

Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society

BROS News

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February Meeting Information

Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, at the Burden Conference Center at 7pm. This month's program will feature guest speaker Harold Letz, who will discuss growing orchids from seed.

Harold, a native of Crowley, LA, bought his first orchid plant at the age of 16 from Rod McLellan Orchid Company through the mail. Over the years, he has collected orchids through orchid shows, and through mail order -- foreign and domestic. His primary interest is Cattleya species. He has been raising orchids from seed since 1980, and hopes to try meri-cloning in the future.

Other February Meeting Highlights:

- We will have raffle plants and a door prize.
- We would like BROS members help generate potential themes for our orchid show. One theme suggested so far: Rainbow of Orchids.

President's Message



President's Note February, 2023

Hi All,

The Gulf Coast Orchid Society show in Gautier, MS was a well-attended success. Many members visited as spectators and as judges. They returned with new ideas to make our shows better. We also got to talk with some of the vendors who will be at our show in the summer. Out-of-town shows are a great reason to take a weekend drive and pick up some new plants.

I found the first evidence of scale on my cattleyas this week, reminding me to spray my preventative cocktail of Spinosad, MSU fertilizer and Physan (anti-viral/anti-fungal), as well as spot applying an insecticide. Even with pretty good air circulation, insects can get established in our winter growing space.

The Spring Garden Show is coming up, as well as other shows. Please see if you can give some time to the BROS this month. Happy Growing!

-Frank McMains

January Meeting Minutes

Our January meeting began with Nancy Morrison informing the society that we had 48 attendees and 3 new members. Many members of the Lafayette orchid society attended our meeting and were a pleasure to host. The door prize was won by Kathy Conerly.

Bob Danka then gave a wonderful presentation about common orchid pests we may see what steps can be taken to prevent and treat infestations. At the end of his presentation, he informed everyone of two great sources to learn more: the American Orchid Society and the St. Augustine Orchid Society websites. During Q&A, we learned that heavy scale problems can be found in roots, ants could farm pests so they should not be left unchecked, and a good cultural practice is to ensure your orchids have moving (not stagnant) air.

After Bob's presentation, Frank Zachariah discussed the effects of the recent freeze. The majority of our plants in the conservatory had little to no damage, but the plants furthest from the heaters had a range of moderate to severe cold damage. A couple of members recommended SensorPush (about \$99) as a sensor that can be paired with a phone to track greenhouse humidity and temperature and the batteries have last about 2 years for the members who currently use it. While this may not be an option for the BROS conservatory due to lack of Wi-Fi, it does open the discussion for other possible solutions.

There are several Spring Orchid shows approaching, such as the ones in Houma, Lafayette, and Mobile, Alabama. Each of these shows are in dire need of volunteers to make tags, setup, and tear down. Please watch for any emails with more information.

Mark Mese wrapped up the meeting with a discussion about the orchids on our bloom table.

JANUARY MEETING PHOTOS



Chip Thompson brought this group with him from the Acadian Orchid Society. Eddie Dupuy became a member. So glad to have you all!



Mark Mese Introduced Bloom Table plants at our January Meeting

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had an attendance of 50 at our January 2023 meeting! Chip Thompson and five other guests made the trip from the Acadian Orchid Society to join us that evening. Eddie Dupuy became a member! He lives in Breaux Bridge. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings, and by all means, bring your friends back with you. Thank you, Chip for organizing this trip.

Mary and Joe Richardson from the Calcasieu Orchid Society joined us in January. Mary should be a wealth of information for all of us who want to know more about phalaenopsis. Welcome Mary and Joe.

Pamela Aucoin joined us in January. She is interested in orchid shows and learning more about the care of her own orchids. We certainly have plenty of society shows as well as our own coming up. Excellent way to learn. Welcome Pamela!

Juan Carlos Cruz Diaz is a civil engineer who resides in Baton Rouge. He is interested in hybridizing orchids. Welcome Juan and family! We would hope all members would share their experience with other BROS members and invite their friends to a meeting.



**- Nancy Morrison
Membership**

BROS PREP & AWARDS: GULF COAST ORCHID SHOW

Working Hard to Prepare for the Show!



Job Well Done!



Kathy & Lata Set up at Gulf Coast Orchid Show

BROS AWARDS AT GULF COAST

Type	Plant Name	Owner Name
Tri-Color	C. intermedia	Jim Morrison
Tri-Color	Aergs. pumilio	John Nelson
Blue	Exhibit	
Blue	C. intermedia	Jim Morrison
Blue	Ddc. Cobbianum	Mal Corcoran
Red	Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'America'	Kathy Conerly
Red	Lud. Sea Turtle	John Nelson
Red	Den. Australian Robbie McInns	Patty Granier
Red	Btcm. Hwuluduem Chameleon	Conservatory
Red	Tol. Jairak Flyer 'Big Bang'	Lata Johnson
Red	Den. goldschmidtianum	John Nelson
Red	V. Pachara Delight Pink	Conservatory
Red	Ame. LOC Snowwhite	John Nelson
Red	Hip. Micranthum	John Nelson
Yellow	Bulb. Karen Lewis 'Bee-utiful'	Bob Danka
Yellow	Tol. Jairak Flyer 'Leopard'	Conservatory
Yellow	Rlc. Hawaii Island Bride	Conservatory
Yellow	Epi. centropetalum	John Nelson
Yellow	Paphipedilum (Supersuk 'Eureka' x Raisin Pie 'Hsinging')	Kathy Conerly
Yellow	Bct. Punakea #1	Lata Johnson

*Awards List compiled by Lanna Lytle.

