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From the President

We had a great attendance at our first CLOS meeting this past September. Hope those of you who missed will be able to attend our Sunday October 17, 2021 meeting at our usual meeting place St James Episcopal Church Youth Building in Alexandria. Eron will be giving a great program on the basics of growing. Even though you feel past that stage, I assure you that you will learn something that will help with your growing.

The Winter Short Course will be Saturday Dec 4, 2021 in Baton Rouge. Place and information will be sent out shortly.

Bring your Show and Tell plants to the meeting this month. We are lucky to have such great growers in our small society.

We had a great Judging in September with 13 plants entered and four AOS Quality awards given. Don't forget that you are welcomed to come and see what happens when we judge orchids anytime and I'm Connie would be glad for any help with Clerk duties.

See you Sunday Oct. 17.

Wilton



Meeting Time & Place
Sunday, October 17, 2021
Plant Entry 2:00 pm
Meeting time 2:30 pm

St. James Episcopal
Youth Building
1546 Albert Street,
Alexandria, LA

No refreshments will be served.

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LJC-September Awards

The following photos are the AOS awards for our judging in September. Thirteen plant entries and four quality awards given.



Pda Mimi Palmer 'Catahoula Mint' HCC/AOS 79 pts.

Eron Borne's plant



Vanda Noppedel Delight 'Julia Elizabeth' AM/AOS 86 pts.

Eron Borne's plant



Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance 'Anna Claire' HCC/AOS 79 pts.

Eron Borne's plant



Ctsm. Louise Clarke 'Me Too' HCC/AOS 75 pts.

Bill Caldwell's plant



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2021 OCTOBER 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>

ORCHID SPEAK: We All Have to Start Somewhere

Let's talk about the language we learn when we join the orchid community. It's alphabet soup. Multi-syllable words. Words with more vowels than we know what to do with. Words we are not familiar with. All in the name of orchids. The American Orchid Society is here to help.

Under the [All About Orchids](#) tab on the AOS website there is a resource you will want to share with your society members. Orchids from A-Z is a definitive source for concise information on orchid genera. Full descriptions and culture requirements are provided by experts hand-picked for their knowledge of select genera. Photos of major species in each genus are shown with large pop-up photos.

Go ahead – test yourself!

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>

Culture requirements are presented in an easy to understand "recipe-style" format. Also included is a sound file for the proper pronunciation of each genus so you can sound like an expert.

Orchids A to Z - Letter C

This section of Orchids A to Z covers genera that start with the letter C

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| ● Cadetia | ● Cischweinfia |
| ● Caladenia | ● Clowesia |
| ● Calanthe | ● Cochlidia |
| ● Catasetum | ● Coelia |
| ● Cattleya | ● Coelogyne |
| ● Cattleyopsis | ● Comparettia |
| ● Caularthron | ● Constantia |
| ● Ceratostylis | ● Coryanthes |
| ● Chaubardia | ● Cuitlauzina |
| ● Chaubardiella | ● Cyclopogon |
| ● Chiloschista | ● Cynoches |
| ● Chondrorhyncha | ● Cymbidiella |
| ● Christensonia | ● Cymbidium |
| ● Chysis | ● Cynorkis |
| ● Cirrhaea | ● Cyrtopodium |



WHAT'S NEW? The Orchid Marketplace Discover the top vendors in the orchid community and their special offers on all things orchid.

Two-Year renewals, or new two-year members, receive a \$30 coupon for each ELITE Marketplace Partner. *Marketplace Partner terms and conditions may apply.*

ALL AOS members save a minimum 5% on purchases from every vendor.

Additionally - **The Orchid DealWire™** is an opt-in email-based service provided by the American Orchid Society, to inform DealWire subscribers of promotions, special events and sales related to orchids. Anyone may sign-up to receive these notices by entering their email address at the bottom of the Orchid Marketplace screen on the AOS website.

<https://marketplace.aos.org/>

Digital Membership Cards

How cool is this? Members can now find their membership cards in their account information on the drop-down menu after [signing on](#) to the AOS website. Print or download and save to your electronic device(s).

<https://secure.aos.org/login?ReturnUrl=http://www.aos.org>



GOOD NEWS Fall Members Meeting

The 2021 Fall Members Meeting virtual event will be held on **Saturday, October 30, 2:30 PM EST**. Check in to learn the latest about what's happening in the American Orchid Society!

Agenda

- * Town Hall & Meeting of the Members including a State of the Organization Report
- * AOS Projects & Innovations
- * Committee Reports
- * Introducing New Judging Personnel and Status Elevations...and more!

In Case You Have Not Heard

Due to concerns over Covid-19 and its variants, coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health of everyone involved, the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have postponed the 2021 Centennial Celebration.

