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President's Message

Well, folks, it seems that Summer has arrived. The heat is high, and it is time to hang my summer shade cloth across my yard as it does keep things a little cooler. Make sure your sun loving orchids don't get too much sun because they can burn very easily. I'm still stumbling around and am convinced that I'm having sciatic problems. I do suffer through the pain to get out in the yard and water all my plants.

I did make it to New Orleans for their show and visited with many friends there. Only brought home four orchids, two Vandas and two Phals, but could have filled my back seat with many more. My lack of locomotion limited by purchases. The show was outstanding as usual, and I did take pictures of the exhibits and hope to share them with all of you.

Stay cool and hope to see you at the coming meeting!

Happy growing,

Russel Deroche, Jr.



Meeting Time and Place: Sunday, June 16, 2024

Time: 2:30 pm

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20 Program: Al will present on the 2024 World Orchid Conference that he attended in Taiwan in February.

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

Refreshments: Jim

Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

President – Russel Deroche, Jr.
Vice President – Richard Smith
Secretary – Heather Wilfert
Treasurer – Jim Barnett
Director – Al Taylor
Director – Andrea Mattison
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Newsletter Editor – Eron Borne
Show& Tell – Al Taylor
Webmaster – Eron Borne

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THE 2024 WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

Member Al Taylor attended the 2024 World Orchid Conference held in Taiwan back in February. Al will present his pictures from his time at the WOC. The beauty of the exhibits were incredible and the diversity of orchids wide-spread. He will explain what all happens at a WOC.

Tip of the Month

June is an excellent time to review the spacing of our plants. Always give your plants sufficient space to allow for good air circulation to permit rapid drying. Crowded plants stay wetter longer encouraging fungus and bacteria. Scale and mealy bugs also thrive on the soft lush growth generated by overcrowded, overshadowed plants. Mites too love the extra protection from dislodging rain that overgrown plants provide. When looking at the spacing of your plants also allow some extra space for the new growth that will be rapidly developing in the new growing season.

- 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.

Central Louisiana Orchid Society Meeting Minutes May 19, 2024

1.0 Call to Order

President Russel Deroche, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1438.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our April meeting.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

3.1.1 No report

3.2 Vice President Report

3.2.1 Richard Smith was glad to be back.

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 –Everyone was encouraged to buy tickets.
- **3.4 Secretary Report** Heather brought guests to the meeting, Bethany Martin and baby Louis. September minutes were in this month's newsletter with revised e-mail list.

4.0 Old Business

- **4.1** Eron will substitute for Heather as secretary when absent and Russel if Eron is absent
- **4.2** Russel, Jim and Eron will meet next month at the bank.
- **4.3** Members approved a general liability insurance policy beginning next year.

5.0 New Business

5.1 We had a general discussion regarding our participation in the upcoming New Orleans show and participating vendors.

6.0 Program

Eron displayed another video "The Most Popular Orchid Genera and How to Identify them" from AOS Education Committee Webinar series. The video was very informative.

Jim asked a good question regarding experience with growing a variety of orchid species in the same greenhouse. Eron and Russel explained the importance of location. Placement and shelving is very important and learning the areas in your room, i.e. air circulation, sun, and temperature which can vary with location.

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle winners:

Door Prize Winner: Bethany

Heather provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *Drac*. Swamp Fox – Eron

Phalaenopsis: 1st - Phal. Unnamed – Richard

2nd – *Phal.* Unnamed – Heather 3rd – *Phal.* Unnamed - Richard

All Others Group: $1^{st} - Paph$. Wossner Black Wings – Al

2nd (tie) – *Masd*. Infracta – Eron

2nd – (tie) Max. Mem Ben Berliner "Yellow Cape" – Rick

2nd – (tie) *Den*. Popper Red – Andrea

There was no other business.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1613.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A Wilfert Secretary

Eron with his best grown plant for May – Dracula Swamp Fox



Phalaenopsis Category



1st –*Phal.* NOID – Richard, 2nd –*Phal.* NOID – Heather, 3rd –*Phal.* NOID - Richard

Show and Tell winners – Other Category





1st – *Paph.* Wossner Black Wings 'Louisiana' AM/AOS – Al, 2nd (tie) – *Den.* Popper Red - Andrea, 2nd (tie) – *Masdevallia infracta* – Eron (below), 2nd (tie) – *Max.* Memoria Ben Berliner 'Yellow Cape' – Rick (below)







2024 June 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.

<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.



Upcoming AOS Webinars for AOS Members

Catch up on this month's webinars

Click on the images to view these webinars today!

Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 8:30 PM EDT (View Recording)



Greenhouse Chat - Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. *Open to all*.

Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 8:30 PM EDT (TONIGHT!)



Species Identification Task
Force (SITF) Overview - Join
AOS Judge and photographer
Art Pinkers as he delves into the
SITF. How Do You Do That
Again? Why do we do what we

do in SITF? Tools of the Trade and the Process. *Members only*.

Become an AOS Judge

The American Orchid Society Judging Program

is seeking highly motivated orchid enthusiasts to join the judging ranks

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