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President's Message

Winter has made its presence known with a short freeze. Hope everyone was prepared for the short cold spell. If you brought plants in from outside be sure to check for any hitchhikers that may be in your pots or on the plants. You should have given some of your orchids a cool spell to initiate flower spikes by now.

If you haven't already, you might want to consider getting your flu shots for the coming season. Outbreaks can set you back for some time, especially if you attend a lot of parties during this season, or you're an avid shopper.

Remember, the November meeting is when we officially vote on the officers for next year. Jim B. has sent his resignation as treasurer because of his hip fracture. So, I will put my name in for treasurer for next year.

Happy growing and blooming,

Russel Deroche, Jr.



Meeting Time and Place:
Sunday, November 16, 2025
Time: 2:30 pm

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20
Program: "Orchid Essentials"
A narrated PowerPoint by Frank Zachariah

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

Refreshments: Heather Wilfert

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NOVEMBER MEETING

"Orchid Essentials"

A program created and narrated by Frank Zachariah of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society.

Frank Zachariah says he had been killing orchids for several years when he decided to join the Baton Rouge Orchid Society. Each year since he has gotten a little better. He has learned a few things over the composted remains of some precious (and expensive) orchids. The program is called 'Orchid Essentials' and will break down into simple categories some basic culture facts that should help you improve the survival and blooming of your collection.

Tip of the Month

General Orchid Growing Tips

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.

Cattleyas: Retie your cattleyas to support the new growth and orient the new growth toward the sun. Bloom sheaths may be showing signs of yellowing. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths should be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within to prevent water condensation from rotting it. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb. New growths of *Cattleya skinneri* may have dried sheaths, do not remove them.

Dendrobiums: For the commonly available phalaenopsis type dendrobiums, protect them when temperatures are projected to drop down to 55 or 60 F. The winter dormant dendrobiums (nobiles, seminobiles and callista section) should be separated from your other plants so you can easily reduce the water and fertilizer they receive through Thanksgiving. Shoot for minimum temperatures of 40 F.

Martin Motes, PhD, is the author of Florida Orchid Growing, which gives advice for orchid growers in Florida. As Louisiana conditions are almost the same, it pertains to us also.



November Birthdays



Jacob Dickens (Nov 11), David Remedios (Nov 21)

Central Louisiana Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2025

1.0 Call to Order

President Russel called the meeting to order at 14:46

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from the previous month's meeting by all members.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

Birthdays for October are, Eron Borne Oct. 5th.

3.2 Vice President Report

Not present

3.3 Treasurer Report

The treasurer report was given by Russel.

3.3.1 Checking account is stable

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 – Not present

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Discussed future raffle plants and decided members would continue bringing plants for raffle

4.2 Eron and Al will be on the nominating committee for the next election of 2026 officers

5.0 New Business

5.1 Annual Christmas Bingo Party will be held on Sunday December 14th.

5.2 Al volunteered to check on dates and order AOS trophy and fill out AOS form for the next show

6.0 Program

6.1 Eron Borne presented Charles Darwin's "Little Book of Orchids" and his Theory of Evolution

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Several plants were again donated for the drawing today and nearly every member won one or more plants!

Door Prize Winner: ?

Linda Roberts provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *Blc.* Roman Holiday 'Bonze Prince' – Myrna

Cattleya Alliance: 1st – *Blc.* Roman Holiday 'Bonze Prince' – Myrna

2nd – *Lc.* Catahoula Sunset - Andrea

3rd (tie) – *C.* Marjorie Hausermann 'York' AM/RHS HCC/AOS – Myrna

C. - NOID - Andrea

All Others Group: 1st (tie) – Waironara Tango Fire – Andrea

V. Yellow Butterfly - Eron

2nd – *Den.* Raspberry - Myrna

There was no other business.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 16:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A. Wilfert/RJD
Secretary

