# CENTRAL LOUISIANA ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### From the President

Thanks to Al for running last month's orchid meeting. We are finally starting to get some cool weather and you will see some interesting changes in your orchid collections.

Our program this month is truly a fascinating topic on fragrance of orchids, from the most delicate perfume, coconut, vanilla, lemon to rotting meat. Fragrance runs the whole gambit. We welcome our new guests. The Judging Center has picked up two new students. Therefore, our Louisiana Judging Center is up to a great start. Our center is doing better than some of the larger metropolitan areas of the country. See you Sunday September 18.

Wilton Guillory, President



Meeting Time and Place: Sunday, September 18, 2022 Time: 2:30 pm

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20 Fragrant Orchid Species - Part 1 Presented by: Andrea Mattison

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

Refreshments: Jim & Linda

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

President – Wilton Guillory
Vice President – Al Taylor
Secretary – Eron Borne
Treasurer – Jim Barnett
Director – Andrea Mattison
Director – Connie Guillory
SWROGA Director#1 Linda Roberts
SWROGA Director#2 Eron Borne
AOS Representative – Wilton Guillory
ODC Representative – Andrea Mattison
Conservation Rep - Jim Barnett
Newsletter Editor – Eron (temporary)
Permanent volunteer NEEDED!
Show& Tell – Al Taylor

Webmaster - Eron Borne



## Member Feature

### Dr. James "Jim" Barnett

About 25 years ago, my wife Jena met Doris McGraw and became interested in orchids. Soon we joined he Central Louisiana Orchid Society with Byron and Doris McGraw serving as mentors. A few years later I built a greenhouse for growing orchids. After Jena died 9 years ago, the greenhouse has suffered several disasters—wildfire, hurricane, and winter storm damage. Although the greenhouse has been repaired, currently I am not growing orchids but purchase them for enjoyment in my den.

I think I have served in every elected position in the Society—currently the Treasurer. I retired in 2005 from the Southern Research Station of the Forest Service with 50 years of federal service—combined Coast Guard and Forest Service. During the last 25 years of service, I led a research group with the mission to develop reforestation technology for the southern pines. The application of this technology has made southern pine forests sustainable.

Before my retirement, a botanist of the Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) came to me, knowing I was involved with an orchid society, and asked if the society would be interested in an orchid restoration effort on the KNF. Thus began an effort started by high student Kevin Allen when he self-pollinated a rare native Kentucky lady's slipper (Cypripedium kentuckiense) in the forest. With support from grants from SWROGA and the Forest Service, CLOS members grew seedlings in pots and outplanted them on a KNF site. This has been one of few attempts to reintroduce a native orchid into a forested site. Not successful, but it provided significant information about the restoration process. I continue to support Kevin Allen by providing references needed for acceptance in graduate school programs. He is still committed to learning more of the physiological development of orchids needed for reintroduction into forested sites. Upon retirement, I began volunteering at the Southern Forest Heritage Museum at Long Leaf—a few miles south of Forest Hill. There serve as secretary/treasurer and work writing documents of the history of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century sawmill industry and the development of forestry for new exhibits.

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Fragrant Orchid Species - Part 1

A Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association (SWROGA) presentation presented by member Andrea Mattison.

This SWROGA program, created by Carolyn McCabe, looks at some of the varieties available of fragrant orchids to try at home.

#### Central Louisiana Orchid Society Meeting Minutes August 21, 2022

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Vice-President Al Taylor called the meeting to order at 1438. He welcomed three guests this month, Russel Deroche, Jr., Nate Simmons, and David Moreau. Russel, who was a long-time member of the NOOS and BROS, recently moved to Marksville and joined our society.

#### 2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our July meeting. Richard made the motion and Andrea seconded.

#### 3.0 Officer Reports

#### 3.1 President Report

Wilton was not present.

#### 3.2 Vice President Report

- **3.2.1** Al reminded our members that the Louisiana Judging Center will have their monthly judging next Saturday on August 27.
- **3.2.2** Our September program will be a SWROGA program titled Fragrant Orchid Species-Part 1, presented by Andrea.

#### 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.
- **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** July minutes were in this month's newsletter and asked to make sure everyone was receiving the newsletter via email. Eron mentioned that he is featuring a member each month in a column so we better get to know each other.

#### 4.0 Old Business

Jim gave an update on the Kees Park hall for our spring 2023 show. November 1<sup>st</sup> will be the earliest they will allow reservations for any events in 2023. Our first choice is a February show. If not available, then March, or April will be the next dates.

#### **New Business**

- 4.1 After Jim's presentation, there was much discussion about the CLOS Cypripedium project. Eron mentioned that the AOS Conservation committee and SWROGA has funds available if our society would like to apply for a grant to try growing more of the *Cyp. kentuckiense*. Eron is the new Vice-Chair of the AOS Education committee, and is familiar with the grant application process, as well as serving on the SWROGA Education committee. Ideas mentioned were to grow a combination of some seedlings as well as buy adult plants. Also, if extra manpower would be needed, we could possibly ask the Master Naturalist and Master Gardener programs if they would like to help with any restoration attempts. Jim will talk to Kevin Allen and see if we would like to proceed. Kevin still has a collection of original *Cyp. kentuckiense* that he is growing potted at his mother's house in Louisiana, which may be a good source for hardy seed stock.
- 4.2 Eron will be presenting his program *Growing Phragmipediums in the South* to the Houston Orchid Society on September 1.

