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### From the President

We will be canceling this month's meeting due to our meeting place NOT being available until July. In June our meeting date is on Father's Day. We will move the June meeting to the second Sunday at our home. Connie will call members to see who will attend. If attendance is low, we will cancel the meeting. Our potting session was not well attended and we decided not to proceed with splitting up Eron's plant.

At Louisiana Judging Center held at the Guillory's home in Alexandria we awarded four out of seven entries. One provisional award to be registered with RHS. This month's judging will be May 22, 2021 at Kent House Conference Room, 3601 Bayou Rapides Rd., Alexandria, LA. We encourage CLOS members to help clerk at the LJC judging on this day. It is our duty to help with the LJC.

Hope to see you in June.

Wilton Guillory, President



### Meeting Time & Place

**May meeting canceled  
until meeting place is  
available**

### Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

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**Louisiana Judging Center April**



**Den. Quintal 'Nancy Marie' HCC/AOS 75 pts.- plant presented by Nancy Dempsey**



**Paph. Macabre Mothra 'Louisiana' AM/AOS 80 pts.-Plant presented by Al Taylor**





**Sacrochilus (provisional) 'Catahoula Charm' HCC/AOS 79 pts-Plant presented by Eron Borne**



**Orchid Potting Session held at Andrea Mattison's home in April. We decided not to divide this orchid due to low attendance.**



**Paph Wassner Black Wings 'Louisiana' AM/AOS 82 pts-Plant presented by Al Taylor**





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### 2021 MAY 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>

While spring has sprung from where I sit, it's hard to believe that at this late date on the calendar, there are still some places on the globe that are receiving snowfall. Nothing better illustrates that orchids are not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. You must investigate those that will thrive under your conditions. It is so important to connect with other orchid-growing locals through an affiliated society to get a handle on the orchids that will do best for you.

We understand for the last year that meetings in any form may have been extremely difficult for many affiliates. If your society has not met in person, we hope you have not lost touch with each other entirely. We hope your orchids have thrived under your expert supervised care throughout the last year and that everyone can soon rejoice as we cautiously move back to shared in-person meetings.

### Simply Curious, We Are All In This Together

- Did your society meet in any form from March 2020 through March 2021?
- If you did not meet in-person, how did you carry on the business of your society?
- Did you join an online meeting of your society or join as a guest of another society?
- Did you utilize any of the speakers on the AOS Speaker's List for remote presentations?
- Did you present any AOS webinars to your members in lieu of a guest speaker?
- Did you have online Orchid Drawings/Raffles for your members?
- Did you share monthly virtual bloom table show & tell?
- What has the worst thing about not meeting in-person over this twelve-month period?
- What has the best thing about not meeting in-person over this twelve-month period?

- Have you implemented any new procedures that you will carry over to in-person meetings?

Share any other valuable information about how your society handled challenges during this twelve-month time frame. Please share your answers via email [eileenh@aos.org](mailto:eileenh@aos.org). I will compile them and share them here in future issues of the AOS Corner (answers will be published anonymously unless you/your society request to be named).

## 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.

## 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:

## Affiliates Become Cheerleaders for the American Orchid Society

Tampa Bay Orchid Society normally installs an educational display at the Florida State Fair in early February for a twelve-day run. It is a competitive display entered in the horticultural division. Because of COVID, the fair was postponed until April this year. Society members still wary of COVID, decided against putting in an exhibit. Instead, several of our AOS members from the affiliated society built a display focusing on the

American Orchid Society and the most active affiliates associated with the Florida North Central Judging Center (FNCJC). Society displays generally consist of live orchids requiring members to tend the booth several times throughout the duration of the fair.

The AOS visual touch-free display takes visitors on a self-directed “tour” of the AOS through QR (quick response) codes. Visitors can point their smart phones at any of the custom QR codes to visit key elements of the AOS website. Featured QR codes take them to the affiliated societies, culture sheets, webinars, judging and membership pages. A large wall calendar has custom QR codes linked to affiliated society websites and inserted on the weeks and days of the month they meet.

The AOS banner and tablecloth are central in the display. A colorful table centerpiece depicting an orchid library, and a floor mat made from the covers of 45 AOS magazines illustrate the diversity in the orchid world and complete the display. Donated issues of Orchids magazine are on hand for interested viewers to take home.