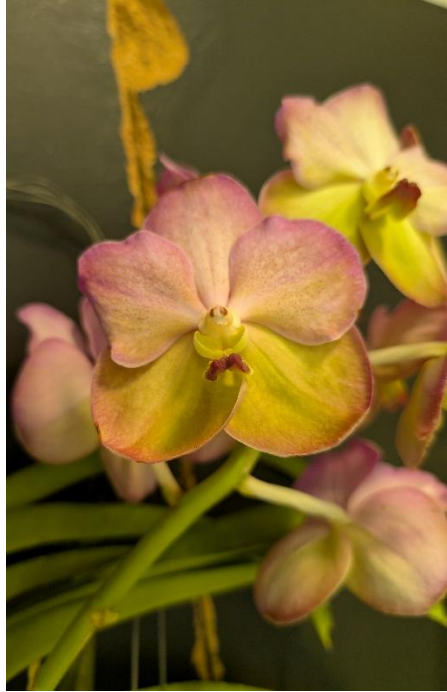
Show and Tell Winners - Cattleya Category



1st – *B/c.* Roman Holiday ‘Bonze Prince’ – Myrna (also best grown), 2nd – *C.* Catahoula Sunset - Andrea, 3rd (Tie)– *C.* NOID – Andrea (above right), 3rd (Tie) – *C.* Marjorie Hausermann ‘York’ HCC/AOS – Myrna (below left),
Myrna with her best grown cattleya (below right)



Other Category



1st (tie) – *Waironara Tango Fire* – Andrea, 1st (tie) – *V. Yellow Butterfly* – Eron, 2nd – *Den. Raspberry* - Myrna

Show & Tell Table (below)



PESTICIDE RESISTANCE



The use of pesticides is, unfortunately, broadly misunderstood, and misuse can lead to bigger and worse problems.

You may have heard me advise the use of the "three times at one week intervals" regimen, treating thoroughly each time, but folks have a tendency to spray once and hope they've controlled the pest. The reason that can be a problem is multifold.

For one, "thorough" may be misapplied - I recommend spraying ALL exposed plant surfaces to dripping AND drenching the potting medium. In collections in which multiple plants are grown near each other, spray ALL your plants at every treatment.

Secondly, please understand that most pesticides - including systemics - only kill adults, leaving eggs and immature critters that can later mature and reproduce. The goal of repeated, thorough treatments is to kill newly-maturing adults before they can do so.

Third - and the core of this article - is that, just like every other living creature, pest populations carry a wide genetic distribution, so what affects one may not affect another. How many times have you gotten sick, but someone in the same household or workplace only gets a mild version or doesn't get ill at all? The

same is true of bugs' reaction to toxins. Here's the scenario:

- A population has genetic variation, so a few individuals may have traits that make them less susceptible to a particular pesticide.
- When pesticides are applied, the susceptible insects are killed, but the resistant ones survive.
- The surviving, resistant individuals reproduce, with some of their offspring inheriting the resistance genes.
- With repeated applications, the proportion of resistant individuals in the population increases over time, and the pesticide becomes less effective.

[Fortunately, OrganiShield is not a toxin, so resistance development does not apply.]

There are several mechanisms that can lead to pesticide resistance, including:

- Metabolic resistance, in which the insect produces more enzymes that can break down the pesticide, making it ineffective.
- Changes in target sites, where a mutation in the gene for a protein that the pesticide targets can change the protein's structure. This modification makes the pesticide unable to bind effectively, rendering it harmless.
- Penetration resistance caused by the insect's outer layer, or cuticle, becoming thicker, slowing the rate at which the pesticide can penetrate it.
- Excretion or sequestration occurs when the critter has developed the ability to excrete the absorbed toxin quickly or "sock it away" in a location that is less harmful.

Then, of course, it is also possible the bugs can learn to simply hide from the treatment - another good reason for doing "thorough" treatments.

One last point about "pesticide rotation": rather than doing the first treatment with "pesticide A", followed by "B", then "C", the better practice is to use a

single pesticide for all three treatments targeting a single outbreak, then, if you see a pest resurgence a month or so after the third treatment, repeat the entire process using a pesticide having a different mode of action (MOA - the [Commercial Pesticide Guide](#) on our website can be very helpful finding alternatives). If nothing else, that may save you money by avoiding the purchase of another pesticide, and it certainly improves the safety and environmental impact over using several without needing to.

