

Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society

BROS News

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July Meeting Information

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

Our July meeting topic is "Orchids 101: How to Care for Your New Orchids". Veteran society members will discuss some of the basics of **Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, and Phalaenopsis**.



President's Message



President's Note July 2023

Hello BROS,

Our annual show and sale was a great success. This was the first year that we held event at the Rural Life Museum, but the move turned out to be a great idea. The vendors at the show were pleased with their sales, the AOS Judges were pleased with the submitted displays and plants, and hundreds of members of the public got to see the orchids.

Thanks to David Coco who was the show chair this year, but we also owe a lot of thanks and praise to all of the members who showed up to pitch in and help with setup, food, clerking, and so many other tasks. We all did a really good job, give yourselves two pats on the back.

Please take a moment to look at the list of all of the ribbon winners, we have much to celebrate at our monthly meeting!

Happy Growing,

- Frank

June Meeting Minutes

Frank McMains opened the meeting promptly at seven pm, and Nancy Morrison welcomed new members and visitors.

David Coco gave the latest information on current show preparations. Sign up sheets were passed around for members to volunteer their help. This included providing food for the four days, clerking, the welcome table and answering questions from attendees.

Kathy Conerly updated members with her conversations with Burden on the use of multiple site within their facilities. Kathy provide a talk on orchids at 2:00pm Saturday while Lata and Patty provided a program at 10:00 am.

Lata presented the Society with \$300 from the sale of orchids the Saturday before Mother's Day.

Frank also showed off the orchids on the bloom table and asked the growers to tell how they were grown.

The meeting was very well-attended, and Jeanette Foster did an outstanding job on the refreshment table and thanked everyone who provided food.

JUNE MEMBERSHIP NEWS & PHOTOS

We had 41 members and visitors attending the June meeting which is more than we have had since the January 2023 meeting with 50 present. Hopefully, we will have more than that after just having the show. We had more than 399 visitors attend July 8-9!

We received 2 new members during the show:

Claudia Ross - She has expressed an interest in the hospitality committee, foster orchid program and social media. She is on the Board for the friends of Burden and resides in Baton Rouge.
Sharon Murphy - Sharon is a friend of Claudia Ross and wishes to know more about growing orchids. She also resides in Baton Rouge.

We also have 2 new members through Wild Apricot:

Connie Miller - She has several orchids and wants to learn more. She resides in St. Gabriel.
Beverly Thomas- Beverly is a novice in growing orchids and her favorite is Phalaenopsis. She resides in Baton Rouge. Please welcome all at our July meeting!

We are expecting a good turnout at our July meeting. **I need somebody to volunteer to sell raffle tickets and people to volunteer to take new members and introduce them to others** since we will hopefully be busy with membership applications.

July Birthdays:

Jeanette Foster: 7/6
Barbara Messina: 7/6
Ashley Viator: 7/10
Melanie Cuellar: 7/10
Vernon Smith : 7/17
Alvin Golden: 7/20
Lauren Hymel: 7/29
Ashley Paxton: 7/30

Happy Birthday to all!

Please let me know if I missed any July members

-Nancy Morrison
Membership Chairman



WHAT A GREAT BROS 2023 SHOW!

The 2023 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale is now in the books and we had a wonderful show. Thank you to all the visitors to the show who purchased plants from our great vendors. Thank you to all of the BROS members that participated in putting this show together. Job Well Done!

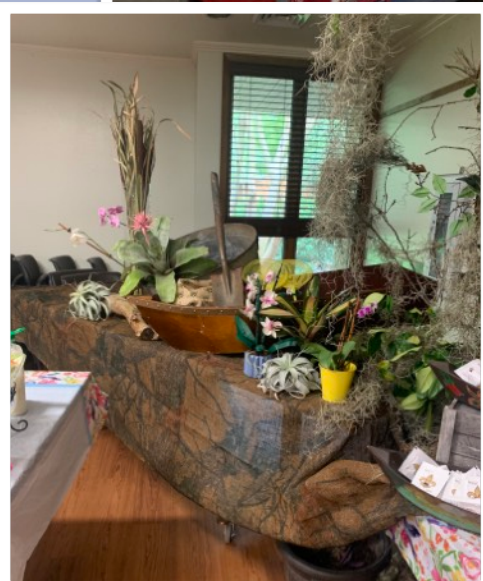
Also, we would like to thank our hosts, the LSU Rural Life Museum. They were very accommodating to BROS throughout the show and with this our first show at RLM, we can only see it getting better.