GOOD NEWS

All events and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 are rescheduled for April 6th - 9th, 2022. [Watch for updates!](#)

Fall Members Meeting Registration

Registration Required <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2448907481855582733>

AFFILIATED SOCIETY BENEFIT BONUS

There is sure to be an AOS membership level to fit the needs of each society member. Membership in the AOS is a win-win for your society, and for the American Orchid Society.

The Affiliated Societies Committee exists because you exist.

Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues and benefits may vary.

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. Though it is a highlight, there is more to membership than a magazine subscription. <https://secure.aos.org/join/new-membership>



ORCHIDS Magazine

Published since 1932, Orchids magazine (formerly known as the AOS Bulletin) is among the **many benefits of an AOS membership**. Exploding with glorious full-page color photographs, each monthly issue is packed with topics of current interest for both beginners and advanced orchid growers.

See **the current issue below**, or click the "BROWSE" button to browse the full digital archive.

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TOM'S MONTHLY CHECKLIST

Reprint

October: The Month of Insanity

by Thomas Mirenda

Gearing up for a Season of Indoor Growing

Those of you who have the luxury of living in a climate where tropical orchids can remain outside through the winter cannot imagine the brow-furrowing vexations endured by those of us who have to sequester our orchid collections to safety before the winter season. Not only is every square inch of windowsill or greenhouse bench space already spoken for, many orchid nurseries choose this time of year to advertise lower prices and bargains. After all, many of them need to pack up for the winter too. I learned long ago that I cannot resist an orchid sale so my windowsills and benches will always be filled beyond capacity through the inclement weather.

This is the kind of obsession that many of us share. Some would call it passion, others pathology. However, due to our fascination with the outrageous diversity displayed in the tens of thousands of orchid species and the never-ending array of spectacular and easy to grow hybrids, we must resign ourselves to slavishly devoting hours of our personal time, and dedicating vast amounts of space and financial resources to our collections. Are we insane? Well, if so, we are in good company. Some extremely respectable individuals (not I, of course) are secret orchid growers. You would never know it if you saw them at work or on the street. They seem normal enough, with respectable careers, devoted spouses and above-average children. But we know that we are living on the edge, seized by an uncontrollable mania that immerses us in that beautiful and mesmerizing world of orchids. If you have not yet reached capacity, what are you waiting for?

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT Your collection grew well this summer thanks to all the excellent care you gave it after reading about the plants in *Orchids*. Those that summered outside received plenty of rainwater, excellent light and air movement. Many have put on large new pseudobulbs. Cattleyas are forming sheaths, phalaenopsis are hardening their newest growths and dendrobiums are producing terminal leaves on their long canes, basically finishing their vegetative growth for the year. Now is the time to prepare the winter growing space, be it a windowsill, light room or greenhouse. If you have not already done so, take the time to clear out debris from last year, clean and sterilize the surfaces with a disinfectant and plan your strategy for getting all your orchids safely inside for the winter.

NO HIDDEN PASSENGERS With many of your warmer-growing plants, such as vandas and angraecoids, about to come in for the winter before the first cold snaps, September may be your last chance to check your orchids for hitchhiking critters. Any number of undesirable winter residents may have invaded orchids that are outside. Sucking insects, such as mites, scale or mealybugs, are often decimated by the beneficial insects that live in our yards or washed away by rains, but sometimes, small enclaves of these pests survive. Take the time now to look over plants carefully and treat any pests accordingly. Even though they may not be visible on the leaves, colonies of ants sometimes invade the porous interstices of orchid mix. These cannot be tolerated and could cause you a lot of grief if allowed in the greenhouse. Once discovered, the ants must be evicted either by drowning or drenching with an insecticide. It is always a good idea to repot such plants in fresh medium as the old mix is likely to be seriously broken down or badly acidified by the formic acid released by ant habitation.

FLOWER POWER Many hobbyists anticipate the approaching blooming season for many orchids, including cymbidium, phalaenopsis and dendrobiums, by fertilizing plants less frequently and with a lower concentration. In particular, the use of high-nitrogen fertilizers this time of year can inhibit blooming by encouraging plants to continue growing foliage. For orchids that you are expecting to spike in the autumn, switching to a blossom booster fertilizer now can give plants the extra boost they need to flower extravagantly.

THE LITTLE DEATH A few orchids — deciduous dendrobiums, lyclastes, many terrestrials (*Habenaria*, *Cynorkis*) and some members of the Catasetinae — are showing brown-tipped or yellowing leaves now. Do not be alarmed. Usually shortly after the autumn equinox, as day length starts to shorten, many orchids adjust and slough off leaves in preparation for dormancy. Most of these are benefiting from the cooler night temperatures after enduring the summer heat and are genetically programmed to shut down their metabolisms. Respond by letting these plants dry out and holding back plant fertilizer. Overwatering now can lead to rot problems later in the autumn.

