

BROS News

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January Meeting Information



Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, at the Burden Conference Center at 7pm. This month's program will help us improve our orchid culture skills! Bob Danka will present a primer on how to protect our plants from the destructive pests that threaten them. There will be tips for diagnosing problems caused by common insects, mites and mollusks in our region, plus suggestions for preventing and mitigating pest infestations.

Other January Meeting Highlights:

- Frank Zachariah will show 4-5 orchids that were damaged with the Christmas Eve freeze and discuss with our members how they take care of orchid injury due to freeze.
- BROS will have orchids for sale - including Catts and Paphs that bloom in January. Sales will begin 30 minutes before the meeting at 6:30pm.

President's Message



President's Note January, 2023

Hello BROS,

Many of our plants may be dormant, but January is when the BROS begin preparing for club events throughout the year. We will discuss this at the meeting on Wednesday. We have several out of town shows coming up. Members drive BROS plants to the regional host city, we set up displays, and win ribbons for our best plants. It takes a lot of effort, but there are many knowledgeable members who keep us on track.

We also have out-reach events coming up, the Spring Garden show at LSU in March will be here sooner than you think. The Spring Garden Show is a great place for BROS members to meet with other interested plant-people and help our society grow.

There are other events and activities coming up and we hope that lots of BROS members will be able to participate.

See you Wednesday

-Frank McMains

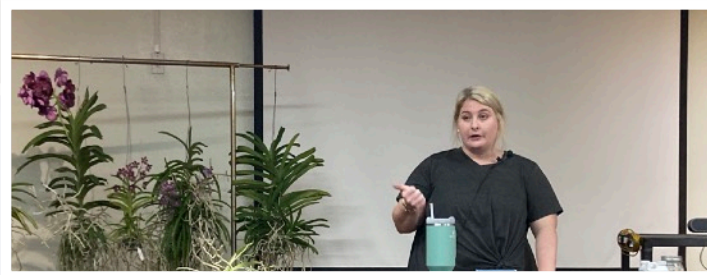
December Meeting Info

We had a wonderful Christmas party in early December which was well attended. Thank you to Jeanette Foster who worked tirelessly to make it a wonderful meal event! Lots of orchids were given as door prizes. We had an interesting discussion about plants on the plant table and missed all of you that could not attend.



NOVEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

We enjoyed a wealth of information shared on Vandas by Lauren Hymel



NOVEMBER BLOOM TABLE



DECEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

MEMBERS HAD A GREAT TIME MEETING, MINGLING, AND MUNCHING!

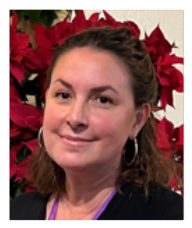


BROS Membership News

Happy New Year Everybody! Looking forward to seeing all of you in 2023!

We had 40 people in attendance for the November meeting

There were 3 new members:



Ashley Paxton: She lives in Baton Rouge and wants to be part of the fellowship of orchid growing. She is interested in social media updates, monthly meeting setup and cleanup and orchid shows. Welcome Ashley.

Yolanda Johnson: She is from Pride La. and wants to learn about growing orchids and expand knowledge beyond growing show orchids. Welcome Yolanda.

Barton Sutton: He has rejoined, and we are glad to have him back. He lives in Baton Rouge.

The December meeting had 46 attend, 9 guests of which 3 of them became members:

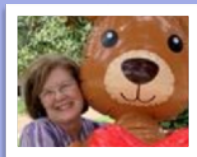
Diane C. Saye: She lives in Baton Rouge and came with her friend Diane Knobloch. She wishes to become educated in orchids. She is also a renowned artist in Japanese floral arrangements. Welcome Diane.

David Porter: He lives in Baton Rouge and comes to us with knowledge about orchids. He said he was a member of the society when E Granier had meetings in his home. His favorite orchids are: bulbophyllum, cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium oncidium, paphiopedilum, phalaenopsis. He is interested in orchid shows. Welcome back David.

