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From the President

This month we will take nominations for CLOS officers for next year.

Still receiving positive comments about our show and how our society worked hard together to host our first show since the covid pandemic.

Winter will be here soon. Make sure your growing environment is well protected against the elements.

The annual Louisiana Short Course will be the first Saturday in December. This year it will be hosted in Lake Charles. See this newsletter for the signup sheet and the speakers will be great!



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

**Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20
Program: Modern Vanda
Trends**

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

**Refreshments:
Heather Wilfert**

Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

**President – Wilton Guillory
Vice President – Richard Smith
Secretary – Heather Wilfert
Treasurer – Jim Barnett
Director – Andrea Mattison
Director – Eron Borne
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ODC Representative – Andrea Mattison
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Newsletter Editor – Eron (temporary)
Show & Tell – Al Taylor
Webmaster – Eron Borne**

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Modern Vanda Trends!

This program will cover many new hybrids being created in all colors and sizes. Bob Fuchs of RF Orchids, has been an avid hybridizer for many years and his hybrids have garnered numerous AOS awards.

Tip of the Month

Short days and cold nights necessitate adjustments for both plants and growers. Reduce water and fertilizer gradually until you reach your winter target, about half that of the summer levels. Don't fertilize winter dormant orchids (Catasetinae, Callista and Dendrobium section Dendrobiums, Calanthes, etc.) after Thanksgiving. Prepare your plants for their winter home. Inspect them, remove dead leaves and sheaths with a sterile tool, and spray for pests if necessary. Protect them when temperatures are projected to drop below their winter minimum acceptable temperature.

Central Louisiana Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2023

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1435.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our September meeting.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

Wilton was absent and so no report

3.2 Vice President Report

3.2.1 Richard was absent and so no report

3.3 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. We are still in good shape!

3.3.2 Raffle Tickets for sale – Many items were donated for the raffle this month. Everyone was encouraged to buy tickets.

3.4 **Secretary Report** – Asked if we are collecting and storing the Kee’s Park signs. Yes, however Russel made a good point about the need to update them. We will be looking into this.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Al did a recap of our recent Kee’s Park Show. He said after a terrible summer, the show was much better than he had anticipated. He would like to send out thank-you cards to all the societies he corresponded with during this time. All in all a successful show!

4.2 Andrea said we have many plants for sale left over from the show and Linda offered to help store them. Linda will also help store left over trophies and other show equipment.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Russell spoke in great length regarding a need to get our societies books in order. He addressed the need to have access to our society’s history, insurance needs and other particulars concerning legalities and being clear about how best to protect ourselves against legalities that could affect us. He has a lot of experience in these areas and all listened and offered what they knew. We agreed we need to be more organized in these areas.

6.0 Program

Fragrant Orchids! Andrea walked us through a slide show about fragrant orchids. There were several unique and beautiful varieties. Members commented on those they were familiar with and not and their experience with them.

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Russell, Al, Heather and Andrew

Door Prize Winner: Al

Jim and Linda provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

All Others Group: 1st - Blc. Texas Sunset X - Andrea

2nd - Den. Burana Glow – Andrea

3rd - Ctna. Why Not - Andrea

There was no other business.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1539.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A Wilfert
Secretary

Upcoming Educational Opportunities for CLOS Members

Orchids for Everyone!

In conjunction with the Pennsylvania Master Gardener's Program, the AOS Education Committee is proud to present "Orchids for Everyone". This is a 6-class master series that will begin on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. (This is Eron's project on the AOS Education Committee.)

If you are interested in learning more about orchids and do not belong to AOS, this would be a good way to help cover the cost of joining. Below is a description of the event.

Event Details

This webinar will provide an overview of the growth of orchids and the proper techniques for their care. The Orchids for Everyone webinar series, a collaboration with Master Gardeners and the American Orchid Society, will answer many of your orchid questions for both indoor and outdoor growing. The phalaenopsis orchid is now the most popular flowering potted plant in the United States, according to 2020 statistics from the US Department of Agriculture. Orchids outsold poinsettias in 2019, with over 37 million plants sold, and phalaenopsis was the number one type of orchid sold. Each of the six sessions covers a different topic and includes a Q & A session following the presentation. These classes cover a variety of topics, including an introduction to orchids and the most popular genera, cultural requirements, insects, disease, and environmental issues. Other practices covered include repotting, dividing, and mounting. Lastly, a session focusing on Native orchids of the Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic regions will round out the series.

The following times are in EASTERN TIME ZONE. Subtract one hour for Central time.