Fair visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite display. A People’s Choice award winner receives a cash bonus. The society has agreed to donate the installation stipend and any further winnings to the Florida North Central Judging Center.

Reciprocity, from Miscellaneous Ideas, to Concept, to Completion

State Fair exhibit created and installed by Eileen Hector and Laura Newton, assisted by Ruth Ullery

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 to Facebook,

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

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)

Noteworthy

Recently Orchids magazine has reinstated a Question and Answer column. It contains excerpts from the Greenhouse Chat webinars. Greenhouse Chat webinars address everything orchids, from culture to pests and diseases.

While we’re on the subject of orchid Q & A, today I asked Ron McHatton what is one of the most asked questions for Greenhouse Chats? He said, “What caused these spots on the leaves?”

Ron said the question does not have a single answer. He continued...”the spots are everything from mites to scale to fungus and bacteria, sunburn and even some that are clearly virus.” His answer did not surprise me at all. It demonstrates that there is no one single answer to all of our orchid questions. Again, proving that orchids



are not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. We keep coming back to learn more to grow our orchids better. Have you tuned in to a Greenhouse Chat?

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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Vandas Selected from Most Recent Awards in OrchidPro...

Award No: 20211314  
Vanda A. F. Buckman  
'Leslie's in the Pink'  
CCM/AOS (88 points)  
Vanda falcata x  
Vanda christensoniana  
Florida North-Central Judging Center  
Exhibitor: Leslie Belew  
Photographer: Wes Newton  
Award No: 20211503  
Vanda tessellata  
'Marta'  
AM/AOS (85 points)  
West Palm Beach Judging Center  
Exhibitor: Juraj Kojas  
Photographer: Nick Nickerson      Award No: 20211309  
Vanda Motes Green Goblin 'Pippen's Protégé'  
AM/AOS (83 points)  
Vanda tessellata x  
Vanda longitepala  
Florida North-Central Judging Center  
Exhibitor: Cheryle Daniel  
Photographer: Wes Newton

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To learn more about orchid awards and judging visit <https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging.aspx>  
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)  
[https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/DASSA\\_Nomination\\_Form.pdf](https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/DASSA_Nomination_Form.pdf)

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### May: The Month of Exploration and Adventure by Thomas Mirenda

A great thinker named Helen Keller once wrote this: "Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing." I dare say she had a very different perspective about life than the rest of us, but I believe that perspective revealed a larger truth to her. I can't imagine how dangerous it would be to be blind, nor what an adventure it would be to discover, or rediscover, our world minus the incredible gift of sight! In a way, without venturing out into the world, we are blind to its many glories and mysteries. Some, like our beautiful native orchid species, might be just outside our back doors whereas others require treks across mountains, oceans and hemispheres to discover.

This is a remarkable planet with outstanding and dazzling diversity. To spend your life in just one place, however safe and lovely, would be like reading just one page of the encyclopedia. The fields and forests of May are a wonderland of floral magic and I encourage you to get out there and see them for yourself. I try to go on an orchid trip every spring; sometimes a local jaunt to the Green Swamp Preserve in North Carolina is all I can muster, but it is still most incredibly satisfying. I guarantee you that there are some fascinating and beautiful wild and orchid-rich areas well within driving distance. With a little bit of research, you can easily find out about them. Last year a group of my friends reveled in the spring spectacle that occurs annually on the island of Sicily. It was probably one of the best experiences of my life. Don't sit on the sidelines! Get out there and explore your world! Enjoy an adventurous spring this year!

**EMERGENCY** Don't be alarmed! Spring is all about emergence. And your orchids are showing the signs of this. New roots and growths are popping out of your plants rhizomes with incredible vigor now! Everything wants to grow in May while the air is cool, fresh and moist! The flowers in your garden will attest to this basic truth of the spring.

**TAKE ME OUT** Any cool- to intermediate-growing orchids in your collection can be moved outside this month. Bringing orchids out for the fine weather will produce stronger and tougher growths. Spring rains are falling and the delicious rainwater can be a tonic for struggling orchids. Chlorine and fluoride added to our water are often the culprits when an orchid seems to languish. If such plants seem to perk up when exposed to spring rain and weather, it may be worth your while to invest in rain barrels or a reverse osmosis water purification system for your orchids.