Jeanie Bollinger: She lives in Baton Rouge and is with David Porter. As a new member, she joined right in and helped with the always busy kitchen. Thank you, Jeanie and welcome.

Welcome and bring your friends! And as always, visitors are welcome so ask your friends to come with you to a meeting to see our beautiful orchid display table.

**Nancy Morrison,
Membership Chairman**



It's Show Time!!

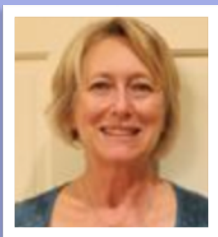
Do you want to learn more about orchids and which varieties grow best in our area? Would you like the opportunity to purchase plants and products from out-of-state vendors? How about getting in touch with your artistic or organizational side? Or possibly winning awards? If you said yes to any of these questions, **WE NEED YOU!**

The Spring is the major season for orchid shows all through the Gulf Coast area. The societies, like BROS, schedule local shows and invite other societies to participate. If we accept, a team gathers members' blooming plants on the Thursday before the show and prepare them for display. Members take turns setting up the displays and taking them down. There are opportunities to network with other growers and vendors (who are usually experienced growers) and learn tips on being successful. It's a lot of fun!

Our first event is the Gulf Coast society in Gauthier, MS, on Feb. 4-5. We have volunteers to handle that show already. Others not covered include Mobile, Terrebonne (Houma), Acadiana (Lafayette) and New Orleans (Metairie). If you've never done a display, don't worry. We'll teach you. Several novices have even won nice prizes over the last few years. But our main goal is to educate the public about the variety of orchids available to growers in the hot, humid South. And to wow them with our beautiful blooms.

Please consider signing up at the next meeting. There will be a sheet on the back table. Hope to see you there!

-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 January 18, 2023.

January Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah

Notes on the Conservatory by Frank Zachariah

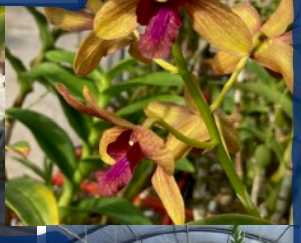
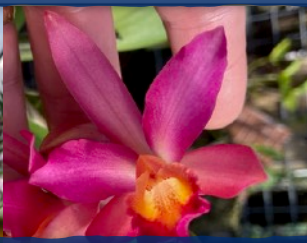
This past Christmas was great for families, but not so good for our plants, including those in the Conservatory. The heater was overwhelmed. Below are some examples.

Fortunately, there are only a couple of dozen that suffered like this. The majority of the 2,000+ look fine — although we'll have some aborted flowers in Jan.

Still, bunches of pretty blooms! And lots of new growth — and new plants! We have regular 'Work Days' on Fri morns. If you have the time, come and meet up and help make this a showplace. Looking forward to 2023!



Conservatory Photos by Glenn Gawarecki



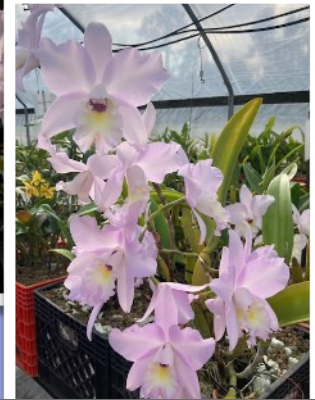
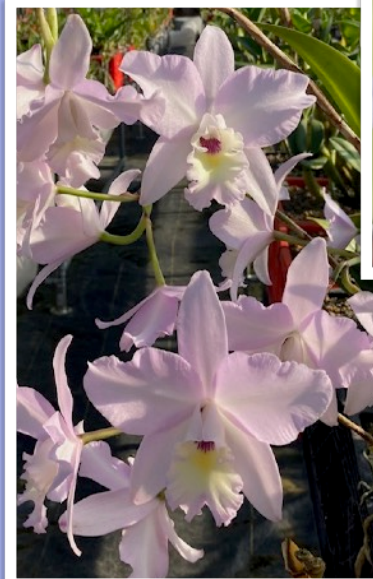
January Conservatory Beauties