If anyone would like to make a comment about the show, please send an email to info@batonrougeorchidsociety.com



BATON ROUGE ORCHID SOCIETY EXHIBIT

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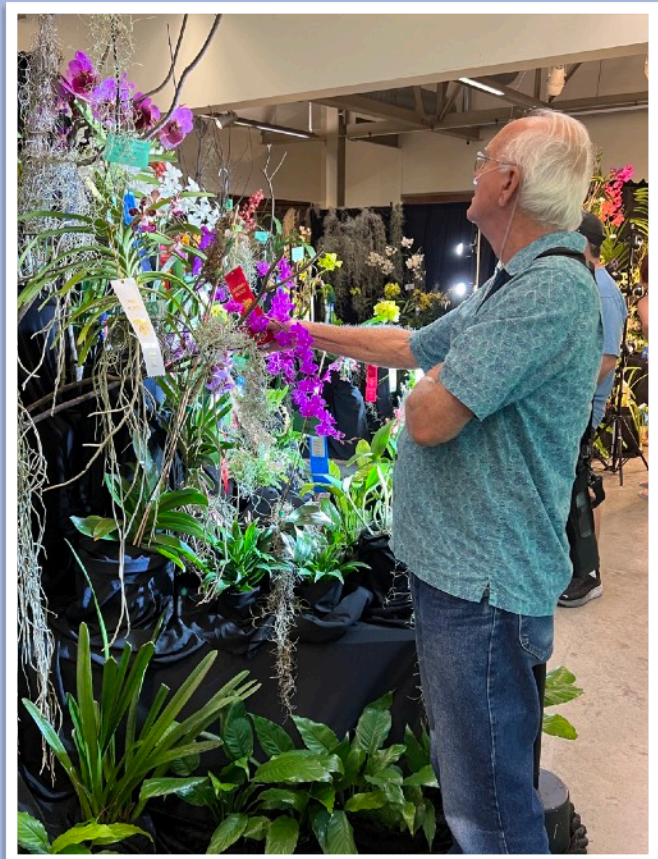


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Lata and Patty had over 20 attendees for their session!

Baton Rouge Orchid Society, 2023 show



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Society, 2023
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Footage!**

BATON ROUGE ORCHID SHOW RESULTS

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SHOW
AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS!**

BROS Results 2023				
Grower	Plant Name	Award		
Bob Danka	Rlc. Pratum Green	Blue	Best Flower	AOS judging
Bob Danka	Vandopsis lissochiloides	Blue		
Hal Canning	Den. Samarai	Blue		
Shirley Nesom	Rth. Parquet 'Uptown Girl'	Blue		
Lata Johnson	Gram. Scriptum	Blue		
Lata Johnson	Myc. Mike's Delight 'Sibyl'	Blue	Best Grown	
Lata Johnson	Spa. Plicata	Blue		
Lata Johnson	Eny. Triple J Blue	Blue		
Lata Johnson	Ctt. Hope Adair	Blue		
Lata Johnson	Den. usitae 'Red Coral'	Blue		AOS judging
Conservatory	Ctt. Hawaii Island Bride '#83' (#1)	Blue		
Conservatory	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite 'NN#1'	Blue		
Conservatory	Rlc. Esmeralda 'Heritage'	Blue		
Kathy Conerly	Den. Fire Wings	Red		
Conservatory	Ctt. Hawaii Island Bride '#83' (#2)	Red		
Mal Corcoran	Enc. Parviflora	Red		
Val Creehan	Rby. Copper Queen	Red		
Glenn Gawerecki	Brsdm. Yellow Star	White		
Glenn Gawerecki	Gram. Scriptum	White		
Hal Canning	C. Hawaiian Message 'Carmela'	White		
David Coco	Bc. Yellow Bird	White		
Lata Johnson	Epi. Mem. Lillian Yamada	White		
Lata Johnson	Bc. Keowee 'Mendenhall'	White		
Glenn Gawerecki	orchid painting	Trophy		
Lata Johnson	Educational exhibit	Trophy		
BROS Membership	Society display over 50 sq. ft.	Trophy		

NOTES ON THE CONSERVATORY

by Frank Zachariah

Your Conservatory received 5 ribbons at the Baton Rouge Orchid Show – 4 of them were first place!

We also received donations of vandas from Melissa from Memphis and oncidiums from our friends at Sheila's Orchids. We are going to use the oncidiums to try growing in different media mixes and shade percentages to see if we can hit on a better regimen for growing them this far south.

