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### President's Message

As we start heading into Spring the rain we missed last Summer is being replaced, unfortunately a lot at one time. It seems that the weather may continue to be a guessing game again this year. Let's hope it becomes a little more stable through the year.

Some orchids are starting to grow while others are taking a break. It is great to enjoy a plant family that can produce beautiful flowers year-round depending on the genera you grow. It is great to have varieties that bloom during the different seasons of the year.

I am still dealing with the hip stress fracture and patiently waiting for it to heal completely. It is healing but not fast enough. I hope all of us with health problems will get them solved soon.

I hope to see everyone at the March meeting. I will have to check with my doctor to see if I should be driving. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to get the surgery I needed, and it is taking longer for me to heal.

We do need to discuss the upcoming shows and whether we will be able to put in a display.

Happy growing,

Russel Deroche, Jr.



**Meeting Time and Place:**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
**Time: 2:30 pm**

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20  
**Program: Popular Orchid Genera**  
**An AOS Education Committee Webinar**  
presented by Janeil Payne and David Vandebroek of the AOS Education Committee

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

**Refreshments: Eron Borne**

#### Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

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# MARCH MEETING

## *The Most Popular Orchid Genera & How to Identify Them*

An AOS Education Committee Webinar presented by Janeil Payne and David Vandebroek of the AOS Education Committee. Selecting the right plant for the right place is the key to success with orchids and other houseplants. There are so many to choose from at the grocery stores, box stores, online, and at orchid shows. This module helps identify the most popular genera of orchids available and provides a basic overview of some growing and care concerns for each.

### Tip of the Month

Now is a good time to replant those genera which are breaking or ready to break their dormancy. For those commercially mass-produced plants grown in peat-based mixtures, repotting is necessary in any case as the peat mix will not last out the summer and will likely rot all the roots. Attention to fertilizer in March will pay high dividends later on. As many sympodial orchids are commencing their growth cycle, now is a good time to apply slow-release fertilizer to last the season if you prefer that to weekly fertilizing.

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**  
**February 18, 2024**

**1.0 Call to Order**

Eron Borne called the meeting to order at 1430.

**2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes were approved from our January meeting.

**3.0 Officer Reports**

**3.1 President Report**

3.1.1 President Russel Deroche was absent.

**3.2 Vice President Report**

3.2.1 Vice President Richard Smith was absent.

**3.3 Treasurer Report**

The treasurer report was given by the treasurer Jim Barnett.

**3.3.1**

Jim voiced his conclusions to Russel's suggestions regarding the books and banking. He concluded the record keeping is in order but that besides him, Linda is authorized on our account. It was decided Linda would be removed. To add Russel all authorized persons need to be present at the bank. Al will call bank and find out the best way to handle these matters.

**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** – No report at this time.

**4.0 Old Business**

**4.1** Al spoke about attending the judging center that is held every fourth Saturday of the month (except in December on the 3<sup>rd</sup>) at the Westside Library. There are not enough judges. Jackie and Al received an award at the last judging.

**4.2** Our society has unanimously decided against entering the Terrebonne show and will enter the Calcasieu show in April. We will put together 3-5 plants for a display.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1** Eron spoke of the Orlando show in Florida April 6th. He described it as an impressive show and encouraged anyone interested to go. He also mentioned the Orchid Society Show and Sale April 4-5.

- 5.2 Eron explained the new and much improved website for AOS. It will launch sometime in March. It will be more intuitive and be a better learning site.
- 5.3 Eron will represent SWROGA at the Houston show the first weekend of March.

## 6.0 Program

Eron showed us Introduction to Orchid Growing video from AOS Education Committee Webinar presented by Barb Schmidt, Chair, AOS Education Committee. This was a good educational video for orchid growers. Eron explained there are several of these educational videos he plans to show us from this series.

