



East Texas Orchid Society

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It's Official!

The East Texas Orchid Society is no longer just a goal or future plan. At the May meeting we approved our founding documents, filled out the first membership applications, accepted our first annual dues payments, and elected our first slate of officers. These steps will ensure the longevity and autonomy of ETOS, but they are *not* the purpose of organizing the group. Our purpose, clearly stated in our new bylaws, is as follows:

“The East Texas Orchid Society shall be a non-profit organization with the purpose of creating a common bond between orchid enthusiasts in east Texas and to improve and promote the study of orchids, their propagation, preservation and conservation, culture, care, and development.”

This purpose will be the driving force and underlying theme of everything we do as a group. We are people who grow orchids, but we are people first. While the above statement stresses a concentration on all things orchid related, we were careful to not overlook the “creating a common bond” aspect. As we learn from each other and grow our orchid knowledge and experience, we hope to mutually increase the enjoyment that each of us derives from growing orchids. We have laid a good foundation for an active and efficient society, but for an open and friendly one as well. Come see for yourself at our next meeting on June 7. You might go home with an orchid and you might even learn something new. One thing is for sure – you will be made to feel welcome.



East Texas Orchid Society - 2009 Officers

President – Olie Garrison **Co-Vice President** – Cindy McReynolds **Co-Vice President** – Linda McLean
Secretary – Justin Daniel **Treasurer** – Wynn Logan

Show and Tell – Display Tables at Monthly Meetings

Although we are still a new group with few members, we have had beautiful orchids displayed at every meeting so far. Each meeting, ETOS members bring blooming orchids to share the fruits of their labor and to give other members the opportunity to enjoy them in person. We have seen a wide variety of orchids over the past 8 months and have learned a great deal about their care and cultural requirements. As we gain members, and our members acquire plants, the table will only get better and better! Here is just a sample of orchids seen at our last few meetings:



May 14-17: Bogs, Birds, Butterflies, etc. – Fort Polk, LA area. Bog trips to see wild orchids. www.nativeventures.net

June 7, Sunday: ETOS June meeting – 1:30 pm at Unity Church, Nacogdoches, TX

June – Date TBA: Re-potting Workshop - ETOS to host a seminar on re-potting for optimal root growth. There may be a nominal registration fee, but attendees get to take home their newly re-potted orchid!

July 10-12: Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA.

July 12, Sunday: ETOS July meeting – 1:30 pm at Unity Church, Nacogdoches, TX (**2nd Sunday due to July 4th holiday**)

August 2, Sunday: ETOS August meeting – 1:30 pm at Unity Church, Nacogdoches, TX

August 7: Houston Orchid Society Annual Workshop, Univ. of St. Thomas, Crooker Center, 3900 Graustark, Houston, TX.

June Meeting Preview: On June 7th we will be delegating an AOS Representative in order to move towards AOS affiliation. Other agenda items include planning the re-potting workshop, settling on potential topics and speakers for programs this fall, and of course another show-and-tell table. As usual, we will have refreshments and will close the meeting with an orchid raffle. Don't miss out!

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