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From the President:

I would like use my space to explain an honor you may or may not be fully familiar with, the SWROGA Achievement Award. This award was created subsequent to the efforts of an ad hoc committee chaired by Lena Parker in 1992. The purpose of the award is to recognize extraordinary members and their efforts in behalf of SWROGA.

Past honorees are:

1993	Fred Strothman
1998	Ed Wright
2000	Byron McGraw
2003	Kathy Wright
2004	Burrell Gambel
2006	Carolyn McCabe
2007	Doris McGraw

Conditions and procedures are as follows:

Any member can nominate a potential recipient (living or dead). Nominations are made by letter to the SWROGA President, and should list the nominee's accomplishments. The letter must be received by the President at least 60 days prior to the next meeting to be considered. The letter is then circulated to SWROGA officers for their recommendation. If recommended by the officers, the nomination is presented to the Board of Directors for approval, to be presented as soon as possible.

This is the Cliff's Notes version. The details may be found in the SWROGA Procedures Manual (on the web site).

See you in Alexandria!

Mike Saar

SWROGA AUCTION AND RAFFLE

The Central Louisiana and Northeast Louisiana Orchid Societies are hosting the Fall SWROGA Meeting and Show in Alexandria, Louisiana, September 21-23, 2007. As usual the Affiliated Societies Committee will be conducting an auction and raffle to raise monies for SWROGA Activities. Items are need for these events. Orchid items including plants are desirable but other items are also acceptable.

Please notify Doris McGraw (omie3122@aol.com or call 318-640-4732) of the items. This will facilitate the recording of the articles and have them ready at the meeting. You may bring the items with you when attending the meeting or send to Doris McGraw; 3820 Lafayette Dr.; Pineville, LA 71360.

In the past these events have provided monies for trophies, Research Fund, and other SWROGA projects. Monies raised during the current drawing will benefit the Research Fund.

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Treasurer's Corner

July 25, 2007

Following are the financial activities between 6/7/07 and 7/25/07:

General Fund Receipts:

1. Interest earned: \$ 30.22
2. Show tag sales: \$ 75.00
3. Newsletter Ads: \$ 45.00
4. Raffle ticket: \$ 5.00

Total Gen. Fund Receipts: \$ 155.22

General Fund Expenses:

1. Show tag postage: \$10.60
2. Newsletter printing and mailing: \$ 881.03

Total Gen. Fund Expenses: \$ 891.63

Research Fund:

Interest earned: \$ 30.21

No expenses were incurred.

Trophy Fund Receipts:

Interest earned: \$ 394.13

Trophy Fund Expenses:

Assistance to CLOS for trophies for fall SWROGA show: \$ 1,225.00

SWROGA Funds on hand as of close of business July 25, 2007:

General	\$ 8,857.80
Research	\$ 7,509.46
Trophy	<u>\$ 74,819.70</u>
Total	\$ 91,186.96

**Your SWROGA treasurer,
Carolyn McCabe**

SWROGA News Deadlines

SWROGA News Ad Rates

Vol./Issue	Date	Deadline			1 Quarter	2 Quarters	3 Quarters	4 Quarters
39, #1	Spring 2007 (before Spring SWROGA show)	February 1, 2007		Full Page * (9-1/2"x7-1/4")	\$140	\$170	\$200	\$230
39, #2	Summer 2007 (after Spring SWROGA Show)	June 7, 2007		Half Page (9-1/2"x3-1/2") (6-3/4"x4-3/4")	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140
39, #3	Fall 2007 (before Fall SWROGA Show)	July 25, 2007		Quarter Page 4-1/2"x4"	\$45	\$65	\$85	\$105
39, #4	Winter 2007 (after Fall SWROGA Show)	November 1, 2007		Eighth Page 3-1/2"x2-1/2"	\$25	\$45	\$65	\$85

FAIS DO DO

These may be strange word to most of you. To the Cajun it means "Party Time". This is a time to get together with friends and neighbors and relax, enjoy good food, good music and fellowship. The whole family comes along and when the children get sleepy they are put to bed and the parents enjoy the rest of the evening. That is exactly what is being planed for you at the next SWROGA Meeting. First of all there will be those wonderful displays of our favorite flowers. We'll be able to stroll among those marvelous displays and wish we had "that" orchid in our greenhouse. We'll be able to browse the sales tables and buy that orchid that we cannot live without. When we get home we'll have to make room in our crowded greenhouse but we always find room for one more.