#### 5.0 Program

Jim presented his program titled *The Native Orchids of Louisiana* and it was very well received.

#### 6.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Russel, Al, Eron, Heather, & Warren

Door Prize Winner: Jim

Eron provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: Rlla. Sugar Baby 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS – Al

Cattleya Alliance: 1<sup>st</sup> – *Broughtonia* Marley Beckford – Al

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lc. Dinard 'Blue Heaven' AM/AOS – Eron

 $3^{rd}$  –Bc. Amethyst – Al

All Others Group: 1st – Vanda Udom Beauty -Eron

2<sup>nd</sup> – *Brassia* Lilian Oku - Al

3<sup>rd</sup> – Bulbophyllum carunculatum - Al

There was no other business.

#### 7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1558.

Respectfully submitted,

Eron Borne Secretary

## **Tip of the Month**

While most of the intermediate orchids struggle, many warmer-growing orchids take the heat in stride. Fertilize them well (weekly weakly at ¼ strength of listed dose on the label) and allow them the chance to prosper in the summer heat. Pay attention to your Dendrobiums, Vandas, Catasetums, Brassavolas, and Encyclias, all of which use September for increasing their pseudobulbs.



Al's Best Grown Plant – Rlla. Sugar Baby 'Louisiana' HCC/AOS – A gorgeous plant!

#### **Show and Tell winners – Cattleya Alliance Category**



1<sup>st</sup> – Bro. Marley Beckford -Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lc. Dinard 'Blue Heaven AM/AOS - Eron, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bc. Amethyst – Al

#### Show and Tell winners - Other Category



1<sup>st</sup> – Vanda Odom Beauty - Eron, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brassia Lilian Oku - Al, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bulb. carunculatum – Al

#### Other notable show and tell plants



This month's presentation was on our native orchids, and the showiest is Louisiana's only ladyslipper, *Cypripedium kentuckiense*. These two pictures are Phragmipediums, the similar South American ladyslippers.



**2022 September AOS Corner** – for <u>Affiliated Societies</u>

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.

<u>Webinars</u> 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 <u>Greenhouse Chats</u> 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. Bring your orchids to the nearest <u>Judging Center</u> or set up an Outreach Judging for your society. You now have orchid growing goals! You're welcome.





# Webinars-Coming Attractions!

#### REGISTRATION IS EASY http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx

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

Register now and view on your time schedule.

Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

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

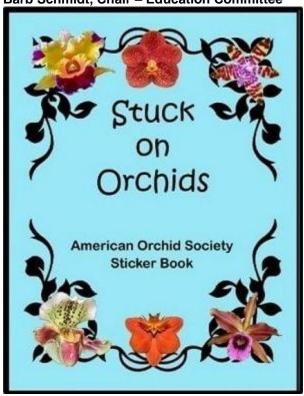
When	August Summer Break	Sept. 13, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	Sept. 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Monday
Topic	Choose Your Topic From RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Send in your Questions!	Paphiopedilum venustum The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas
Presenter	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Dr. Leslie Ee</b> Accredited AOS Judge, President COC

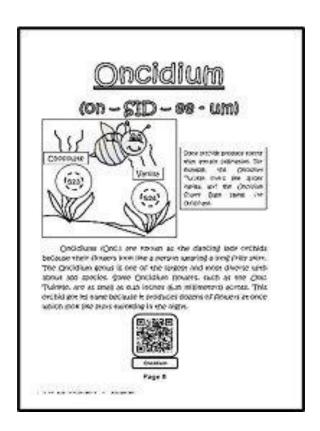
Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars on the AOS Website



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

Use the Webinar Display Filter Stuck On Orchids – An AOS Sticker Book Barb Schmidt, Chair – Education Committee





After a year of planning and design with input from many talented people, our AOS sticker book is out for publication. Laura Newton came up with the idea, and it was passed onto the Education Committee for development. I thought it was a fantastic way to engage youth and teach them about orchids.

The sticker book is 16 black and white pages printed on coloring book paper. It has 51 full-color stickers on pages inserted in the back. We chose seven of the more common orchid genera to include in this book: *Phalaenopsis, Cattleya, Cymbidium, Oncidium, Vanda*, and *Dendrobium*. Each genus is introduced on one page with some basic information and fun facts. A second page is included for each genus for coloring and more stickers.

There is a QR Code for each genus that links back to each respective Culture Sheet on the AOS website. This will not only provide more information on genus care, but it will take the reader to AOS website to see what else we have to offer.

I'm very excited to announce that the books went to the printer in July and should be available for purchase sometime in August. They will sell for \$8.99 for non-AOS members and \$5.99 for AOS members. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:jentomsch@hotmail.com">jentomsch@hotmail.com</a> if your society would like to purchase books for your orchid shows. We are happy to offer special discounts for school classrooms or affiliated society orchid shows. Watch for future articles in the "AOS Corner" about Youth Orchid Classes that are currently in development using these books! Grants will be available through the Education Committee to purchase books for these classes.



## **Special Pricing for Affiliated Societies:**

The AOS Sticker Books have arrived from the printer and are available for purchase. The Non-Member price is \$8.99 and the Member price is

\$6.75. The Sticker Books will be available for purchase at the Fall

Members Meeting in Sacramento, CA. We have also set up a special price for Affiliated Societies of \$5.39/book for bulk orders of 40 books or more. Free delivery to the Fall Member's Meeting may be available, contact Naya at <a href="maya@aos.org">naya@aos.org</a> if you are interested in this option.

