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## **From the President**

**This month we will meet at our home (1516 City Park Blvd.) in my workshop to learn some wire bending tricks for our orchid pots and how to cut aeration slots in clay pots. Should be fun and informative. Weather forecast is not a concern. See you Sunday May 21, at 2:30pm.**

**Bring a few of your clay pots you want to aerate.**

**Wilton Guillory, President**



**Meeting Time and Place:  
Sunday, May 21, 2023  
Time: 2:30 pm**

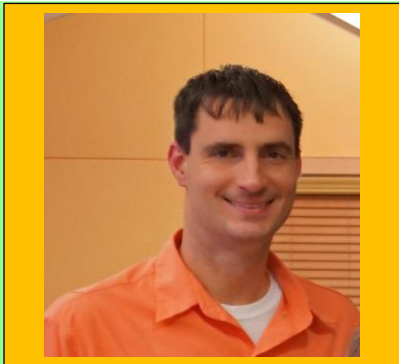
**Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20  
Program: DIY Pot aeration  
cutting and Wire bending**

**Place: Wilton & Connie's home  
1516 City Park Blvd, Alexandria  
318-445-8049**

**Refreshments:  
Wilton & Connie**

### **Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers**

**President – Wilton Guillory  
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Director – Andrea Mattison  
Director – Eron Borne  
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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

## Eron Borne

I have always loved plants, flowers, and orchids, and my dad always had a few orchids while I was growing up. In 2002 he gave me my first orchid, a Cattleya that smelled amazing and my wife Anna loved it! I still have that orchid and was hooked ever since!

I have been a member of the CLOS since 2008 and have held all the officer positions except treasurer. I really enjoyed my tenure as president and show chair and love helping with programs. Currently I am a CLOS Board Member, Webmaster, and Newsletter editor. I have been part of the American Orchid Society (AOS) and SWROGA Education Committees since 2016 and in 2022 became Vice-Chair of the AOS Education Committee. Last month I was installed as one of the incoming Trustees for the AOS Board of Trustees and will serve a three-year term till 2026. I joined the AOS Louisiana Judging Center almost three years ago and have been mentored by fellow orchid judges and CLOS members Wilton Guillory, Al Taylor, and the late Byron McGraw for many years. These three gentlemen have been incredible mentors to me over the years and I will forever be grateful for their guidance, advice, and motivation. I particularly enjoy traveling around the country getting to judge orchids at major orchid shows and in other judging regions. My favorite genera of orchids are Phragmipediums and I really have a soft spot for all the slippers. Vandas are my latest passion and it is a huge plus as that's Anna's favorite orchid (so I can buy as many as I want, but don't tell her I said that!) I grow in a greenhouse, but have grown outdoors, in windowsills, and indoors under lights over the years.

My orchid bucket list destination would be to Peru to see Phragmipedium kovachii & other Phrags in situ, plus all the cooler growing orchids I love such as Draculas and Masdevallias.

My hobbies include genealogy, vegetable gardening, hunting, fishing, and of course traveling (and whatever I can do with my girls!) I graduated from Louisiana Tech in Professional Aviation and I am a Captain on the Boeing-737 for United Airlines.

My advice for growing orchids is to be persistent, pay close attention to detail to notice changes, and experiment with growing many types of orchids! While I love Phragmipediums, Vandas, and Cattleyas, I have over 65 different genera of orchids in my collection. I encourage each of our members to go and visit other member's greenhouses and growing areas as you will learn so much that way. Happy Growing!

# MAY PROGRAM

*Diy Pot aeration cutting & Wire bending*

*Back by popular demand!*

Wilton will show us how to cut standard clay pots to create more aeration slits on the sides and bottom. He will also show us how to bend wire to create pot clips and plant supports.

## Tip of the Month

Summer is right around the corner. Now is the time to maximize growth and develop the plant strength and food reserves needed for good flower production. Larger plants typically produce bigger and better flowers than smaller ones so resist the urge to divide your plants just for the sake of having more plants. Recycle your clay or plastic pots but be sure to sterilize them first along with any wire products. Do not reuse potting mix or drainage material.

**Central Louisiana Orchid Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2023**

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Wilton Guillory called the meeting to order at 1434.