O.K. we've arrived, what now? On Saturday morning there is the affiliated society breakfasts. We enjoy fellowship and a good breakfast to begin our day. The Affiliated Societies Committee has an interesting program for us. There is also a raffle of those "Orchid Items" that members have donated. Remember that one person's junk is another person's treasure. Lots of fun

Then there are Committee meeting, where the real business of SWROGA is accomplished. The meeting following, where we learn of the results of the committee meeting and decide if we agree. It is time for us to find out exactly what SWROGA does for us and our society. Lectures in the afternoon. We get some very good pointers to improve our growing techniques. The Affiliated Societies have been setting up for the auction. There is always something we'd like to add to our orchid collections. Later we join in the fun, bidding on some of these items. Then to top off the evening "Fais Do Do". What a weekend. We bet you didn't know that growing orchids could be so much fun.

Web Sites of Interest in SWROGA

Dallas and Shreveport Judging Centers: <http://www.djc-aos.org/>

Great Plains Judging Center: <http://www.orchidjudging-gpjc.org/>

Houston Judging Center: <http://www.houstonorchidsociety.org/judging/judging.html>

Rocky Mountain Judging Center: <http://paphs.net/Orchids2.html>

Arkansas Orchid Society: <http://www.arkansasorchidsociety.org/>

Kansas Orchid Society: <http://www.kansasorchidsociety.com/>

Baton Rouge Orchid Society: <http://www.geocities.com/jbhuner/>

Central Louisiana Orchid Society:
<http://www.swroga.org/Central%20Louisiana%20Orchid%20Society.htm>

New Orleans Orchid Society: www.neworleansorchidsociety.org

Terrebonne Orchid Society: <http://www.terrebonneorchidsociety.com/>

WRIGHT THINKING

SUMMER 2007

To the amazement of spouse and friends, I was surprised recently. Yep, a grower asked about treatment for a new crop of greenhouse insect pests and I, in my usual first step, asked what he had done. The surprise answer: EVERYTHING, all at once.

This happens all too often, so we need to talk about it. Lets begin with identification of the pest or disease. It takes a lot less time, money and health risk to positively identify a pest or disease, research a specific cure and treat the specific problem. A specific treatment will be more effective and more efficient than throwing the storage cabinet into the fray and hoping for the best. Besides, a specific treatment will enable you to thoroughly check the particulars of a limited number of pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides.

One of the best ways I have found to check toxicity and other hazards is to look up ads for the product on the Internet or in catalogs and other advertising. It seems to me that chemical manufacturers are pretty imaginative when discussing what their product controls or cures. “Leaps tall buildings” is mild stuff where all-purpose insecticides are concerned. Yet advertising for these products also includes straight-shooter information regarding safety factors. One piece of information generally ignored by applicators is the Re-entry Interval or ‘REI’ number. This number indicates the number of hours needed for safety between the time of application and the time people re-enter the greenhouse or facility for general use. This is good safety information, and I’ve never understood why it wasn’t listed more often on the label of general use chemicals.

Each chemical should have a full-disclosure Material Safety Data Sheet – somewhere. If you’re lucky, a copy is in the package you buy. Usually, it is necessary to get on the Internet and do a bit of homework. Start with a general inquiry, such as “Malathion MSDS”. Caution: an MSDS will be very specific. Different formulations of the same product may have significantly different specifications on the applicable MSDS.

While reading the fine print on label, MSDS, catalog or manufacturer’s site, believe all recommendations for safety equipment. Wear a suitable mask where prescribed, find a protective pair of shoes to wear, wear gloves whether they are specifically required or not. These things are common sense AND they can save your eyes, lungs, gizzard or life.

Finally, remember that not all hazards in a greenhouse are chemically related. Slip and fall are just as threatening in the greenhouse as they are in any other wet-floor place. There’s really not much one can say about avoiding such hazards, but remember rule one: never work alone. Always have an observer standing by with a pencil and a small pad of paper. When you tumble – as inevitably you will – the observer must immediately record the number of bounces. I’ve had lots of experience with this and I can tell you for sure: the first question the EMS guy is going to ask is, “How many times did he bounce?” A properly recorded and accurate count will go a long way toward effective treatment and quick recovery.

