

Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society

BROS News

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April Meeting Information

Our monthly meeting will be held this Wednesday, April 19, at the Burden Conference Center at 7pm.

Our April meeting program will be a hands on workshop for members on how to mount orchid on wood. Small orchids, wood plaques and supplies will be provided. If you have your own piece of driftwood that you would like to bring or a mounted orchid for show and tell please do so.



President's Message

President's Note

April 2023

Hello BROS!



A last bit of cooler weather welcomes spring growth in our orchids. Many overwintered plants are stirring from a colder, semi-dormant period (some have grown all winter!). Now is a great time to check for scale or other pest problems that may have set in during the winter.

I respectfully recommend *Florida Orchid Growing - Month by Month*, by Martin Motes. You would think I am getting a cut of the proceeds for as much as I tout this book, but *Florida Orchid Growing* provides a comprehensive guide to orchid care in a climate that is very similar to ours (we get regular freezes, e.g.). You can also get much of the guidance provided by the book in the Motes email newsletters. Warning, the Motes email newsletter will regularly tempt you with offers for Vandas, Myrmecophila and other orchids.

I will not be at the April meeting but while I am away, my mother and I will be visiting several gardens around the Philadelphia area. Hopefully I will have some videos to show everyone at a later meeting.

Thanks,

- Frank

March Meeting Minutes

In our March meeting, we learned that we had six new members in attendance and several were from the Ag Show. We then had a discussion about the bloom table and learned from Mal that Kathy's Passion is a big plant that should be given as much light as possible. The members in attendance were split into two groups and worked with Kathy and Patty to set up two Orchid displays using the orchids from the bloom table. Lanna then discussed with the teams how Orchid displays are judged. She worked with Frank Z. to provide feedback regarding how the displays could be better arranged.

After creating the two example displays, Lanna gave a brief presentation about the Gulf Coast Orchid Show. She discussed what went well and also provided details of what could be improved. The most notable improvement needed is to obtain better lighting. The members were reminded to keep an eye out for emails regarding the upcoming Orchid shows. BROS is still in desperate need for volunteers to help transport orchids, set up the display, and/or take down the display for each show.

- Lanna Lytle

MARCH MEETING PHOTOS



Our March meeting provided great food, camaraderie, and education and information on setting up orchid exhibits. Thanks to members who contributed their expertise!

TERREBONNE ORCHID SHOW

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS AND TO OUR SOCIETY ON A GREAT SHOW!

BELOW ARE CLARIFICATIONS OF AWARD TYPES:

AOS Pink: Plant judged for an AOS Award

Best Flower: Best Flower of the Alliance in the Show

Best Grown: Best Grown of that Alliance in the Show

Best Table Top: Best Table Top Exhibit in the Show

Grower	Award	Name
Bob Danka	Red	Brassia Datacosa
Bob Danka	Red	Bulbophyllum Karen Lewis
Gene Berg	AOS Pink	Cattlianthe Chit Chat 'Tangerine'
Gene Berg	Best Flower	Cattlianthe Chit Chat 'Tangerine'
Gene Berg	Best Grown Plant	Cattlianthe Chit Chat 'Tangerine'
Gene Berg	Blue	Cattlianthe Chit Chat 'Tangerine'
Gene Berg	SWROGA best grown in show	Cattlianthe Chit Chat 'Tangerine'
Bob Danka	Red	Cymbidium Dag
Conservatory	Yellow	Dendrobium. Fire Wings
Mark Mese	Yellow	Dendrobium lindleyi
Conservatory	Yellow	Encyclia Tiny
Gene Berg	Blue	Guaricatophila Kathy's Passion
Conservatory	Blue	Guaricyclia Epiorange
Patty Granier	AOS Pink	Leliacattleya Granier's 'Grand Rose'
Patty Granier	Best Grown Plant	Leliacattleya Granier's 'Grand Rose'
Patty Granier	Blue	Leliacattleya Granier's 'Grand Rose'
Patty Granier	Blue	Oncidium sphacelatum
Conservatory	Best Flower	Vanda Pachara Delight
Conservatory	Best Grown Plant	Vanda Pachara Delight
Conservatory	Blue	Vanda Pachara Delight
	Best Table Top	

NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SHOW INFO

Looking for Volunteers for the New Orleans Orchid Show!