**2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes were approved from our March meeting. Jim made the motion and Judy seconded.

**3.0 Officer Reports**

**3.1 President Report**

3.2 The Acaian Orchid show was very nice. The CLOS won the Trophy for Best Exhibit with 5 or Fewer Plants. Rick and Al won flower trophies for some of their plants. There were 180 plants total entered and eight judges.

3.3 The Louisiana Judging Center will have their monthly judging is next Saturday. Jim has volunteered to clerk.

**3.4 Vice President Report**

3.4.1 Richard suggested we have a program to demonstrate techniques to create more aeration in clay pots. He has attended this before and felt it to be a good demonstration we could all learn from.

3.4.2 Next month's meeting will be held at Wilton's house to do a wire bending exercise and a DIY clay pot cutting demonstration.

**3.5 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.

**3.6 Secretary Report** –Heather encouraged members to post more often on our Facebook group. It would be very nice to see how other members are growing their orchids, issues with their plants, successes, and of course new blooms.

**4.0**

**Old Business**

4.1 Upcoming CLOS Fall show dates are Friday and Saturday 9/22 & 9/23 in Keys Park, Pineville. Eron mentioned he would look into what hosting a current SWROGA show entails and report back as a fall SWROGA show is not listed on their website. Hospitality needs were discussed

and we need to pick a theme. Al-Show Chair. Andrea-Show Co-chair. Eron and Wilton will be in charge of staging. Wilton-Judging. Eron-Publicity. Trophies have already been purchased by Connie. Andrea and Judy will handle hospitality. Volunteers for set-up will be Wilton, Eron, Andrea, Connie and Heather. Eron has the show schedule and will make the necessary edits. Al is in charge of vendors.

## **5.0 New Business**

**5.1** Wilton had Eron explained how AOS Elections elect three new trustees every year for a three-year term. Eron was recently elected as one of the incoming AOS Trustees beginning this month. Eron is also the current Vice-chair of AOS Education Committee where he has been serving on the committee since 2016. He is excited about this challenge and to give a voice for our area.

## **6.0 Program**

Several members brought plants in need of repotting; Spring being the optimal time to repot orchids. Wilton and Connie brought several clay pots and planting media. It was a very nice se-up with tables outside in Andrea's beautiful yard. Everyone was involved in potting and some plants were split as they had overgrown.

## **7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell**

Raffle Winners: Judy, Heather, and Wilton

Door Prize Winner: Andrea

Andrea provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *Eulophia guineensis* - Eron

Cattleya Alliance: 1<sup>st</sup> – *C. Circassion Beauty*– Adrea

2<sup>nd</sup> – *Myrc. John's Passion* – Andrea

3<sup>rd</sup> – *Ctyna. Why Not* – Adrea

Phalaenopsis Alliance: 1<sup>st</sup> – Unnamed – Heather

2<sup>nd</sup> – *Phal. Ox Golden Apple* - Andrea

All Others Group: 1<sup>st</sup> – *Phrag. Titan Tails* - Eron

2<sup>nd</sup> – *Phrag. Fritz Schomburg* – Eron

3<sup>rd</sup> – *Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements* - Eron

There was no other business.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1617.