EBRPL ORCHID PRESENTATION BY BROS

On Saturday, January 14, Lata & Patty presented at the Main Branch of the Baton Rouge Library. Approximately 60 people attended the presentation, and there were lots of questions and interactions from the attendees. In fact, Patty & Lata stayed for over an hour after the completion of the presentation talking with attendees.



Garden Discoveries: Growing Orchids in Louisiana

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event, "Growing Orchids in Louisiana," on Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood led by Patty Granier and Lata Johnson, members of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society.

Orchids are a large family of beautiful flowering plants which are wonderful to grow and once you have one, you may want another... and another! Learn how orchids have evolved to attract their pollinators and tips on how to care for orchids in your home and garden, including how to choose types of orchids suitable for beginners. Both speakers fell in love with the blooms and fragrance of orchids at local garden flower shows, and through the Baton Rouge Orchid Society, they met the challenge of learning how to grow and bloom these amazing plants. A walking tour of the Botanical Gardens adjacent to the library will follow the presentation.

To register, visit ebrpl.com/calendar or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at ebrpl.co/garden.



What a great turnout at EBRPL on January 14!

We Need Your Help for Out of Town Shows!

Out of Town Shows Need Volunteers

BROS needs volunteers to put up or take down one of this season's shows. It's a lot of fun. 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 one of the following orchid shows!

Mobile – Feb. 24-26, Belingrath Gardens in Theodore, AL

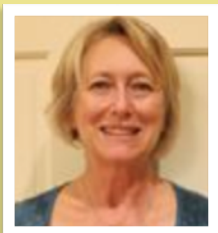
Terrebonne – March 24-26, Southland Mall, Houma

**Acadian - April 14-16, Ira Nelson Horticulture Center,
Lafayette**

New Orleans – 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 the Friday before each show.

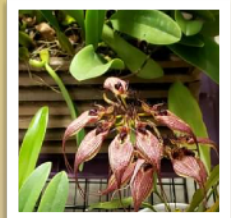
-Kathy Conerly





Acadian Orchid Show

The Acadian Orchid Society will hold their show on April 14-16. Friday will be exhibit setup and judging, and Saturday and Sunday will be the show. The theme of this year's Acadian Orchid Show will be Orchids - Spice of Life.



21st Annual Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show

The LSU Ag Center 21st Annual Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show will be held March 10-12, 2023

Friday, March 10, 2023,
5:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 11 and
Sunday, March 12, 2023,
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

John M. Parker Agricultural
Coliseum
Highland Road, LSU
Campus, Baton Rouge

**The garden show is great
opportunity to sign up as a
volunteer to represent BROS!**

Update on World Checklist

The following information has been shared by Jean Ikesen:

Tried using the World Checklist of Selected Plant Families lately? You won't find it. It was taken down late this fall. Why? It has been replaced by a new platform that combines the data from the WCSP with IPNI and others to create Plants of the World Online. This is an expanded and more flexible platform that will, over time, offer additional flexible searches as they add to it. Currently it has photos for some species, geographic range map, validly described synonyms and accepted varieties, forms and subspecies. Also photos and locations of herbarium specimens when available. A forthcoming Judges Corner in Orchids tells you more. powo.science.kew.org

This is THE source for accepted or validly published names of orchid species. Bookmark it as you may need it at the judging table or doing research.

Program Meetings

Our program committee will be meeting by phone conference for now. We are always looking for program ideas. Please help us in presenting informative topics at our meetings. If you are interested in this committee please contact Lata Johnson or Patty Granier.

Green Growers



Dr. Gene Berg continues the Green Growers' BROS educational tradition for new orchid enthusiasts, but all members are welcome! Green Growers meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at 425 Nelson Drive. All members, new and old, are welcome!

Appetizers, Snacks, and Desserts Needed!

Jeanette, our Hospitality Chair, needs our help at upcoming meetings with appetizers, sandwiches, snacks, and dessert. Please email Jeanette at fosterjeanette51@gmail.com if you would like to contribute, or you can simply bring any food items to our upcoming meeting on February 15, 2023.

January Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah

Notes on the LSU Conservatory by Frank Zachariah

Remember the Christmas Eve Freeze? The orchids remember!

There was still a bit of leaf defoliation in Jan. We lost winter bloom spikes, so there are some orchids we'll have to wait another year to see their flowers. But everything is starting to show new growth. The Conservatory is a long term commitment. One incident – in one year – is a blip for a collection we hope will be here for many decades.

My hope is that spring will be our leap forward. We have LOTS of plants. Now we need LOTS of flowers!

Burden has asked us to put our 500 mounts back in the Shade Structure for March. And the Display Greenhouse is now better organized and care for by the LSU staff, including Brad and Allen.

We have a good crew that has been helping out on our Workdays. We can always use some extra hands. Come and 'practice' your technique on our plants before you try it on your prize babies at home.

We're accumulating a collection of nice (and unusual) plants that we can offer to our members for prices below what it will cost on the internet. We'll try to have an assortment available for each Wed monthly meeting. And when you purchase them, you're not only getting a good deal, you are also supporting our Conservatory.

Conservatory Photos by Glenn Gawarecki

AOS AWARDS FROM THE LOUISIANA JUDGING CENTER

JANUARY AWARDS



Cynorkis uniflora 'Layla'
AM 81 Larry Hennessey



Phrag. pearcei bar. ecuadorensis
'Catahoula Charm' HCC 78 Eron Borne



Paph. Oriental Appeal 'Louisiana' AM 80 Al Taylor



Fdk. Midnight Depth 'Louisiana' AM
80 Al Taylor



Phal. tetraspis fma. speciosum 'Bravo' AM 81

ABOUT OUR SOCIETY

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Lata Johnson
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AOS REP

Jim Morrison

ORCHID DIGEST

Frank Zachariah

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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