Photo and Identification by Glenn Gawarecki

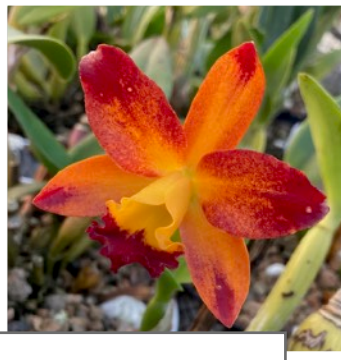
We are continuing to use our newsletter to highlight some of our blooming Conservatory orchids monthly by name. This is a great way for members to see and become more familiar with the names and characteristics of some of our beautiful blooms. Here are our latest highlights:



Pot. Haw Yuan Gold
'Yung Kang #2'



Lc. Sylvan Sprite
'Blythe Spirit'

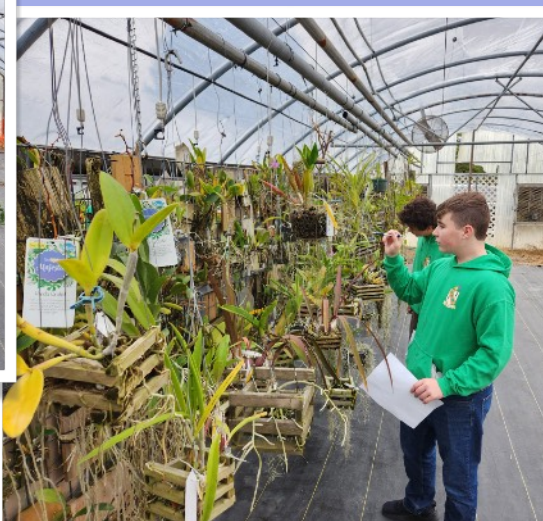
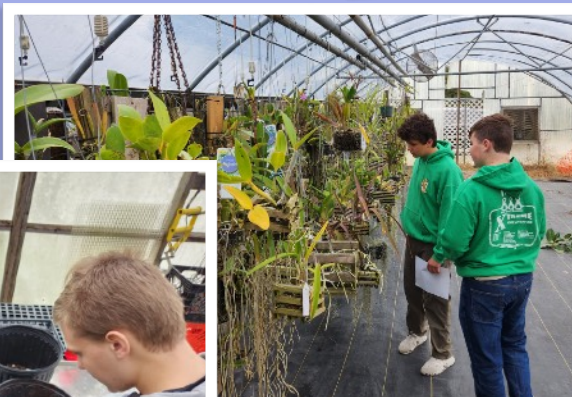


Ctt. Varut Startrack
'Golden Tiger'



Boy Scout Volunteers

Photos of the Boy Scouts who helped during a November work day at the Conservatory



AOS AWARDS FROM THE LOUISIANA JUDGING CENTER

NOVEMBER AWARDS



Bulb. (not registered)
HCC 78 Al Taylor



Paph. fairrieianum 'Catahoula'
HCC 79 Eron Borne



Bulb. amplebracteatum
'Lousianan' AM 84 Al Taylor



Fdk. Raffy Pye 'Bravo' AM 83
Jackie Bravo



Vanda mariae 'Catahoula' HCC 79
Eron Borne

AOS AWARDS FROM THE LOUISIANA JUDGING CENTER

DECEMBER AWARDS



**Mo. B-C Elvira 'Bravo' HCC
79 Jacqueline Bravo**



**Fdk. L'amour de Vie de Sue
'Louisiana III' AM 81 Al Taylor**



**Catasetum saccatum 'Bravo'
AM 84 Jacqueline Bravo**



**Fdk. L'amour de Vie de Sue
'Louisiana IV' AM 81 Al Taylor**



Fdk. Beverly Danielson 'Louisiana' AM 80 Al Taylor



Bulb. tremulum 'Benin' CBR Mary Mancini

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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