The orchids are loving this 90+F heat and 90% humidity. Louisiana summers are ideal for orchid culture. I'm expecting to see a lot of flowers this fall.

But ... it is less ideal for humans. So I can't say enough about our helpers. Even in this stifling weather with heat warnings, we have some brave volunteers that soldier on. My hope is that we will see even more folks once the weather turns more humane.

Take some time and put your nose up against the orchid flowers. Some of their fragrances are intoxicating and it is interesting how different they are from one hybrid to another. My favorite this week is Myc. Annalisa, a pretty salmon-pink Myr-Catt cross by long time BROS member James Jeansonne.



In light of the recent hard work a local group of Boy Scouts have put in at the conservatory, we would like to share this June AOS Scout article with our members. We have permission from AOS to republish, and we would like to use it to generate even more interest! The article is written by Terri Jozwiak, with the foreword by Eron Borne.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Scout Patch Project

by Terri Jozwiak/forward by Eron Borne

FOREWARD What can the AOS do to interest the youth of today in orchids? This has been a long-term focus of the AOS Education Committee. For any orchid lovers who are involved in the Girl or Boy Scouts, we have developed an interest project and an iron-on patch. One excellent idea is to have Girl or Boy Scouts help with local shows to earn their patches.

The Orchid Growers Guild (OGG) of Madison, Wisconsin has talked about adding youth activities to their annual weekend fundraising-informational event, Orchid Quest, for years, however running a show with over 3,600 attendees was already a vast responsibility that takes all of their members to achieve. They really could not spare adults as workers for the youth activities. Terri Jozwiak, from the OGG and the chair of the 2023 Orchid Quest, implemented the vision of the Education Committee with her granddaughter's Girl Scout troop. The following is her account of this Girl Scout project and the activities they created to make a successful "Kid's Corner" at Orchid Quest, this past February.

Picture this, two 11-year-old Girl Scouts with their badge-covered tan vests stand in the lobby of Orchid Quest, talk to a father and his 3-year-old son about coming to the room with the "Kids Corner" for some fun family activities. The little boy looks up at his father, takes the hand of one of the Girl Scouts, and walks with her, checking over his shoulder to be sure his father followed. They go into a room with two tables covered with a bright purple tablecloth, the Girl Scout sits next to the boy and brings out an orchid picture to color. Then they work with some orchid stamps to add to the image.

Terri Jozwiak contacted the Girl Scout leader of her granddaughter's troop, Tina Carlson, of Junior and Cadette Girl Scout Troop 8268, and asked if they would be interested in leading a Kid's Corner activity center at Orchid Quest. In return, they would earn a special interest badge. With about 18 girls in the troop, Carlson met with the girls to get their consent. They arranged for Jozwiak to come to a meeting to prepare the girls for the event. Jozwiak brought old orchid magazines, a laminator, scissors, glue sticks, folders, and paperwork.

Jozwiak explained to the girls what Orchid Quest was; a place to sell, exhibit, and teach about growing orchids. Their hands-on activity involved the 10 to 12-year-old Girl Scouts cutting out beautiful orchid pictures from old magazines, including cutting out the name of the orchids and pasting it on the back of the picture. The next step in the process was to send those pictures to the laminating station, where three to four girls worked on placing the pictures between the laminating pages and sending them through the machine. The new laminated page, containing several images, was then cut apart by another girl or two. It was quite a production to produce about 100 laminated photos. Jozwiak said, "The girls were fun to work with. They were very interested in the great pictures in the orchid magazines and in laminating those pictures. I could see I had their attention when I was quizzing them on the orchid types, and they found it rewarding to identify the pictures. One girl loved the pictures so much that she asked to take some home. I saw her on the way out with 6-10 stuffed in her pocket."

When finished, Jozwiak sat down with the girls and the laminated orchid pictures. She took a picture showing them an orchid with a feathered lip and explained that it was called a



cattleya. Jozwiak found another cattleya picture, and they could recognize the "fat lip" and said it was a cattleya. After a few more pictures of cattleyas, she explained the "slipper orchid," paphiopedilums. The girls readily recognized paphiopedilum

pictures from cattleya pictures that Jozwiak held up. She introduced them to phalaenopsis, saying it was the "moth orchid." She added a copy of a bulbophyllum, and the girls decided it looked like a "skirt" and could easily recognize this genus in the photographs. When quizzing them later, the girls may not have remembered the words paphiopedilum, cattleya, and phalaenopsis, but they could identify each orchid with "fat lip," "slipper orchid," "moth" and "skirt." This activity prepared them for the sorting game they would play at the Kid's Corner.