Continuing List of Orchid Shows Within SWROGA

For more recent information check the SWROGA website at www.swroga.org

2007	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
September 21-23	Central Louisiana and Northeast Louisiana Orchid Societies <u>hosting SWROGA</u>	Best Western Inn & Suites, Alexandria, LA	Byron McGraw 3820 Lafayette Dr. Pineville, LA 71360 bydor@aol.com 318-640-4732
October 5 -7	San Antonio Orchid Society Show Judging Friday Oct. 5, after 6 pm Judges dinner on site	San Antonio Garden Center 555 Funston San Antonio, TX 78209 (On the grounds of the SA Botanical Gardens)	Dr. Eric Shepard 113 High Vista San Antonio, TX 78232 ecshepphd@aol.com
October 18-21	AOS Members Meeting	Delray Beach, FL	
November 16-18	Shreveport Orchid Society	Barnwell Garden & Art Center 601 Clyde Fant Pkwy Shreveport, LA 71101	Patsy Boersma 376 Henderson Schoolhouse Marshall, TX 75670
November 17-18	Oklahoma Orchid Society Show	Will Rogers Garden Center 3400 NW 36 th St. Oklahoma City, OK	Vernon & Margaret Reynolds 3225 Prairie Rose Road Oklahoma City, OK 73120 magreyn@aol.com 405-752-2398
December 1st, 2007	Acadian Orchid Society annual Orchid Short Course	Guest speakers: Martin Motes of Motes Orchids (Vandas), and Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids (Mini Catts)	Best Western Hotel Acadiana 1801 W. Pinhook Road Lafayette, Louisiana 70508 Phone: 337 233-8120 Harvey J. Firestone
2008 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
March 15-17	Galveston Orchid Society Spring Show	Nessler Center 2010 5 th Avenue North Texas City, TX 77590	Harriet Davis harri@wt.net 409-986-9419
April 4-6	Arkansas Orchid Society, Little Rock, Arkansas	Second Presbyterian Church 600 Pleasant Valley Dr Little Rock, AR 72227	Karen Gambel 11073 Bainbridge Dr Little Rock, AR 72212 ricknkarn@aristotle.net 501-221-1217
May 2-4	Orchid Society of the Ozarks <u>hosting SWROGA</u>	Rogers, Arkansas	Tom Larkin 9790 Larkin Lane Rogers, AR 72756

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for more information and/or to reserve space, limited to 18.

SWROGA Show Hosts Needed!!!!

The Affiliated Societies Committee is asking for your help! Host Societies are need for the Fall Show and Meetings of 2008, 2009, and 2010.

The process is easy:

Write to President Saar asking to host the Fall show of your choice **after** getting approval of your dates from the Chair of your AOS Judging Center. Get your letter in soon so that it can be acted upon at the Fall meeting of 2007 in Alexandria, Louisiana, September 21-23, 2007.

Include the following information in your letter:

- 1) a statement of the approximate time of the show and the city in which it is to be hosted,
- 2) a statement that your Society understand that it must abide by the rules, regulations, and schedule of the Show Committee currently and as may be amended,
- 3) a statement acknowledging that the Society has no authority to bind SWROGA in any manner pertaining to the show and that the Society assumes full and complete responsibility for all expenses, debts, claims, and liabilities in connection with the show.

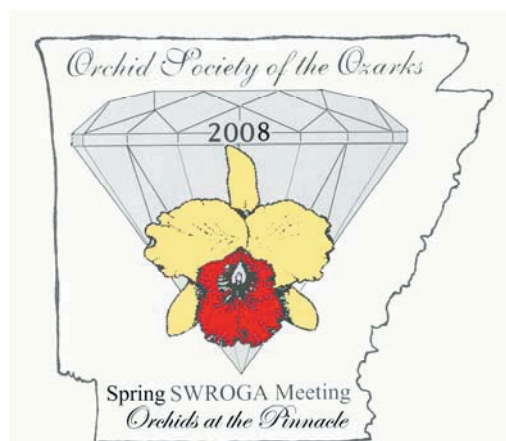
Don't forget that SWROGA is your organization and it needs you to be successful!

HELP WANTED!

Are you a CPA or other accounting type? SWROGA is in need of a new Auditor. Your sole duty would be to perform the requisite audit of the Treasurer's books at the end of each year and present an audit report to the Board of Directors at the spring meeting. Pay is comparable to other SWROGA officers. Contact Mike Saar (msaar824@comcast.net)

It won't be long now

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"ROUNDUP" OF AOS AND SWROGA MEMBERS.
A TEXAS-SIZE TIME WAS
ENJOYED BY ALL!!!