Until next time... *Good Growing!*



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Orchid Culture Day
Sunday, January 25, 2026

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Jan 30 – 31 and Feb 1, 2026

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Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm

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Exhibits Open

Friday 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday noon - 6:00pm

***Exhibit and sales set up starts 2:30pm Thursday Jan 29.
Set up continues Friday, Jan 30 from 8:00am until 3:00pm
Registration closes at 3:00pm Friday***

***No public access anytime Thurs, Jan 29 or Sun, Feb 1 after 3:30pm
Visitors, please give exhibit workers space to work.***

Ribbon Judging starts 8:00 am Sat., Jan 31*

Followed by AOS and Orchid Digest judging.

For more information call 601-530-8778. Like us on Facebook

**** Plants and flowers entered for ribbon judging, must have the name,
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NOID plants may be exhibited only.

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So Orchids**

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Presents

A French Garden of Orchids

Orchid Show and Plant Sale



ORCHID EXHIBITS, PLANT VENDORS, ORCHID ART

March 14, 2026 - 12:00 Noon until 6:00PM

March 15, 2026 - 12:00 Noon until 5:00PM

Bulber Auditorium

McNeese State University

4305 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA



2025 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.

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When	Nov. 04, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Nov. 12, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	Winter Break	Jan. 08, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Nov. 01</i>	Greenhouse Culture and Technology Tips for growing in a greenhouse. Learn about technology to help you grow better.	Choose Your Topic From Our Library of RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Jan. 05</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Manny Aybar Accredited AOS Judge, Orchid Grower, Frequent Guest Speaker	Expert Growers, Conservationists, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, and more!	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer



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*** Orchid Word of the Month ***
Broughtonia (brow-TOH-nee-ah)

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Sitting on the deck of a cruise ship in Alaska, it is 46 degrees, it is rather difficult to think about orchids. What I have learned over the years is that territory we may consider barren or desolate can be rich with orchids. Here unexpectedly, while visiting the Mendenhall Glacier Park, on the side of this obscure little trail, lay some "naked corral root orchid", (Corallorhiza), and some "twayblades", (Neottia) said well I am an orchid freak! Growing under some tall trees in a bit of boggy soil, it points out that these plants are resilient and can survive even Alaskan winters. They get 170 inches of snow and I guess that is a good insulator when it is that thick. The temperatures can get pretty cold but under all that snow maybe not so much. It underscores Mother Nature's ability to create and maintain beautiful orchids no matter where you go. In that spirit, I recommend, if you are able, to take a trip to see orchids in their natural habitats. Not only is it refreshingly beautiful, but usually good exercise as well. Best, however, is meeting new orchid friends and then you find out you are not alone in your passion for orchids! My husband and I have traveled to Brazil's many cultural ranges with Francisco Miranda, noted ecotour guide. Not only was it a hoot, but we learned and saw so much and in so many places. Whoda thunk it? We found orchids in rocks, in sand out on the beach, and even high up in the mountains where we were so cold. We saw *Cattleya coccinea* in trees covered with ice. We found *Laelia* plants growing in crevasses in 110 degree sun. There are hundreds of tours with fun, knowledgeable leaders who will assure you a wonderful experience. As a piece of additional advice, read about the location first. Get familiar with the flora and fauna. If you don't like heat, then go colder. If you don't like cold, go warmer. Look at the season where you will travel. Is it when orchids are blooming? Take a trip to the Amazon when it is flood season? Sound crazy? Nope, you can see orchids, *Cattleya* and *Oncidinae* by the thousands in the trees because you are higher up due to the water level. Sounded nuts to me and several friends have done it and it was so worth it! And many orchids bloom under all that water. Incredible!! Take a trip to Nova Scotia or Michigan to see many North American wild orchids. I was always amazed that we had so many at a Girl Scout camp near our home in Michigan. There are tons of groups that offer tours. Check out Oregon and Washington. Lots of orchids there too. What is important is the fun you can have with other orchid nuts. Meet new friends and future travel buddies. All this and learning about orchids and how to protect them is just so rewarding. It may be cold now but now is the time to research trips, places and what you might want to see and how you would get there. It is so worth it to do the research, then get excited about the trip. Oh last thing. Very important! Our annual online fundraiser auction will be held Oct 28 starting at noon and ending at 9 pm, Nov. 7th. This is your opportunity to get wonderful plants and we have like 30 of them up for auction. We thank our donors for these wonderful items. Fred, Bob, Frank and Allen, thank you so much for your kind donations. PLEASE EVERY SOCIETY MEMBER SHOULD SUPPORT OUR AOS TO PROMOTE OUR MISSION AND ALL OUR ACTIVITIES!!! And if you can, when donating support Better World for a bit of change as they provide our site free of charge. Till next month! cerins@aos.org