The sorting, suggested and explained by Sandy Stubbings and Susan Dally on the AOS website, involved having a few boxes, each of a different color and possessing a sign of an orchid species. At the Kid's Corner, the Girl Scouts would help the younger kids sort the laminated orchid pictures by color (if a younger child) or by genus (if an older child).

The scouts also prepared about a dozen folders for a game called the orchid hunt, as suggested by Stubbings on the AOS website, a scavenger hunt for orchids. The girls stapled the explanation paperwork on the outside of the folder and the guessing grid on the inside.

Jozwiak was concerned with *how* the scouts would approach visitors to invite their children and escort them to the Kid's Corner, so they roll-played a game to teach themselves this skill. Jozwiak had a visiting mother play the parent, and scout played the child. The girls took turns being the "recruiter" to graciously ask the parent and child to visit the Kid's Corner. The girls learned to be polite and respectful while inviting parents and children to the site.

Carlson had an additional meeting with the scouts to make the sorting boxes, prepare a poster with the troop name and construct award ribbons to present the winning Kid's Choice awards.

Our Kid's Table activities were now ready, offering coloring pages and bookmarks to color, ink and stamps with orchid pictures, the sorting game, the orchid hunt game, ribbons to give to the participants, and the "Stuck on Orchids" sticker-coloring book from the AOS.

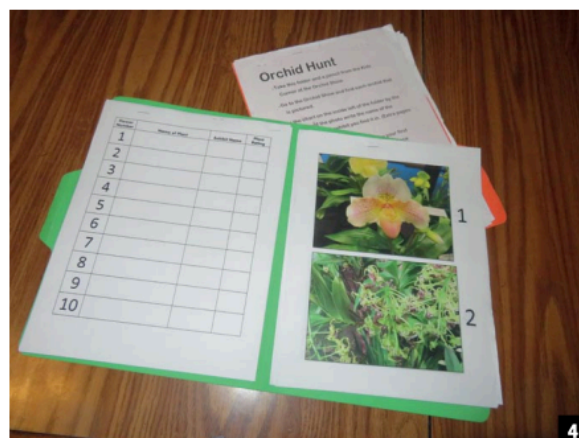
Several scouts and Carlson came on Friday, the set-up day, covering the intended tables with a bright purple tablecloth and setting everything out. It was essential that the orchids picked for the orchid hunt were chosen by the scouts, so two of them went to the exhibit room, and Jozwiak took photographs of the orchids they chose. After the scouts left, she printed the images with numbers, two on a page, for the folders.

Saturday saw the first public day of Orchid Quest. By the time Jozwiak had gotten to the Kid's Corner, the scouts already had three parents and five very young children at their table working on coloring pages and bookmarks!

The scouts, nearly always in pairs, went out to the lobby and talked to anyone with youngsters. They called it "recruiting." They were incredibly polite, energetic, and encouraging. After finding a family, they would bring them to the room, sit with the child (or children if there were more in the family) and encourage them to color, play the sorting game, or tell them about the orchid hunt. The AOS sticker books were quite popular and had to be limited to one per family.

The sorting game worked well. The smallest children could pick their favorite orchids from the pictures and were encouraged to put them in the box of the same color. The older children sorted them by genus. A group of older boys, perhaps 12–14 years old, sorted through the selection of about 100 orchid pictures twice.

Used ribbons from the Guild were used for award ribbons for the kids. The ribbons had been trimmed, so the words first,



- [1] Girl Scouts (left to right) Billy P., Eva L. and Kyrra F. cutting magazines to get orchid pictures for the sorting game.
- [2] Girl Scouts Ada U. (red shirt) and Lilith C. (behind Ada) work on activities with the visitors at the Kid's Corner. Tina Carlson, Scout Leader, is pictured holding the folders.
- [3] Girl Scouts Eleanor O. and Evie M. invite a mother and her girls to the Kid's Corner for activities.
- [4] A sample of the orchid hunt folder.
- [5] Girl Scout Ada U. shows off her orchid face painting.

second and third place were cut off. They just had "Orchid Growers Guild" printed on them. After finding out there was a prize, many children joyfully participated. The scouts asked the recipients what color they wanted and either pinned it on the child or let them carry it away. Over 150 ribbons were given out this way, and you could see the children proudly wearing their award ribbons around the show.

