

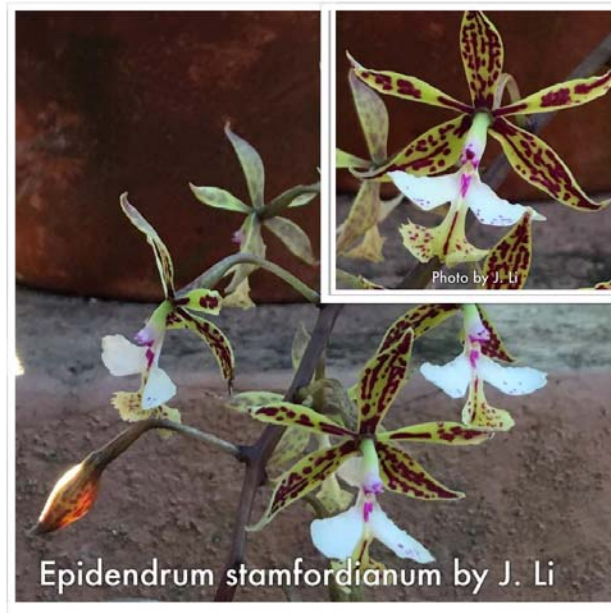


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# Message from the President



Greetings,

If you're reading this it means you survived last's week's torrential rain! All the water means things will be looking greener very soon. Our plants seem to know that spring is right around the corner, with lots of buds and blooms already here and more on the way. While we enjoy warmer temperatures during the day, it's still too early to put our orchids outside. Keep an eye on those nighttime temperatures before making the transition.

At this month's meeting we'll enjoy a fascinating presentation called "Madagascar Walk" from John Nelson and Tin-Wein-Yu of the Louisiana Orchid Connection. They will have plants for sale, so don't forget to bring your spending money (Sure, you need a few more plants!).

Don't forget this month's meeting has been moved to Sunday, March 20, due to Easter the following week.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

**Jimmy Harwell**  
**President**

# **MOS 2016 OFFICERS**

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# MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY 2016 CALENDAR

|           |       |      |   |  |
|-----------|-------|------|---|--|
| January   | 24    | 2:00 | Marcus Valentine  | Phal. Culture<br>Memphis Orchid Society                  |
| February  | 28    | 2:00 | Melissa Garner  | AOS Judging<br>Memphis Orchid Society                    |
| March     | 20    | 2:00 | John Nelson and<br>Tin-Wein   | Louisiana Orchid Connection<br>" Madagascar Orchid Walk" |
| April     | 24    | 2:00 | Member & Guest<br>Paul Garner   | MOS Annual Plant Swap & Mounting Techniques              |
| May       | 20-21 |      | <b>SHOW – Memphis Botanical Garden</b>  |  |
| June      | 26    | 2:00 | Geraldine Pell  | The Orchid Gallery<br>Look Out Mountain, TN              |
| July      | 24    | 2:00 | Mark Reinke   | Marble Branch Farms                                      |
| August    | 28    | 2:00 | John Stubbings  | Clown Alley Orchids                                      |
| September | 25    | 2:00 | Melissa & Paul Garner   | Green Grower & New Member Appreciation                   |
| October   | 23    | 2:00 | TBA   |  |
| November  | 20    | 2:00 | Ray Potts   | Vanda Growing<br>Springfield Society                     |
| December  |       |      |  <b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b> |  |

## Show Schedule MOS is planning on sending exhibits to in 2016:

|       |       |                                    |                 |
|-------|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| March | 18-20 | Springfield Orchid Society         | Springfield, MO |
| April | 01-03 | Heart of Dixie Orchid Society Show | Huntsville, AL  |
| May   | 20-22 | Memphis Orchid Society Show        | Memphis, TN     |

# SPEAKERS



## John Nelson and Tin-Wein Louisiana Orchid Connection

John Nelson and Tin-Wein Yu founded Louisiana Orchid Connection in the summer of 2008 in Baton Rouge Louisiana. The original business plan was to leverage Tin's contacts in his native Taiwan to source orchid flasks, juvenile plants in glass containers, sought by orchid hobbyists in the US. The first shipment of 24 flasks arrived mostly broken and contents of the flasks that were not broken were so scrambled that they were not in a condition to offer to customers. At that moment, it was obvious that the plan needed to change: those baby orchids needed to be rescued from their containers and grown.