JUST ONE MORE It is so tempting to load up on new orchids during those ubiquitous autumn sales. I certainly cannot preach to anyone about the virtues of restraint when it comes to orchid acquisition, so I hereby release you from any guilt you may be feeling about crowding your collection too much this winter. It may be irresponsible of me to tell you this, but we are what we are. I believe the correct word is “enthusiasts.” So go for it. Order a few new sale plants from orchid nurseries. And have fun.

— *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)*



OrchidPro Features Did you know you that besides reviewing the one hundred most current awards, you can also find additional resources of knowledge in OrchidPro.

Enter more **ORCHID SPEAK**. What does it all mean? Become familiar with award description terms. <https://op.aos.org/docs/Terminology.pdf>

Award descriptions are written to illustrate the awarded flower or plant, to give you a visual identification of overall flower form, color, arrangement, inflorescence, growth habit, and several other factors. To accomplish this the AOS scoresheet criteria guides the judges through the written picture.

LATEST AWARDS



What Do You Visualize When You Read the Following?

DESCRIPTION One **star-shaped** flower on one 34.5-cm staked, **sequentially** blooming inflorescence; flower base color yellow; dorsal sepal **lanceolate**, **infused** burgundy, striped dark burgundy; **lateral** sepals **subfalcate-lanceolate**, infused burgundy, striped dark burgundy, **coalesced proximally**; petals **lanceolate**, slightly **reflexed**, infused burgundy, striped dark burgundy; lip stiffly hinged, double central **keel** forming a trough, infused burgundy, speckled dark burgundy; **coalesced apically**; column overlaid dark yellow, **anther cap** orange; **substance** firm; **texture crystalline**, waxy centrally.

There are [1648 awards](#) to the genus Bulbophyllum in OrchidPro.

[Go to award # 20211475](#). Did you visualize the flower as described?

<https://op.aos.org/Award?genusId=388> <https://op.aos.org/AwardProfile/Summary/103291>



**Bulbophyllum Meen
Coat of Armour
'Whisper Something
Glorious'**

AM/AOS (81 points)
Aug 28, 2021



**Bulbophyllum
Debbie's Delight
'Whisper I'll Think
About It'**

AM/AOS (82 points)
Aug 14, 2021

**Awards Photographer
Wes Newton**



**Bulbophyllum More
Than Aghast
'Crystelle'**

FCC/AOS (94 points)
Aug 14, 2021

AOS Judging



OrchidPro Resources

Create a **FREE** handy-dandy [flip chart](https://op.aos.org/docs/AOS_Flip_Cards_1.pdf) to help you understand all of the terminology used in award descriptions.

https://op.aos.org/docs/AOS_Flip_Cards_1.pdf
https://op.aos.org/docs/AOS_Flip_Cards_2.pdf
https://op.aos.org/docs/AOS_Flip_Cards_diagrams.pdf

All descriptions follow a prescribed format. It is NOT the order in which the recommendations are taken.

1. Flowers, buds, number of inflorescences
2. Description of plant and container if appropriate
3. Flower base color if appropriate
4. dorsal sepal (or sepals if taken together)
5. lateral sepal (or synsepal) (if not included with dorsal sepal)
6. petals
7. lip including crests, keels and spur
8. column and anther cap (or stamens)
9. substance
10. texture
11. ovary if noteworthy
12. floral bracts if noteworthy
13. rachis if noteworthy
14. country of origin for botanical awards
15. verification of identity
16. Any judges comments of note, i.e. ...precluded higher score
17. Period

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https://op.aos.org/docs/AOS_Flip_Cards_diagrams.pdf

OrchidPro is an AOS membership benefit. Log on to the AOS website and select **OrchidPro** from the drop-down menu. **Explore the world of orchids.**

Every month *Orchids* showcases hundreds of awarded orchids in the Awards Gallery. There are also Selected Botanical Terms and a Pronunciation Guide in each issue. Together with OrchidPro, members have a plethora of resources to learn more about the orchids we grow.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	October 05, 2021 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	October 21, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	November 09, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday	November 17, 2021 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Black Orchids The Lure, The Lust and Licentiousness	Orchid Collection Tour The Huntington Botanical Gardens	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee, ND Associate Judge, President of COC	Brandon Tam Orchid Collection Specialist, AOS Judge	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook,
Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

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Valued Members and Volunteers

An organization is only as good as its members. The AOS is deeply indebted to the many talented and dedicated volunteers who give their time and service to encourage a widespread interest in orchids. They advance the mission of the AOS more than they will ever know. *Please contact any of us if you would like to join our committee.*