November 1st – 7PM EDT – "Introduction to Orchids" – Barb Schmidt

November 7th – 7PM EDT – "The Most Popular Orchids and How to Identify Them" – Janeil Payne and David Vandebroek

November 15th – 5PM EDT – "How to Repot, Divide, and Mount Orchids" – Jay Balchan and Eron Borne

November 21st – 7PM EDT – "General Orchid Care" – Russ Vernon

November 29th – 7PM EDT – "Pests, Diseases, and Troubleshooting Problems" – Ron McHatton

December 5th – 7PM EDT – “Pennsylvania and Mid-Atlantic Native Orchids” – Bob Sprague

The registration for the “Orchids for Everyone” master class has gone live: <https://extension.psu.edu/campaigns/orchids-for-everyone-workshops-webinars>.

Some things to note:

- > There are 6 classes in this series, and you have to register for each one separately. **Registration will close at 5pm on the day of each class.**
- > The page that lists all of the classes' defaults to “Date Posted”. If you sort by “Start Date”, you can get a list of all six classes in order.
- > When you click the “Register” button, you will come to a page that says the class cost is \$10.00. This will be waived later on in the registration process for AOS members. AOS members can register for these classes for free as part of your membership benefits.
- > You have to create an account with the PSU Extension group to register; however, you can use your Facebook, Google, or Twitter accounts to sign up.
- > At the “Identity Confirmation” page, there is a drop-down menu for “Registration Type”. Click this and click on the “American Orchid Society Member”. This is the designation that gets members their free registration.
- > Everything else from this point on is pretty straight forward.

These classes will be run live and recorded. At the end of the series, PSU Extension will finalize the recordings and we will get copies to post on our Webinars page. Contact education_committee@aos.org if you have any questions or problems. See you all in November!

Louisiana Short Course

The Louisiana Orchid Short Course in Lake Charles will be held on Dec. 2 - 8am to 3pm. A full day of orchid talk and visiting with other orchid growers in south Louisiana. If you are interested in orchids as a hobby, I highly recommend this course.

Mary Richardson of COS writes... "Also, I would like to invite everybody attending or working at the short course to have wine and cheese at my house on Friday night, Dec. 1, from 6 - 7 p.m. The address is 4618 W Autumnwood Lane, Lake Charles, 70605. Then I will make reservations for us at Paul's Rib Shack for anyone who would like to have dinner together. Paul's is around the corner from my house and, I promise, they make the best brisket in the world. Yes, world!"

You can print out this registration form and mail or email as noted.



ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS

WINTER SHORT COURSE

Hosted by Calcasieu Orchid Society, Lake Charles, LA

SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 2023

In the Historic Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 715 Kirkman St., Lake Charles LA, 70605

ORCHIDS WILL BE FOR SALE BY BIG LEAF ORCHIDS, SPRINGWATER ORCHIDS, and DR. MANCINI

Bring plants for judging by 9 a.m. ^u

AOS and Ribbon Judging will follow lunch, about 12:30 p.m.

8-9 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation	11:30	LUNCH (included)
9 a.m.	"Everything About Growing Orchids" Thanh Nguyen, Springwater Orchids	1 p.m.	"A Dozen Species Recommended for Warm Growing Climates" Thanh Nguyen
10 a.m.	"Growing Phalaenopsis" Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids	2 p.m.	"The Latest in Breeding Blue Phalaenopsis" Peter Lin
11 a.m.	"Leafless Orchids" Dr. Mary Mancini	3 p.m.	Q&A with speakers & MARKETPLACE

REGISTRATION:

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL & PHONE: _____

*Cost for the Short Course is \$35. Lunch is included.
Send checks to Calcasieu Orchid Society, c/o Mary Richardson,
4618 W Autumnwood Ln, Lake Charles, LA 70605
Questions?? Call Mary at 337-540-7713 or
email to stmaryofbanners@gmail.com*



USE QR code to register

Special Thanks to:



and
Randy J Fuerst

Native Orchid Conference Symposium

The annual symposium for the Native Orchid Conference will be coming south next April 2024! The conference will be hosted in Nacogdoches, TX, and there will be field trips to a couple of native orchid populations in East Texas and possibly West Central Louisiana. The symposium speakers will be excellent. More information on this event will be relayed as the details are finalized.



2023 November 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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The graphic features a central image of glowing green orchids against a dark background. The text is primarily in yellow and green, with a prominent green button for joining. The background has a subtle pattern of orchid leaves.

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*

