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The Newsletter Of
The Baton Rouge
Orchid Society



**7 PM, Wed
July 21, 2021**

Stephen Van Kampen-Lewis
‘Cyrtopodium Culture’

**A Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Meeting
Choose how you wish to attend.**

- 1. Burden Museum and Gardens**
- 2. Zoom**

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What do *Cyrtopodiums* look like?



Stephen Van Kampen-Lewis' Bio

Stephen started growing *Cyrtopodiums* 5 or 6 years ago and has had a tough time getting much growing information about them online. As such, he's had to learn some tips and tricks about growing this widely spread genus (from Florida to Argentina) through trial and error. In Wed's discussion, he'll chat about the genus *Cyrtopodium*, their natural habitat, blooms, and how to grow them.

Stephen started growing orchids around 1992 at approximately 12 years of age. He has grown orchids in Canada, Arizona, Hawaii, and now Texas. He has been an AOS member for much of that time and started the AOS Instagram page in 2016. Mr. Van Kampen-Lewis is also a fully accredited AOS judge at the Alamo Judging Center (San Antonio) and he authored *Rhyncholaelia digbyana- The Frilled Wonder* published in the August 2020 edition of *Orchids Magazine*. He is currently the Vice President (Speaker Recruiter) at the Heart of Texas Orchid Society and has held that position several times over the years; in addition to rotating through as President and the recently created Vice President (Social Media) positions.

Stephen focuses most of his growing energy on *Cattleyas* and *Catasetums*, though he also grows *Bulbophyllums*, *Cyrtopodiums*, and *Ansellia*. He enjoys growing his orchids outside underneath the oak trees, just west of Austin, Texas. He also enjoys giving growing tips and profiling orchid blooms on his YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuPJqFeMOnPeBOCYsbyA7Ag>

Minutes from the June Meeting

Mathias Seelis presented a zoom meeting for the Society on cattleya orchids of Shogun Orchids. The advice he repeated several times was listen, learn, and love your orchids. Pay close attention to your orchids and their growing environment.

He is able to buy bags of big thick pieces of forest bark that he uses for potting and mounting his orchids. Mathias said this bark will last about three years before it needs to be replaced. The large size of the bark is best for air and water flow to the roots.

[Ed note: We checked. Sorry. Not available in our area.]

Take always from his talk are:

You don't need a lot of fertilizer 30-10-20 in the spring and 20-10-20 after that

Air flow and light are important for growing cattleyas

Use rubber glove when repotting to cut down on spreading harmful germs to plants

Mathias used a hand held blow torch to sterilize his clippers and knives

He separates four bulbs to a clump when repotting

He has also found that panty hose cut in strips works the best when attaching orchids to their mounts.

Mega Thrive at one teaspoon to a gallon of water is what he dips his orchids in.

Society business:

Some new officers are needed for next year please let Frank McMains know if you are interested.

BROS member can go to our website at <http://bros.wildapricot.org> to view all of the Conservatory's orchid pictures.

Pictures are also posted nearly every day on our Facebook page .. or you can scroll through our gallery on Instagram.

Sincerely,

Patty Granier, Secretary

Membership News



We have some members to wish Happy Birthday to in July:

Dee Grant,	July 1
Barbara Messina	July 6
Vernon Smith	July 17

Also, we have 2 new members to welcome:

Mark & Maggie Starling.
They are from Prairieville, La. They want to learn more about orchids with like-minded people.

*As Always,
Nancy Morrison
Membership Chair*

LSU Conservatory Notes by Frank Z

With this excessive rain every day there were some lessons learned.

For those of us growing outside under shade cloth: Organic media holds too much water. Too many pathogens and rotting roots. That includes fir bark, orchiatra, and cypress mulch. So far, the best media appears to be styrofoam with a thin layer of haydite on top. Pics show, even in summer, still a lot of blooms.

Photos by Glenn.



Orchid Conservatory

Photos by Glenn Gawarecki



These 4 orchids were given an AOS award last month in Alexandria at our Louisiana Orchid Judging Center.



**Barkeria melanocaulon
'Louisiana', HCC/AOS
Grower: Al Taylor**



**Phrag. Vingtaine duRoquier
'Catahoula Goliath', AM/AOS
Grower: Eron Borne**



**C. Catahoula Sunset 'Julia
Katherine', AM/AOS
Grower: Eron Borne**



**Chiloschista
viridiflava,
HCC/AOS
Grower:
Mary
Mancini**

**There are only 4 crosses of an *Encyclia* with a *Myrmecophila*.
This is one of them, now blooming at the Conservatory.
This was hybridized by James Jeansonne and named for his wife.**



Eyp. Sarah

(Mcp. thomsoniana x E. Orchid Jungle)

Sobralia decora

This is an orchid 'dayflower'. The flowers only stay open for one day (although the plant has several flowers open at a time). I was lucky enough to be at the Orchid Conservatory when a group of these were open.



A Little Sneak Peek!

It looks like we will be able to have a Short Course this year in Dec!

We are still trying to finalize speakers and sales.

More info will follow soon.

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