Respectfully submitted,

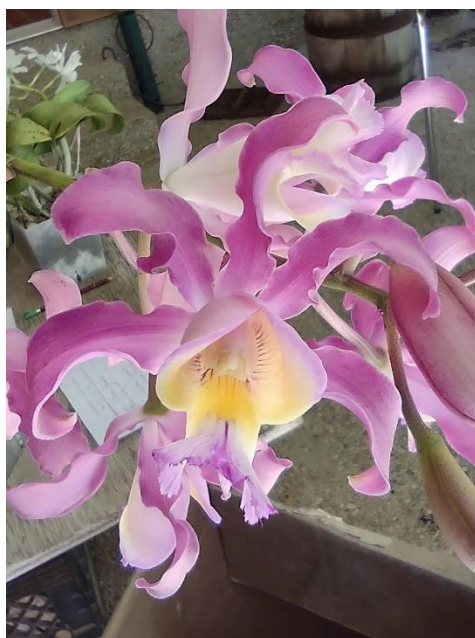
Heather A Wilfert  
Secretary





Eron's Best Grown Plant – *Eulophia guineensis* 'Bryon' AM/AOS

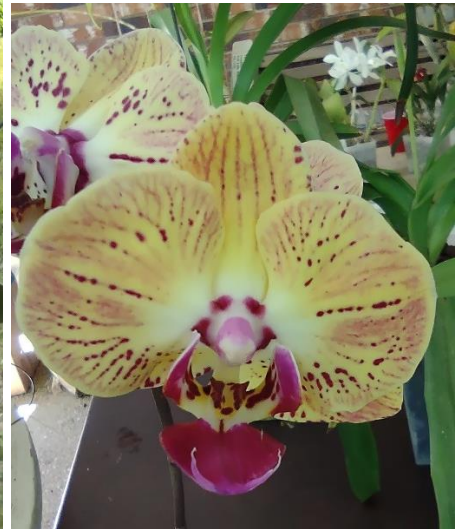
Show and Tell winners – Cattleya Alliance Category



1<sup>st</sup> - *C. Curassian Beauty* – Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Myrc. John's Passion* – Andrea, 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Ctyna. Why Not* - Andrea

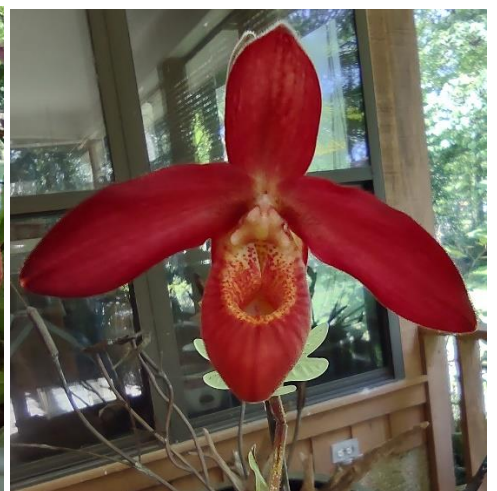


Show and Tell winners – Phalaenopsis Category



1<sup>st</sup> – *Phal. unnamed* – Heather, 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Phal. Ox Golden Apple* – Andrea

Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1<sup>st</sup> – *Phrag. Titan Tails* – Eron, 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Phrag. Fritz Schomburg* – Eron, 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements* - Eron



Other pictures from the repotting session and Eron's *Phrag. Titan Tails*





Members Eron Borne and Al Taylor got to attend the AOS Spring Member's Meeting in San Diego, CA on April 19-22, 2023. Eron was installed as one of the Trustees of the American Orchid Society and will serve a three year term on the Board of Trustees (2023-2026.) At the member's meeting, he also received the Certificate of Meritorious Achievement in Orchid Education from the American Orchid Society and the Roy T. Fukumura award for one of his Vandas. Eron was able to visit the Carlsbad Ranch Flower Fields where they grow 55 acres of Giant Tecolote Ranunculus flowers and it was a spectacular sight! The San Diego Zoo was amazing as well! Al got to visit Joshua Tree National Park where two distinct ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado, come together. These are a must-see if you are in that area!



## Pictures from San Diego

Eron Borne receiving the Roy T. Fukumura award from the AOS Chief Education and Science Officer Dr. Ron McHatton (left), the AOS Education Award from the Education Committee Chair Barb Schmidt, and Eron speaking at the member's meeting.

(Photos courtesy of Wes Newton.)







Eron and Dr. Ron Kaufman installed as the 2023-2026 AOS Trustees by the Nominating committee chair and former President of the AOS, Susan Wedegaertner (left.)

Eron participating in AOS judging at the San Diego Orchid Society Show. (below)







**Al Taylor attending the AOS Judging Committee meeting in San Diego as the representative from the Louisiana Judging Center.**







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### 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.

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When	May 11, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	May 16, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday	June 08, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	June 15, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 09</i>	He Came from the Land Down-Under Orchids Australia	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 06</i>	Dendrobiums of New Guinea Colorful Clusters for your Collection
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Tom Mirenda AOS Orchids Monthly Columnist, Professional Grower	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Carol Klonowski AOS Editorial Board Member and AOS Judge

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