

Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society

BROS News

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August Meeting Information

Our monthly meeting will be held this Wednesday, August 16, at the Burden Conference Center at 7pm.

This month we will have a guest speaker from the Acadian Orchid Society in Lafayette. Eddie Dupuy will talk on his Plant Expeditions in Florida. Come learn about the best nurseries to find orchids as well as many other plants.



President's Message



President's Note July 2023

Hello BROS,

The heat just won't let up! I have increased the watering on my Vandas to 10 minutes, 3 times per day and I am giving everything else 2 minutes in the morning and 2 minutes around 2PM plus a good soaking once a week-ish. That is a lot of water, how are you dealing with the heat? Please bring any strategies or tales of success to the meeting on August 16th.

We have one more orchid show this year, the Central Louisiana Orchid Show, Friday and Saturday, September 22-23. The show is in Pineville. Hopefully there will be lots of fall-blooming orchids to appreciate. We need volunteers to set up and take down this show. Don't be shy, it's mostly fun.

Happy Growing,

- Frank

July Meeting Minutes

By Lanna Lytle

Our July meeting had 52 members in attendance including 12 new members.

We discussed the BROS Orchid Show and Sale and gave special thanks to David Coco and Jeanette Foster for their efforts in ensuring a successful event. We also thanked the clerks for donating their time during judging and everyone who helped set up and clean up the event.

Gene and Thelma Berg's contributions to the Orchid Society and Green Growers Society were celebrated with thank you videos, a card signed by the members of the societies, and cake.

Presentations were given by Kathy Conerly, Patty Granier, and Hal Canning about caring for orchids.

(See next page for details from each presentation)

July Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

Kathy Conerly: Cattleyas

- Cattleyas have pseudobulbs and rather larger roots.
- Light: They like bright, indirect light (3000-5000 ft-candles), but don't allow them to burn in the afternoon sun. The leaves should be light-medium green; if leaves are dark, they don't have enough light.
- Watering: Water thoroughly (let water drain out of the base). Consider using rainwater or a fertilizer that reduces pH.
- Fertilizing: Fertilize every 2 weeks during growing season and about 1/month otherwise.
- Repotting: This should be done after flowering or during the growing season. March - June tend to be good months to repot.

Patty: Dendrobiums

- Dendrobiums are grown very similar to Cattleyas. However, they have finer roots and, therefore, require finer bark.
- Temperature: Dendrobiums do not handle cold as well as Cattleyas and don't like going below 50°.
- Repotting: Repot about every two years and wet the potting media before beginning.
- Misc. Information: Dry cinnamon can be placed on "wounds" of the orchid to prevent infections. Also, hydrogen peroxide can be used to clean pot mildew.

Hal Canning: Phalaenopsis

- Widely available at grocery stores. Phals don't have a pseudobulb and can be a more finicky to care for.
- Repotting: The pots must have a drainage hole; consider using glass drill bits to add holes to pots that do not have them. When repotting, Hal uses white Styrofoam at the bottom of the pot.
- Light: Phals prefer a little more shade than Cattleyas.
- Flowering: After the Phal is no longer blooming, cut the flower spike after the second node near the base of the plant).
- Watering: Do not water Phals with ice cubes. If the Phal has been potted in a clear pot, the color of the roots are a great indicator of if it needs to be watered. If the roots are still dark green, it does not need to be watered.

The American Orchid Society has culture sheets on its website and many resources regarding orchid care.