BROS needs volunteers to put up or take down the New Orleans show. You'll learn so much from the displays and other growers there. And, you'll have a chance to purchase from the vendors' tables before the public is admitted. Please consider helping with the New Orleans Orchid Show!

Show Date: June 3-4, Lakeside Mall, Metairie

NOTE – We assist you in setting up the display on Thurs. night before, and the final one is done on site Friday, June 2

-Kathy Conerly



CELEBRATING DANNA!



Long-time BROS member Danna Spayde turned 90! Some special friends gathered on March 21st to celebrate this awesome milestone with Danna, who is now a nonagenarian!

LSU Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah



Big changes! Thanks to 6 dedicated members, the mounted orchids are now back in their summer home in the Shade House. Needs a little tidying up from the winter storage. Burden is putting up signs for the public and the LSU staff told me people are amazed that 'plants grow on wood!'

Burden is giving us the greenhouse area that these were overwintered in to grow our donated Phals. We need to bring some of the ones we've been growing to our April meeting. They are doing great with multiple spikes. I'm impressed – I think you will be to.

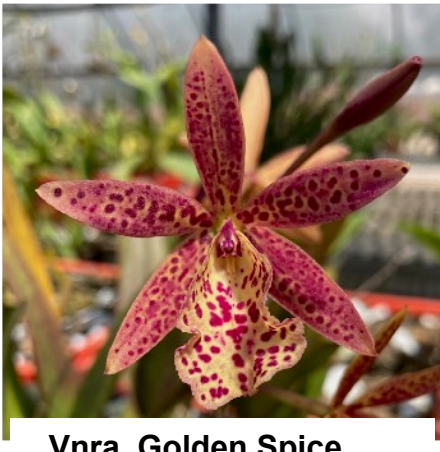
We really have an ideal climate for growing these beautiful flowers and I think we also have the ideal place to display them to the Baton Rouge and Louisiana public.

The way the person took the pictures of the mounts (me!) makes them look more discombobulated than they actually are. If you can, come and volunteer. Or just pay a visit. There are 500 plants on different surfaces.

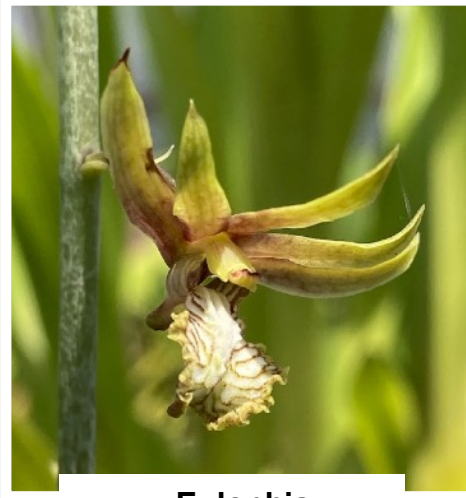


Conservatory Photos by Glenn Gawarecki

APRIL CONSERVATORY BEAUTIES



Vnra. Golden Spice
'Red Pepper'



Eulophia -
Untagged



Epc. Jungle Jim #4



Burden Survey



The LSU Rural Life Museum and the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens (collectively the Burden Museum & Gardens) are at a pivotal point in their joint history and the leadership is eager to learn from your opinions! We would like to have your ideas and feedback to inform a shared vision for the future. This [link](#) takes you to a confidential survey that will take about 10 minutes to complete, and a progress bar will appear at the top of the page to show how far along you are. Please help the Burden Museum & Gardens by completing the survey by Monday, April 24, 2023.

AOS AWARDS FROM THE LOUISIANA JUDGING CENTER

MARCH AWARDS



**Paph. hirsutissimum var. esquirolei
'Bravo' HCC 77 Jackie Bravo**



**Pda. Banjong Indigo 'Bravo' AM 82
Jacqueline Bravo**



**Phrag. lindleyanum var. kareteorum
'Catahoula' CHM 86 Eron Borne**

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Don't forget to assist us by bringing appetizers, sandwiches, cookies or desserts to any upcoming monthly meeting. Contact Jeanette if you would like to sign up for September or any future meetings. Her email is fosterjeanette51@gmail.com

