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President's Message

Every Spring is a time of awakening in much of our plant world. Perennials burst through the soil and begin their next year of life, annual seeds are planted to prepare for their late Spring and through the summer blooming, and while some orchids are slowing down to take a few months rest, many are sprouting from their previous year's growth to reward us with flowers and seeds. It is a time of rebirth for deciduous trees preparing for a new year's bloom and production of a new crop, and new life seems to greet us with every passing day. Many birds are returning from their winter vacations and begin building nests for the next generation to get started. For gardeners it is one of the busiest times of the year.

It is a time for cleaning up the past growth of our orchids and get ready to urge the new growths on to their flowering stage so we can enjoy their exquisite blooms. Regular fertilizing and watering begin again as does the search for any pests that may have come for a visit over the winter. Many orchids welcome the freshness of the air as they are moved outdoors into brighter light and the gentle, and not so gentle, breezes that come with the changing temperatures and rainstorms. Thankfully we have had more consistent rains this season and hope they continue late into the summer.

Our thanks to Andrea for the wonderful potting party at her home and the tasty refreshments, and those who brought plants that were broken apart to share with all attending. Everyone who attended went home with newly potted plants and we hope to see them blooming at a future meeting.

Our wishes for recovery go out to members who are still having health problems and hope for a complete recovery soon. Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

Happy growing,

Russel Deroche, Jr.



Meeting Time and Place:
Sunday, May 19, 2024
Time: 2:30 pm

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20
Program: The Most Popular Orchid
Genera and How to Identify Them

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

Refreshments: Heather

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MAY MEETING

The Most Popular Orchid Genera & Identifying Them

Learn expert tips on orchid placement to ensure successful long-term growth in your home, tailored to the specific type of orchid you own. 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, on-line, and at orchid shows. This module helps identify the most popular genera of orchids available and a basic overview of some growing and care concerns for each. This program is part of the Orchids for Everyone master class series between the American Orchid Society and the Master Gardener program.

Tip of the Month

May's wide temperature swings and dry air suit our orchids to a tee. New growths on sympodial orchids are developing apace and by continuing the careful watering practices of April (i.e., drenching them thoroughly with repeated applications of water to saturate their roots and potting media, then allowing them to dry to nearly 'hard' dry) we can launch them into the summer in vigorous, disease-free growth. Remember, this saturation can only be achieved with two or more soakings to the point of runoff spaced a few minutes apart. Merely holding the water on the plant extra-long will not suffice. The water needs to slowly soak into the roots and media. Test the weight of a "benchmark" plant to be satisfied that it is sufficiently heavy to be totally soaked. The arid air of early May will quickly dry the foliage but the roots can draw on the deep reservoir of water that you have provided with this careful, complete watering. - 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
April 21, 2024

1.0 Call to Order

President Russel Deroche, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1436.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved from our March meeting.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President Report

3.1.1 Russel voiced concerns regarding liability insurance for our society. Al responded he would inquire about it.

3.2 Vice President Report

3.2.1 Vice President Richard Smith was absent today.

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.

3.4 Secretary Report – Heather attended the Calcasieu Parish Orchid Society Show. The show was very nice and said it was a good learning experience for her. She was also happy we had received “Best Exhibit Using 5 or Fewer Plants or Inflorescences.” In addition, she fulfilled her desire to find a named Phalaenopsis, which is very nice.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Heather and Linda participated in the Calcasieu Parish Orchid Show. Al Taylor provided the plants and accessories.

4.2 Members discussed the need to meet at the bank to remove/add those that want to be listed on our banking. Members will meet on a Saturday next month.

5.0 New Business

5.1 The Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show is in July. We talked about who may be available to help with set-up and take-down. The show will be July 13 & 14 with set-up on the 12th.

5.2 Russel and Al talked about the need to attract more members.

6.0 Program

Today was our annual repotting event at Andrea Mattison's home. We had a wonderful time outside in her beautiful yard repotting orchids. Everyone brought pots and plants to repot or share. Andrea provided potting mix. Several overgrown orchids were split and newly potted.