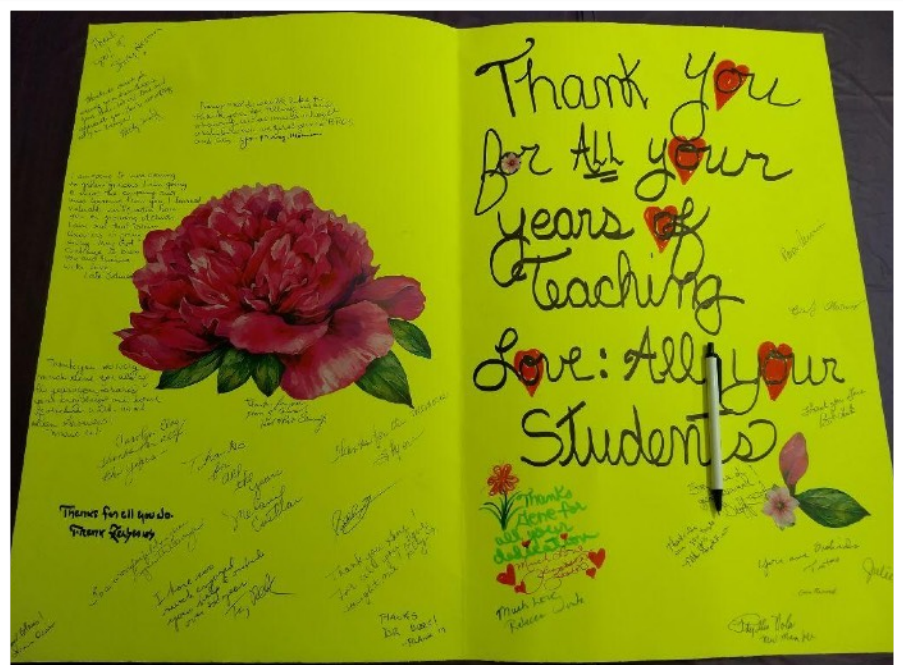
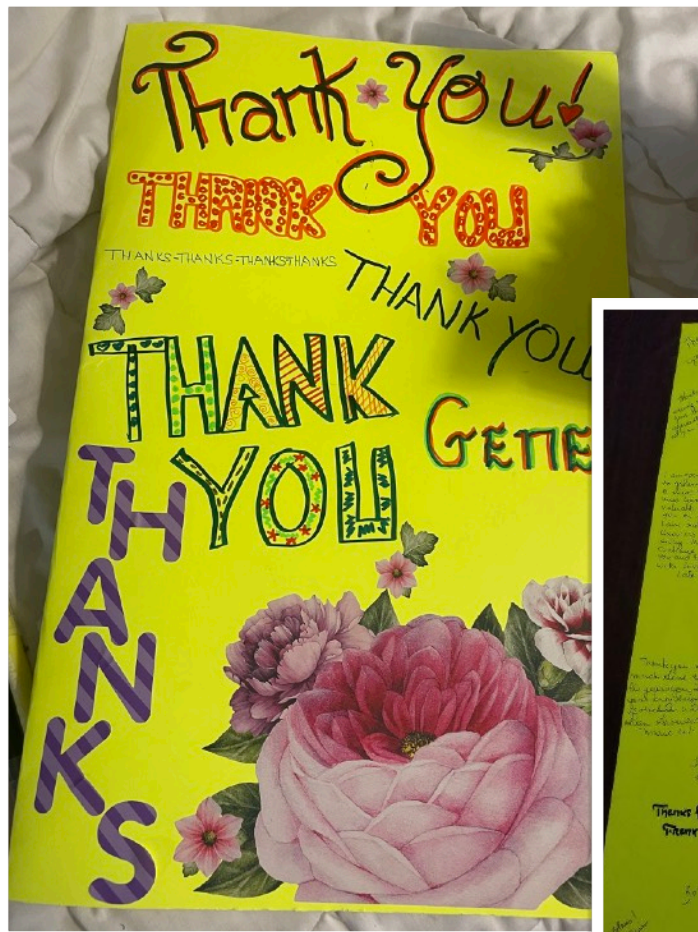
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Honoring Gene & Thelma Berg's Contributions



Membership News

I am so happy about the July BROS attendance! This is the most we have had since at least post covid. Anybody that didn't attend missed a really informative meeting. We had 6 new members that night and 5 of our 12 visitors joined a few days later online via member management software.

I would like to thank Mariette Acocella for doing the raffle tickets and June Owens, Shirley Neesom, Pam Aucoin, Hal Canning and Charles Dartez for being greeters to our new people. Your help was much appreciated. These are our new July members:

Ashley LeBlanc—Ashley grows cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium, phalaenopsis. She is interested in our foster orchid program, social media, and conservatory assistance. Her significant other is Leo Kukuy. She resides in Baton Rouge.

Karen Pharis—Karen wants to learn more about orchids and is interested in the hospitality committee. Karen resides in Baton Rouge.

Morena Cazedessus—She has been a member before and wants to learn more about orchids. She wants to be on the hospitality & membership committee—I can certainly use you, Morena! She resides in Baton Rouge.

Jesse Turner—he and his wife, Rebecca joined us at the meeting. He heard about us through the orchid show. He is interested in the monthly meeting set up/ clean up, orchid shows, photography(Oh, can I use you!) He also wants to have fun; You and Rebecca have come to the right place! They reside in Sunshine La.

Emma Raimondi— she wants to learn more about orchids and meet others that want to also. Her favorite genera is the dendrobium. She wants to participate in monthly meeting setup and cleanup, orchid shows, being an orchid coach and conservatory assistance. She resides in Slidell.

Mary Legoria — Mary joined at the meeting. She wants to learn more about orchids and meet like minded persons. She is interested in social media updates, monthly meeting setups, orchid shows and hospitality. She resides in Baton Rouge,

Julie Cacciopo— She was a visitor and signed up as a member online on member management software later. Julie grows cattleya. She learned about us from the show and is interested in orchid shows and conservatory assistance. She resides in Baton Rouge.

Phyllis Nola Chatelain—Phyllis attended as a visitor and signed up as a member online on member management a few days later. She is interested in monthly meeting setup/cleanup, orchid shows and social media. She lives in New Roads.