**DO ME PROUD** Take this spring growth spurt as your golden opportunity to repot. Repotting during dormancy, while sometimes necessary if a plant falls over or starts to rot, is rarely a good idea. But the spring, when new orchid roots are searching for fresh bark to adhere to, is just about the best time to take on this annual chore. Cattleyas that have grown to the edge of their pots, oncidiums and miltonias with broken-down mixes, catasetums and lycastes coming out of dormancy and any pot that has weeds growing in it, should be taken and

redone while they are in active new growth. Plants establish best when repotted with about 1 to 2 inches (25–50 mm) of new root growth. Roots longer than this are more easily damaged.

**THE EDGE OF WETNESS** Always soak your bark overnight before a potting session. Orchids take in water through the velamen in their roots by osmotic pressure. If your mix is too dried out, it will actually desiccate your orchids by wicking moisture out! This being said, roots are searching for moisture and keeping them too wet will inhibit their colonization of your new medium. Always allow newly potted plants to dry out a bit between waterings for best results. Watering and fertilizing in general should be stepped up this time of year. Take advantage of your orchid's natural willingness to grow in the spring. Water and fertilize accordingly!

**EXPLORE YOUR WORLD** Whether it's the wooded area down the street or across an ocean, wild orchids are patiently waiting for you to discover them this month. Don't disappoint them! Many orchid societies and botanic gardens offer nature walks and other excursions this month to see some pretty incredible places, encrusted with fantastic plants at their peak. If such trips are just too challenging to participate in, I encourage you to go to your local public garden! National Public Garden Day is on May 9 this year: [www.nationalpublicgardensday.org/gardens](http://www.nationalpublicgardensday.org/gardens).

I hope each and every one of you ventures out that day to see all the great marvels of nature, which are everywhere on our spectacular planet.

— 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)).

#### ORCHIDS MAGAZINE

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**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, an exciting live auction, and a splendid gala banquet that will feature a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, music, and dancing in a beautiful and historic setting.

Please join us at the beautiful landmark location - The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. We look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate this momentous 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>

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Forever, be a part of the AOS Centennial.

Cheers to the next 100 years!

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

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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!

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**Eron Borne's plant at Potting Session- April**

















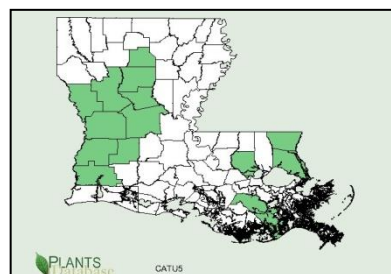
## Native Orchid of the Month—May

### *Calopogon tuberosus* (tuberous grass-pink)

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This delicate, sweet-smelling orchid is easily recognized by the petal and solitary, grass-like leaf. The flower is pink to purple, with yellow brushy hairs on the upper petal. The inflorescence



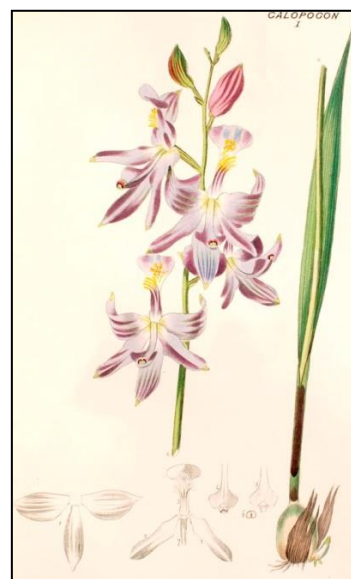
cluster of 3 to 10 stalked flowers blooming a few at a time. It blooms in June and July.

The plant consists of a small, whitish subterranean corm giving rise to a single, leaf which clasps flowering stem.

The flowers use a mechanism to pollination. Mid-lip, they bear a tuft yellow hairs that

pistils and stamens of typical bog-land flowers, while the base of jointed. The pollinators, deceived by this ruse, land on this tuft, triggering the lip to flex downward along its joint and to drop them column arching below.

*Calopogon tuberosus* is the most variable and widespread species. It occurs from Manitoba and Newfoundland south to Texas, Bahamas, and Cuba.



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# Monthly Checklist for May and June

## Cattleya

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

*Cattleya purpurata*, formerly in the genus *Laelia*, is without a doubt one of the most stately orchids to bloom in this season. © G. Allikas

## Paphiopedilum

The *Paphiopedilum* Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum* fairrieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you,



but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

*Paphiopedilum Maudiae* types may need staking for best presentation

## Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

*The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.*

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