## 7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

Raffle Winners: Heather, Andrea and Rick

Door Prize Winner: Heather

Rick and Al provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant:

Cattleya Alliance: 1<sup>st</sup> – *Rth.* Exotic Charm ‘Louisiana’ AM/AOS – Al

2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Epc.* Butterfly kisses – Andrea

2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *C.* Motle Spot – Andrea

All Others Group: 1<sup>st</sup> – *D.* raspberry - Andrea

2<sup>nd</sup> – *Vanda* (unnamed hybrid) – Eron

3<sup>rd</sup> – *Phal.* Queen Bee – Al

3<sup>rd</sup> – *Vanda* (unnamed hybrid) - Eron

There was no other business.

## 8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1605.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A Wilfert  
Secretary

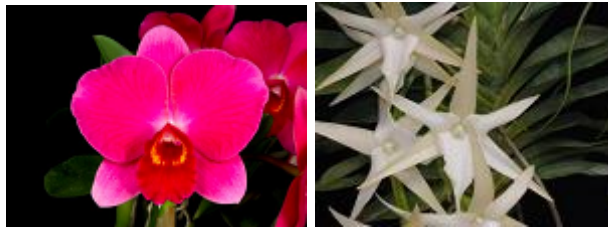
# Upcoming Educational Opportunities for CLOS Members

## 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.

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### 5th AOS Orchid Culture Day - "Orchids for Enjoyment"



Our 5th Culture Day has been rescheduled for March 3rd, 2024 with a Spring theme.

Our speakers will be:

Mike Coronado (RF Orchids)

George Hatfield (Hatfield Orchids)

Lorenz Grobler (AfriOrchids)

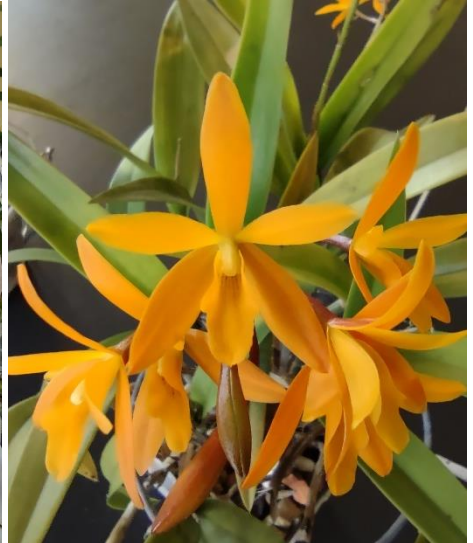
Julien Baruch (Krull Smith)

Further details will be posted on the AOS website soon.

Eron and his Best Grown Plant – *Vanda* (unnamed hybrid)



Show and Tell winners – Cattleya Alliance Category



1<sup>st</sup> – *Rth.* Exotic Charm 'Louisiana' AM/AOS – AI, 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie)– *C.* Motle Spot – Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – *Epc.* Butterfly Kisses - Andrea

Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1<sup>st</sup> – *Den. Raspberry* – Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Vanda Unnamed Hybrid* - Eron, 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – *Bulb. cercanthum* – Eron (below), 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – *Phal. Queen Bear* – Al (below)



Some *Paphiopedilum venustum* Eron brought for show and tell.



## 2024 March 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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## Don't miss this webinar in March

Click on the images to register for the webinars you are interested in attending!

Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:30 PM EST



**Designing and Building Home Greenhouses** - Learn about the tricks of the trade for designing and installing home greenhouses for orchids Texas to Canada: types, foundations, floors,

ventilation, shading and benches you can make yourself and keep your orchids happy. *Members only.*

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## 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](mailto:judges@aos.org)*



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## **2024 Spring Members Meeting**



**April 3rd - 6th in Apopka, Florida**

Make plans to join us at the 2024 Spring Members Meeting which will be held in Apopka, FL, April 3 - 6, in conjunction with the Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance.

There will be orchid speakers, AOS Judging, a hybridizing workshop, vendors, a live auction and more!

You can book your accommodations now at the Hilton Garden Inn in Apopka here: [AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY \(hilton.com\)](https://www.hilton.com). Rates stated are for rooms only, taxes & fees are applicable.