**AFFILIATED SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT**

by Part 1 by Kayleigh Bull & Jill Smith

This month and next we are going to put our Corner Spotlight on the Orchid Society of Minnesota! This super active society boasts over 250 enthusiasts who devote incredible blocks of time to all sorts of orchid activities, committees, shows and meetings – in addition to tending to their precious plants. And properly caring for orchids in Minnesota is quite an undertaking! Minnesotans are proud to be the only state in the country whose state flower is an orchid – the *Cypripedium reginae*!



The society meets once a month in Richfield, MN – late morning on a Saturday. Much like typical orchid societies, their meetings have different segments – an “Ask the Experts” Q and A forum so that members can feel free to address orchid culture questions. There’s a Show and Tell table for

ribbon judging plants, a social hour for visiting and shopping if there are orchids for sale, a raffle and of course the speaker. The Society prides itself that presenters come from all over the Country and often from abroad. They are also fortunate enough to have many local growers, such as but not limited too, Orchids Limited (Jason Fischer) and Deerwood Orchids (Ross & Julie Hella).





Their main show of the year takes place at the end of January at the Conservatory in St. Paul. Minnesotans love escaping the cold temps to enjoy the lush, tropical greenhouses filled with blooming orchids in beautiful displays. Recently the Orchid Society of Minnesota had their first AOS Outreach Judging in partnership with the Chicago Judging Center. And on Labor Day weekend the society participates in the Minnesota State Fair. There's ribbon judging but the main focus is to educate the public. Society members also participate in the Chicagoland Orchid Festival in September.

In addition to the many fairs and festivals, society members are very involved in their orchid conservation program. Folks help plant native orchids around the Twin Cities, similar to South Florida's "Million Orchid Project." They have also sponsored bus trips to parks where native lady slippers bloom.



Members also provide a youth engagement program to foster interest among younger members. They have a designated "Fireside Chat" at each meeting to encourage discussion with more experienced growers and they also offer sponsorship toward their AOS membership!

To learn more about how the Minnesotans grow their orchids, both indoors and out, and what types they grow, look for us next month in the AOS Corner!

If you would like to have your Society featured in the AOS Corner, please let us know!



Native Orchid of the Month—November

Spiranthes cernua (nodding lady's tresses)

The nodding ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes cernua*) is the most common species of *Spiranthes* in eastern North America—one of 12 species occurring in Louisiana—with populations occurring from Quebec and Nova Scotia west to southern North Dakota and south to Florida and Texas. Although this terrestrial orchid can occur in a variety of habitats, it is commonly found in open woodlands, prairies, meadows, old fields, cemeteries, and lawns with acidic sandy, moist soils.



Few people would guess that *Spiranthes* flowers are orchids, a fact that may help save them from collectors. The narrow, grass-like leaves are 8–10 inches long, growing from the base of the plant.

The flowers are white and grow along the upper part of the slender, erect stem, which is 1 to 2 feet tall. Three to four flowers occur per cycle of spiral, forming a dense spike 6 inches long. The individual flowers are about 1/2 inch long, curve downward slightly, nodding. The lip is about 1/2 inch long, with a flaring, crimped margin.



Flowering occurs from July through November. They produce sweet, vanilla-scented, spires of white flowers that last for weeks and hold up well as cut flowers. They adapt easily to regular orchid culture. Blooms reliably every fall with attractive spirals of pure-white, long-lasting, fragrant flowers on a perfectly straight stem, and if tended multiply quickly into a beautiful specimen plant!



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The American Orchid Society has a regional Judging Center that meets in Alexandria on the fourth Saturday of every month. The Central Louisiana Orchid Society sponsors the Louisiana Judging Center. If you are interested in joining the judging program, please contact CLOS members Al Taylor and Eron Borne.