Seven years later Louisiana Orchid occupies an acre and a third on property in central Baton Rouge and has more than sixteen thousand orchids under cultivation in several greenhouses with multiple micro climates and occupying more than 5,000 square feet. The business also has an active laboratory and several culture rooms. That original business plan has been adapted: flasks are now prepared at the nursery and Tin's research laboratory expertise now is employed in cultivating orchid species and new hybrids that are offered as seedlings on the firm's web site, [www.laorchid.com](http://www.laorchid.com), and at an eBay store.

After completing his Bachelor's Degree in Botany at Taiwan's national university, Tin travelled to England to complete his Ph.D. at The John Innes Institute associated with East Anglia University. His work was in microbial genetics. Tin was a part of the research faculty at The University of Washington and later Louisiana State University.

After completing a liberal arts degree at the University of Utah, John has spent his career in food service, initially as a chef and then in food procurement and distribution. Currently John maintains a part time consulting practice in food service supply chain management for emerging restaurant chains.

Today, Louisiana Orchid maintains inventories of about 1000 different species and hybrids, mostly from the tropical regions in Asia and Africa. More recently Tin and John travelled to Madagascar and have established a trading relationship with a local nursery in the capitol city. Periodically plants are made available to those interested in these uncommon species. Their visit is the subject of a talk titled *Madagascar Forest Walks* now offered to orchid societies.

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# FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING MINUTES

President Jimmy Harwell opened the meeting welcoming all who came out this very beautiful day. Refreshments provided by Emily Linn, Dixie Henderson and Rory Theeuwes. We received a Thank you letter from the St. Louis Orchid Society for our participation in their Show. Our next show will be in Springfield Missouri March 18, 19 and 20, 2016. A reminder email had previously been sent to the membership. Additional email notification will be sent out with all details as we get closer to the departure date. Recapped the St. Louis Show Report (refer to the February Newsletter for details). Congratulations to Alex Kumok for his AM Award on his Dendrobium Sherry Abe 'Myzina' AM/AOS.

**Show Report:** We want to remind everyone that this is a group effort and all Committee's will carry over. Trophy Sponsors for the Best of Class Awards are being accepted. The minimum donation is \$25.00. You may also choose a class or make it a general sponsor. We had no visitors but 2 new members returned, Leslie Haddod and Deborah Hyatt.

**Show and Tell.** There were an astonishing 25 plants brought in for Show and Tell.

Mandel Brown - Paph vilusum, Paph winston's pass, LC Orgladesgnand & Ctt Jewell Box 'Dark Waters'

Mark Mills - Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester

Victoria Padgett – Phalenopsis name unknown

Alex Kumok – Dendrobium spectabile, Paph (Robin Hall x Jewel Song), Paph delenatii

Randy Bayer – Broughtonia sanguinea, Dendrobium lawesii

Forrest Brem – Oncidium (Trichocentium) Splendidum, Dendrobium sanderae, Paphiopedilum Shun Fe Golden, SC Calypso

Fenwick Chappell - Ctt Jewell Box 'Dark Waters'

Nancy Detling – Dendrobium johnsoniae

Melissa Garner – Vandachortylis Veeraphol, Epc. Rene Morques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS,

Vandachostylis Mishima Lime, Den. Uniflorum, Rlc. Matthew Kock, Rlc Haw Yuan Moon 'SVO' x Fire Fantasy 'H & R'

Ellen Watson – Epc Kyoguchi Suno mutation x L Seagulls, Oeniella polystachys

First Place Mandel Brown Ctt Jewell Box 'Dark Waters'

Second Place Mark Mills - Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester

Third Place Victoria Padgett – Phalenopsis name unknown

**Auction** - plants were donated from Ellen Watson, Doug Mallory and Alex Kumok. Break for refreshments.

Our speaker this month is member Melissa Garner. Her presentation was on 'What Makes A Great Orchid Bloom for AOS Judging'? She gave us a view into the Judging world. She covered the score sheet showing the categories, General, Cattleya, Dendrobium, etc. She used awarded plants from our members showing the parents and how you could see the 'child' carrying the parents characteristics of color, shape of flowers, number of flowers, etc. She showed how the scoring was determined. It was a really informative and learning talk.



Meeting begins . . .



Show & Tell



Off to the auction . . .



Snack time . . . .



Melissa's presentation



**Show and Tell:**



**3<sup>rd</sup> place**  
Phalaenopsis name unknown



**2<sup>nd</sup> place**  
Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester



**1<sup>st</sup> place**  
Ctt Jewell Box 'Dark Waters'

**Debra Baker**  
**Acting Recording Secretary**



# Visitor and Membership Report



**Deborah Hayatt**

We had a total of 35 members and no visitors at the February meeting. However, Deborah Hayatt, who visited in January, returned and became our newest member. Deborah (pictured above) joined right in the bidding for the auctioned plants and happily added two new orchids to her collection. Welcome Deborah!