Debbie Baudin—Debbie joined after the meeting online through member management after the July meeting. She has a greenhouse with a few years orchid experience. She is interested in monthly meeting setup/cleanup, hospitality, foster orchid program, orchid shows and orchid conservatory. She is also into glass artistry.

Welcome to all our new members!

We also have a few August birthdays to recognize:

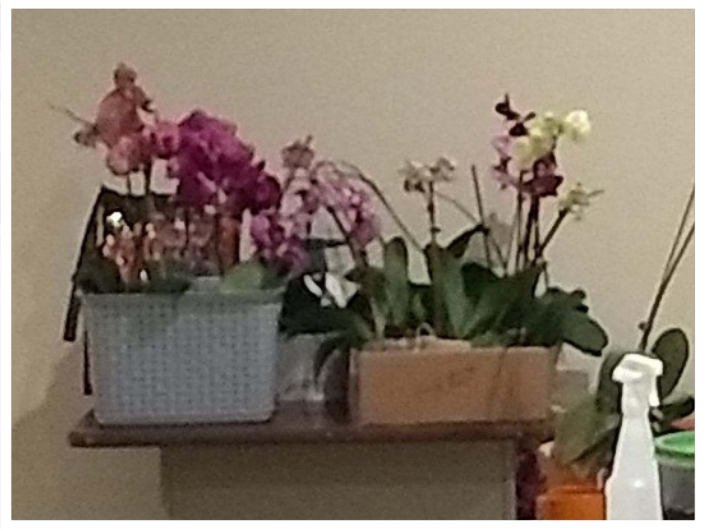
8/8 Carrie Andreport
8/13 Beverly Andreport
8/20 John Hough
8/23 Frank McMains
8/30 Tin-Wen Yu
8/30 Michael Gurjack Frost
8/30 Pat Canning

Happy Birthday to all August birthdays!

Nancy Morrison
Membership Chairman

Sharon Ayers Presents at Master Gardener Meeting

BROS member Sharon Ayers gave a talk about orchids at the Feliciana Master Gardener Meeting. Sharon showed how to repot Phalaenopsis. She also invited all to join BROS at our next meeting and come to our work days at the Conservatory. BROS kindly offered free Phals for the meeting. Thanks, Sharon for building our Orchid community!



Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah

Relentless.

By the time you are receiving this perhaps we will be seeing some summer showers. BUT as I am writing, we are having a week of 100°F days with no rain. My hope is that this is the final week in Hades.

It is hard to enjoy anything outdoors. I've been getting up early to make sure I can reshelter by 9AM. (Actually 8AM is still rather pleasant.) This means not a lot of visits to the Conservatory except to make sure the irrigation is running. Any potting or rearranging or tidying are going to have to wait till the temp drops into the more tolerable low 90s. (Can't believe I just wrote that sentence!)

Why do you grow orchids? I'll tell you why I grow them. Forget about the enchanting flowers and intoxicating fragrances. I grow them because they are basically indestructible and I don't have time or patience to fuss over plants that are unhappy in our climate.

Those of you that have visited the Conservatory recently will know that the orchids are fine – sitting there, making roots and swelling buds, waiting for a more hospitable time that they can invite us to see them dramatically unfurling their other worldly beauty.

I can wait.

Cattleya Blooming Info from Frank Z.

Since we always have a problem getting enough summer bloomers, Frank has modified the Cattleya chart from Sue Bottom's June 2017 Orchids article to give us this helpful information.

*C. deckerii	JAN											
*C. jenmanii	JAN											
*C. percivaliana	JAN											
*C. quadricolor	JAN											
*C. loddigesii	JAN	FEB	MAR									
*C. walkeriana	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR								
C. amethystoglossa	JAN	FEB										
C. trianaei	JAN	FEB										
Gur. aurantiaca		FEB	MAR									
C. lawrenceana			MAR	APR								
C. lueddemanniana			MAR	APR								
C. schroderae			MAR	APR								
C. nobilior			MAR	APR								
C. intermedia			MAR	APR	MAY							
Gur. skinneri				APR								
C. aclandiae				APR	MAY	JUN	JLY	AUG				
C. forbesii				APR	MAY							
C. iricolor				APR	MAY							
C. luteola				APR	MAY							
C. mossiae				APR	MAY							
C. schilleriana				APR	MAY							
C. mendelii				APR	MAY	JUN						
C. warneri					MAY							
C. granulosa					MAY	JUN						
C. porphyroglossa					MAY	JUN						
C. violacea					MAY	JUN	JLY	AUG				
C. harrisoniana						JUN	JLY					
C. dowiana						JUN	JLY					
C. leopoldii						JUN	JLY					
C. warszewiczii						JUN	JLY					
C. gaskelliana							JLY					
C. rex							JLY					
C. schofieldiana							JLY	AUG				
C. aurea							JLY	AUG	SEP			

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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

