezuela's Easter Orchid.

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### Orchid Muse - The Book



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**Thank you for your participation!**

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Thank you to all who registered for our 4th Orchid Culture Day "Winter Blues"! We had a great turnout and four fabulous programs.

Be on the lookout for the **NEXT** one!

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***event, or garden!***

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**Looking to visit a garden?**

AOS Members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide. See a list of [participating gardens near you!](#)

**The Orchid Marketplace**

Looking for orchids and orchid supplies? Look no further! [Check out our Orchid Marketplace!](#) All Marketplace partners are offering discounts to all AOS members of at least 5% off your total purchase! And don't forget - AOS members who join or renew for a 2-year membership (Gold or Silver) will receive a coupon for each ELITE partner worth \$30 off a purchase of \$100 or more! **AOS Members should contact any vendor ahead of placing an order to understand their terms and conditions and their process to redeem a discount and/or a coupon.**

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[Gift a Membership Today!](#)



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**Don't miss these webinars in March**

**Click on the images to register for the webinars you are interested in attending!**

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**2023 Spring Members Meeting - San Diego,**

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## California

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Photo by [Ellery Sterling](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Join us in America's Finest City for the [2023 Spring Members Meeting](#)! Mark your calendars and make plans to join us Wednesday, April 19th through Saturday, April 22nd. Known for its beaches, parks and warm climate San Diego is home to its renowned zoo located in Balboa Park as well as for its numerous art galleries, museums, and great food scene!

The Spring Members meeting will be held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Society Show "Orchids of the Earth" Show dates are April 21st - 23rd.

In addition to all of our traditional events: AOS Judging, the Meeting of the Members & Town Hall, Judges forum, committee meetings, and our always exciting semi-annual auction, we will host an outstanding group of expert orchid speakers, a themed banquet, as well as various opportunities to meet and mingle with your fellow orchid enthusiasts. Be sure to join us at the exclusive "Sunset Garden" cocktail reception on Friday evening. This soiree is included with your registration. Additionally, there will be a complimentary shuttle to Balboa Park on Friday morning for meeting registrants either participating in AOS judging or just enjoying the many offerings of the park complex.

Our outstanding speaker lineup includes (so far):  
Lisa Marie Basilio, Arnold Gum, George Hatfield and



Paul Tuskes. Presenting topics from understanding ploidy the fun way to orchid photography for all, to growing award-winning orchids and new vs future trends on breeding and judging. We will have a couple of days packed with expert and interactive orchid talks!

*A current schedule of events is available at [aos.org](http://aos.org). We will continue to update the content as new details come through.*

[Register Here](#)

We've reserved a block of room at especially negotiated rates! Our host hotel, the [Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside](#) offers a great location, free airport shuttle and excellent amenities. Book your accommodations today! These rates will be available through March 25th or until the reserved block sells out. Rooms are going fast, so do not delay! Click [HERE](#) to book your stay.

Please note that the hotel reservations can certainly be customized and adapted to your desired dates by clicking the "**Change Search**" button on the reservations page and selecting your stay dates. For your convenience, the room rates are applicable 3 days pre and post our event, so as long as your visit falls within those dates, our negotiated group rates will apply.

**If you prefer, you can make your reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1-800-662-8899 and requesting the American Orchid Society rate. Our group code is MU5.**

We hope to see you there next month!