Central Louisiana & Northeast Louisiana Orchid Societies
93rd SWROGA MEETING AND SHOW
SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2007

Dear SWROGA Member;

The Central Louisiana Orchid Society and the Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society have joined together to host the 93rd SWROGA Meeting and Show in the Best Western Convention Center in Alexandria, Louisiana, September 21-23, 2007. We have chosen the theme of "Orchid Fais do do" in recognition of the Cajun Culture in Louisiana. We all know that the Cajuns like to party, so we are planning a "party" to celebrate the event. We hope you will join us and enjoy the orchids, fellowship, and strengthen our regional organization.

The Best Western is the same hotel that many of you may remember from the last SWROGA hosted by Central Louisiana Orchid Society. They will offer the very low nightly rate of \$65 for King or double and suites for \$78 plus tax. The suite is a consist of two rooms with bath between. It also contains a coffee maker, full size refrigerator, and microwave. Reservations may be made by calling 318-445-5530 or toll free 888-338-2008, be sure to mention group code "Orchid 07".

We have arranged to have two speakers to add to your knowledge of our hobby, Norito Hasegawa and Tom Larkin. As expected Norito will be speaking on his favorite subject "Paphiopedilum" and Tom will discuss "Designer Cattleyas". Both should give us interesting and helpful information. We'll have the usual Affiliated Societies Breakfast, with raffle, auction on Saturday evening before the Cajun "Fais do do". So, come prepared to enjoy all the festivities and have a real "Cajun Weekend". For the Judges, we have arranged to have the regular monthly judging of the Shreveport Judging Center moved to Alexandria for the month of September. In addition to the judging of plants, one of our students will also give a presentation on 'Paphs'. Judges will be able to have credit for a show and a center judging on this week end.

Alexandria is located in the center of the state and is accessible by I-49 and other US highways. The hotel is located on North MacArthur Drive. We also have a new air terminal serviced by Continental, Northwest, American and Delta Airlines. Most are using Regional Jets which are very comfortable. If you are arriving by air, we can arrange transportation to the hotel. If you are driving we'll be happy to provide more detailed information to assure your arrival without having unnecessary problems.

To have a successful "Orchid Show" we must have orchid displays. We offer spaces for floor exhibits of 50 sq. ft. and 25 sq. ft., table top exhibits (6' X 2 ½'). We welcome individual exhibits as well as group and society exhibits..

Don't delay. Now is the time to make your reservation and submit your registration. We have carefully considered the charges for the activities and have decided to make the weekend all inclusive. The hotel is reasonably priced, activities are planed to entertain and keep you busy all day Saturday and a "GREAT" Saturday night event. By making it inclusive we are able to offer you much more and make your stay in Central Louisiana one that will be remembered.

Byron McGraw Keith Joiner
Show Chairmen

Central Louisiana & Northeast Louisiana Orchid Societies
93rd SWROGA MEETING AND SHOW
SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2007

REGISTRATION

1st person _____

Badge Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Orchid Society _____

e-mail _____ Phone _____

Ribbon & AOS Judging Participation? Yes _____ No _____

Saturday AOS Judging Participation? Yes _____ No _____

Attending Judges Dinner? Yes ___ No ___ Guest? Yes--- No ___

2nd person _____

Badge Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Orchid Society _____

e-mail _____ Phone _____

Ribbon & AOS Judging Participation? Yes ___ No ___

Attending Judges' Dinner? Yes ___ No ___

Registration \$75.00 received before September 1, 2007,
\$85.00 after. Registration includes all events.

Registration amount \$ _____

Registration checks should be made to and mailed to:

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c/o Byron McGraw

3820 Lafayette Drive

Pineville, LA 71360

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 21, 2007

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Welcome & SWROGA Registration

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit & Commercial Sales Setup

11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Plant Registration

11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

05:30 p.m. Judges' Dinner

07:30 p.m. - Show Judging

Saturday, September 22, 2007

07:30 a.m.–0 8:45 a.m. Affiliated Societies Breakfast

09:00 a.m.– 05:00 p.m. Show & Sales Open

09:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

09:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Committee Meetings

11:00 a.m. SWROGA Directors & General Meeting

01:00 p.m. – AOS Judging

02:00p.m. – Lecture

03:15 p.m. – Lecture

05:00 p.m. – Auction Preview

05:30 p.m. – Auction

07:00 p.m. – Fais do do

Sunday, September 23, 2007

10:a.m. – 04:00 p.m. Show & Sales Open

10:00 a.m. – 02:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

04:00 –06:00 p.m. Take Down & Clean Up