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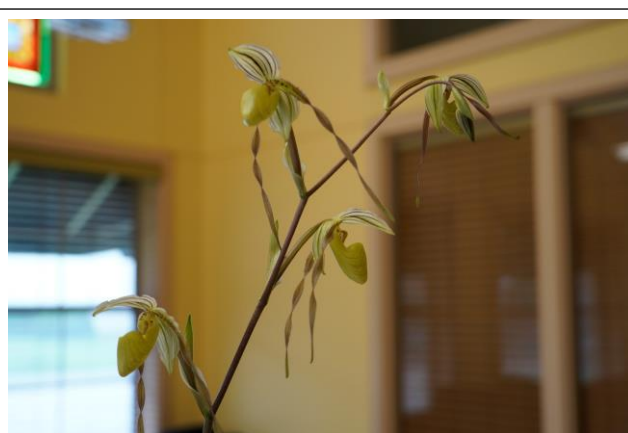
If you would like to spotlight an issue or share news with other affiliated societies, we welcome your input. Let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter! If there is something within your society that is working extremely well – let's share it here. If there is something you could use 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 or askmasc@verizon.net



Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

CLOS September Meeting



Baton Rouge Orchid Society Winter Short Course

We are going to have the Winter Short Course in Baton Rouge on Sat, Dec, 4.

It will be a hybrid In-Person/Zoom event and will have sanctioned AOS judging and a sales table.

Last winter it was Zoom only and we had 70-80 participants, including members from your cities. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to have Tom Mirenda and Courtney Hackney give some informative talks and several of us purchased plants from both speakers.

This year we will have three talks.

Phil Spence (an Australian nurseryman) will give us a program on how they collected orchids in Papua New Guinea. We are hoping to connect with him live so he can answer questions.

Jim Davison, who has spoken in Texas, will give a program on *Latouria Dendrobium*.

Eron Borne will talk on *Phragmipedium*. He has gotten several awards in this genus and will tell us (and specifically me) why we keep killing them, which ones grow better in the south, and give a hands-on demonstration on their potting and care -- plus he will sell plants from compots he's been growing.

Our Treasurer is Pat Canning pcanning@bellsouth.net

Frank Zachariah

Show and Tell Results

September

Other category

- 1. Habenara rhodosticta 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS-AI Taylor**

Also received Best Grown

- 2. Paph Temptation 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS- AI Taylor**
- 3. Den. Buiana Emerald- Andrea Mattison**

Cattleya category

- 1. Rlc. Old Faithful 'Louisiana' AM/AOS-AI Taylor**
- 2. Blc. Sun Spots 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS-AI Taylor**
- 2. Roth. Coral Gold-AI Taylor**

Upcoming Orchid Events

Taken from SWROGA website

03/25/2022 - 03/27/2022	ORCHIDS Go To The Movies - Cinematic Spectacles Spring 2022 Orchid Show <i>Historic City Hall, Lake Charles LA /USA</i>
04/01/2022 - 04/03/2022	Orchid Show/.Sale <i>Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette LA</i>
04/30/2022 - 05/01/2022	Kansas Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Hosting SWROGA <i>Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita KS</i>
05/21/2022 - 05/22/2022	Tulsa Orchid Society Show and Sale <i>Tulsa Garden Center, tulsa OK</i>
06/03/2022 - 06/05/2022	New Orleans Orchid Society's Show and Sale <i>Lakeside Mall, Metairie LA</i>
11/11/2022 - 11/12/2022	The Shocking Beauty of the Orchid World hosting SWROGA <i>Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Fort Worth Texas</i>

Native Orchid of the Month—October

Pteroglossaspis ecristata (giant orchid)

Pteroglossaspis ecristata (giant orchid, also known as wild coco) grows three to five feet high in savannas, as well as in sandhills, pine flatwoods, and grasslands. It grows from Florida to Louisiana along the coastal plain. In Louisiana it grows both east of the Mississippi River in [flatwoods](#), and west of the Mississippi River in coastal prairies. Both of these habitats are at risk from habitat destruction and fire suppression. Like many species of coastal plain savannas, it responds positively to fire.



Pteroglossaspis ecristata fruits (seeds appear as dust blowing away)
Sandy Hollow WMA, Tangipahoa Parish
Louisiana Natural Heritage Program

Two to four, large, paper thin and heavily veined leaves arise from underground pseudobulbs. Inflorescences are erect, densely flowered toward top. Flowers are yellowish green with purplish brown markings and a three-lobed lip. They are twisted in toward the stalk, with a stiff floral bract, 2.5 inches long, beneath each flower. Sepals and petals are yellow-green, folded forward over the lip.



It flowers July through October with fruits developing September through November. It is rare throughout its most of its range.

The giant orchid is a perennial herb that blooms only every few years, usually only after a fire. Often many flowers will bloom at once and remain open for about a week; they are probably pollinated by bees. Little else is known about the reproductive biology of this species; closely related species in the genus are known to be both self- and cross-fertile. The greatest natural threat to the loss of the species is the lack of fire needed to maintain a favorable habitat.