Dorothy, Bill and I look forward to seeing all of you at the March meeting.

**Bill, Nancy and Dorothy**

## MOS Announcements:

**2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER** for the Memphis Orchid Society



*It is that time of the year again. Payment of \$25.00 will be gladly accepted at the next meeting or you can mail a check to the address listed below. If you mail your payment please email me know so I can be on the lookout. Please indicate if there has been a change of address, telephone number or email address. Check should be payable to the Memphis Orchid Society.*

*Debra Baker 3617 Graves Rd., Memphis, TN 38116. Work: 224-4795*

**Name Tag.** If you would like a Memphis Orchid Society Name Tag, the cost is \$8.00 for a pin tag and \$10.00 for a magnet tag. See Debra Baker

**MSU Fertilizer** still available at \$4.50 per bag. See Debra.

## 2016 MOS REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>SWEETS</b>  | <b>SAVORIES</b>      | <b>DRINKS</b>       |
|--------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| January 24   | Randy Bayer  | Debra Baker          | David Potts         |
| February 28  | Linn/Shepard   | Dixie Henderson      | Don & Rory Theeuwes |
| March 20     | Forrest Brem   | Jimmy Harwell        | Doug Mallory        |
| April 24     |  | Dorothy Goode        | John Wessels        |
| May 20-21    | <b>SHOW – NO REGULAR MEETING</b>   |                      |                     |
| June 26      | Nancy Detling  | Laura Evans          |                     |
| July 24      | Sue Hall   |                      |                     |
| August 28    |  |                      |                     |
| September 25 |  |                      |                     |
| October 23   |  | Ronnie & Susan Young |                     |
| November 20  | Leanne Burton  |                      | Don & Rory Theeuwes |
| December     |  <b>Holiday Party</b>  |                      |                     |

# TIPS AND TRICKS

## ANT INVASION

With all the rain we've had recently has a colony of ants invaded your home to get out of their wet subterranean nests? If so you don't have to call the exterminator or use toxic sprays to eliminate them. There is a simple 3 ingredient low toxicity mixture you can make at home with ingredients you probably already have in your house. Water and granulated sugar are two of the 3 ingredients with borax being the third. (Does 20 Mule Team Borax come to mind)?

There is a commercially available ant killer Terro that many of you might be familiar with but the simple mixture of sugar, water and borax can perform as well. You can go on the internet and find several recipes for the ingredients but the one presented here most closely matches the level of borax in Terro.

1 C. Sugar  
1 ½ Tbs. Borax  
½ C. Water

Heat the water in the microwave just until it starts to boil. Remove it from the microwave and let it sit for 30 seconds or so.

Add the sugar and mix until dissolved.

Add the borax and stir until dissolved.

Store in an appropriately sized glass jar.

To use, place a few drops on a ¾" piece of non-adsorbent card stock or foil near where you see the ant activity. Within several hours you should see the ants circling the syrup sucking up the mixture. The ants will carry the mixture back to the nest to feed to the queen ant and hatchlings thus wiping out the colony in a couple of days. Keep an eye on the bait as a large contingency of ants can deplete the syrup in short order. If this happens just add a few more drops as they already know where the 'eating is good'.

Note: The toxicity of borax is similar to that of table salt. Also note that boric acid which is toxic is NOT the same as borax.

Courtesy: Chuck Pintner

## AOS Membership Perk

The Memphis Orchid Society can get one-month free membership for every new American Orchid Society member signup using a special membership application noting the Memphis Orchid Society on the form. A copy is attached and will be available at our meetings and at the May Show and Sale.

# JOIN



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Whether a beginner or an expert orchid grower, as a member of the AOS you're part of something bigger, you are part of a worldwide community of like-minded people—the orchid community who share a passion for orchids. The benefits:

- Twelve issues of award-winning *Orchids* magazine per year
- Access to the special educational opportunities in the members section online at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)
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- Receive discounts on back issues of *Orchids* and AOS publications.

### Become a member online at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

Yes, I want to be a member. Please check the membership plan of your choice:

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| Student, one year**   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00            |
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Are you a member of a local orchid society?  No  Yes

If so, please provide the name of the society: MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY

I enclose my check or money order made payable (US funds) through a US Bank to: **American Orchid Society**

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