7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell

No Raffle

Door Prize Winner: Rick

Andrea provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant: *C. What About Jim* – Al

Cattleya Alliance: 1st – *C. What About Jim* – Al

2nd – *C. Why Not* – Andrea

3rd – *C. Fire Dance Patricia* – Andrea

Phalaenopsis Group: 1st – *Phal. Fuller's Sunset* – Heather

2nd (tie) - *Phal. Snow Sakura* – Eron

2nd (tie) - *Phal. KV Charmer* - Andrea

All Others Group: 1st – *Paph. Magical Hijinks 'Catahoula Magic'* HCC/AOS – Eron

2nd (tie) – *Vanda Coronation Celebration* – Eron

2nd (tie) – *Phrag. sargentianum* – Eron

3rd - *Vanda Firecracker* – Eron

There was no other business.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1730.

Respectfully submitted,

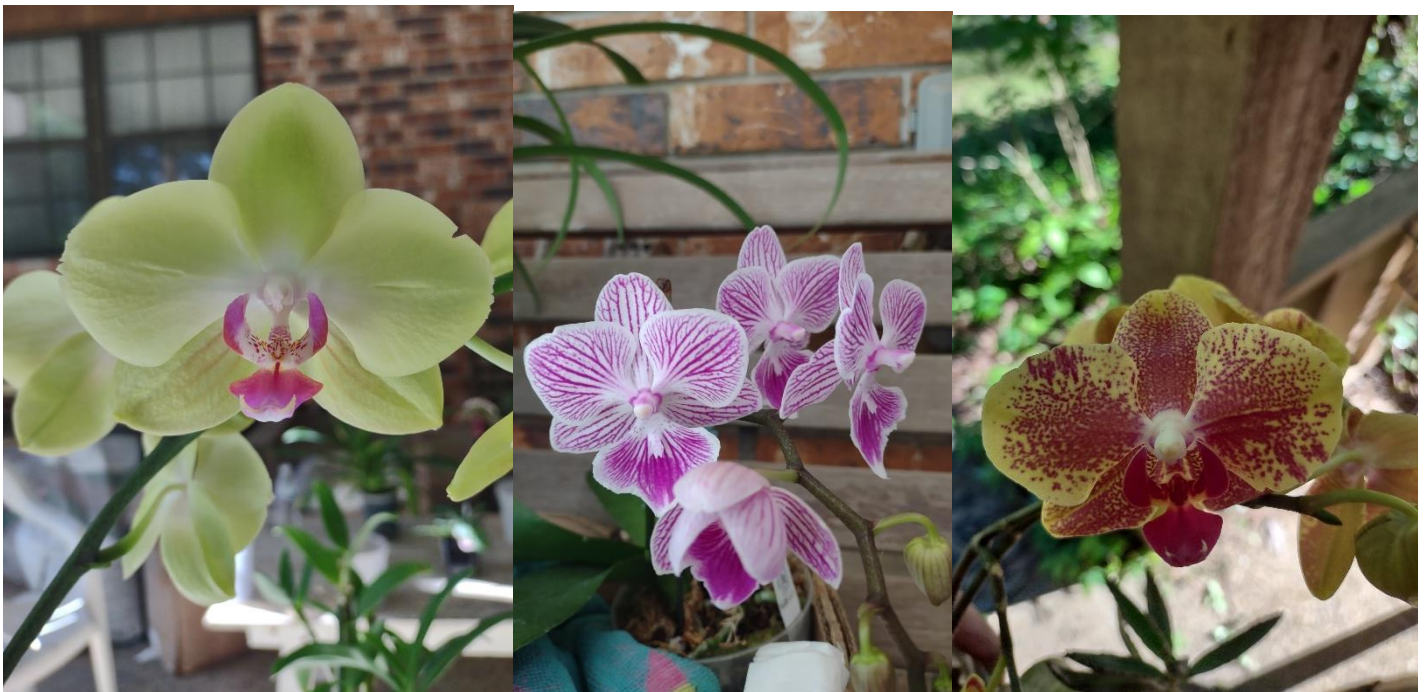
Heather A. Wilfert
Secretary

Show and Tell winners – Cattleya Alliance Category



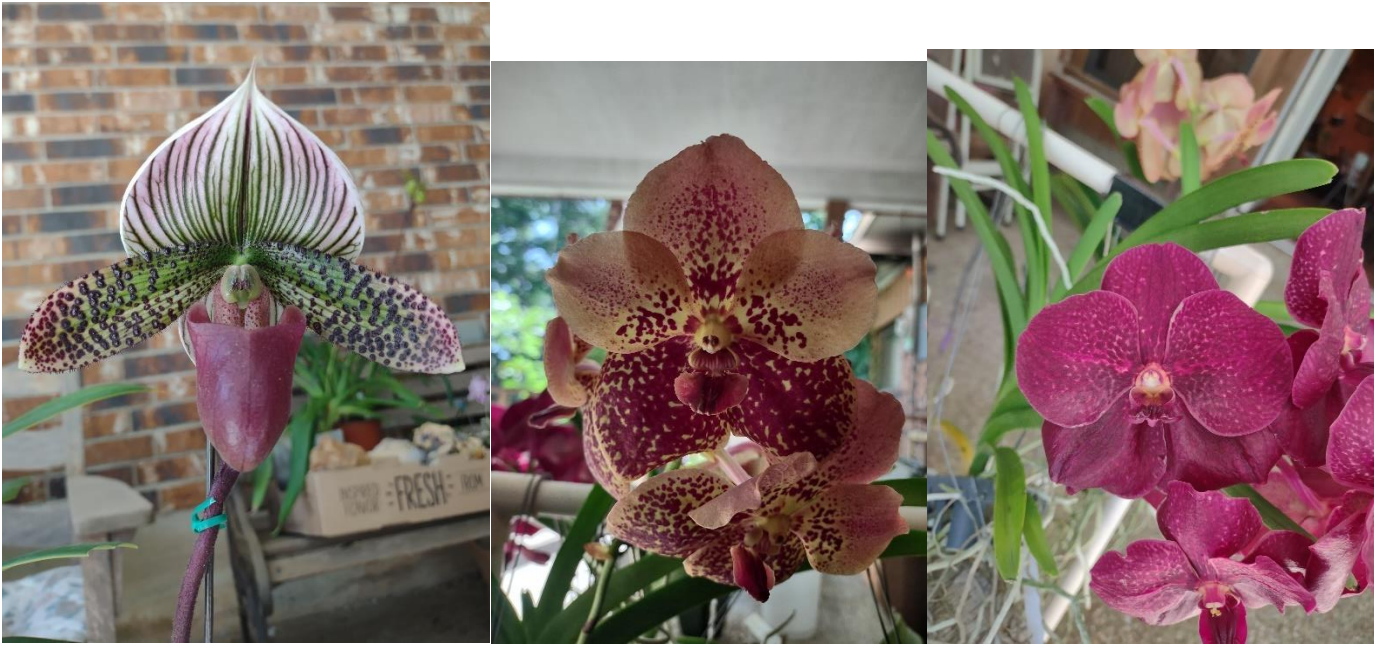
1st – C. What About Jim 'Louisiana' – Al, 2nd – Ctna. Why Not – Andrea, 3rd C. Fire Dance 'Patricia' – Andrea

Phalaenopsis Category



1st –Phal. Fuller's Sunset – Heather, 2nd (tie) –Phal. Snow Sakura – Eron, 2nd (tie) –Phal. KV Charmer - Andrea

Show and Tell winners – Other Category



1st – *Paph. Magical Hijinks 'Catahoula Magic'* HCC/AOS – Eron, 2nd (tie) – *Vanda Coronation Celebration* - Eron, 2nd (tie) – *Phrag. sargentianum* – Eron, 3rd – *Vanda Firecracker* – Eron



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Take a Trip to Taiwan, the World Orchid Conference with Carol Klonowski

Carol Klonowski



Thursday, May 16th, 2024
8:30 pm EST EST

Carol takes us to Taiwan for the 2024 World Orchid Conference, and the TOGA show, occurring together for the first time.



Greenhouse Chat June 2024

Ron McHatton



Wednesday, June 5th, 2024
8:30 PM - 9:20 PM EDT EST

Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by June 3, 2024.

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