The orchid hunt was very popular. This activity allowed the parents to browse the exhibit room with a squirmly child; now, the child could play a game that interested them in the same room. The folders could be given to an adult for a young child or handed to an older child. The parents and children could work together on a project enjoying their time. The scouts learned that by giving the hunt folders out in the lobby, they could be used immediately before entering the exhibit room. If the children got the folder in the Kid's Corner, they would drag their parents back to the exhibit room to "play the game" because they now wanted to see the

flowers. For the children, the previously “boring” exhibit room was now “cool” and more enjoyable for parents and children alike. The parents were grateful to have something for their children to do. While the kids were occupied, parents browsed the OGG’s sales table, with orchid supplies, pictures for sale, raffle items, and door prize registration.

Over 50–75 children and adults played the orchid hunt and everyone who played got a participation ribbon. Even some adults without children wanted to play the game.

The orchid hunt also determined a winning orchid plant chosen by the children who played the game. The scouts tallied up the totals and gave their homemade “Kid’s Choice” award ribbons to the first-, second-, and third-place winning orchids.

The OGG also offered face painting! They had a talented artist who said she would not mind working for tips. She even designed orchid choices specifically for this event. The kids and the scouts were thrilled to walk around with a beautiful phalaenopsis or paphiopedilum sparkling on their faces.

Carlson said of the event, “One key takeaway is that the girls were hands-on for this event. They learned how to identify several different kinds of orchids while they created the sorting game. They identified, cut out and laminated the photographs and created the boxes for sorting leading up to the event. At the event, they chose orchids for the scavenger hunts, tallied the kid’s votes, and awarded the Kid’s Choice ribbons. They spoke with parents and children to let them know about the Kid’s Corner and explained the activities available there.

At the end of the weekend, Carlson had enlisted the face painting person to come and talk to their troop about female entrepreneurship. The parents of one of the scouts were encouraged enough to seriously consider scouts making an educational exhibit to include in the exhibit room at next year’s Orchid Quest.

Girl Scout Ada U. said of the event, “I enjoyed it so much. I got to talk to adults and then play with kids. “Some of the kids,” Ada continued, “asked to hold my hand and dragged me to the Exhibit Room to help them find an orchid. It was so cute.”

“Being so hands-on with the whole process gave the scouts a bigger stake in the event, making them more engaged and more excited to make sure children visiting the Kids Corner had fun,” Carlson said.

“Some of our more reserved girls,” Carlson continued, “had to step out of their comfort zones to approach people to let them know about the Kid’s Corner and found they enjoyed it more than they thought they would. Some of our more outgoing girls had to learn to take a step back when it was not their turn to be the ‘fishers.’ They also learned some new ways to teach people about a topic they might find interesting — through games, coloring, and other fun activities.”

Jozwiak said of the adventure, “I was so proud of the Girl Scouts. They were energetic, kind, and gentle with all the little ones accompanying their parents to Orchid Quest. They made the day for many parents who wondered how long they could keep their children’s attention while visiting the orchids. I was very excited to see this match of Girl Scouts, Orchid Quest, and children highly beneficial to everyone involved.”

Instructions for creating all the activities in this article are found on the AOS website under Youth Programs. The AOS *Stuck on Orchids* sticker book and *Orchid Nonsense* coloring book are also available for purchase on the AOS website. If you are interested in the Scout Interest Project, please contact the AOS Education Committee at education_committee@aos.org.

— Terri Jozwiak and Eron Borne



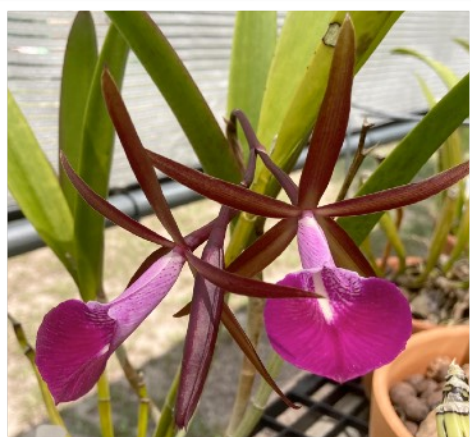
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[6] Girl Scout Ada U. awards the Kid’s Choice first place to *Cattleya* Fritz Nicholas ‘Spring Dance’ belonging to Liz Fitzgerald of the Batavia Orchid Society. Liz was very happy with the Kid’s Choice award because her orchid had not received any other award.

[7] The Girl Scout special interest badge the scouts earned.

JULY CONSERVATORY BEAUTIES



Bc. Star Ruby



**E. Memoria Theodore
Orfanedes**



Spa. plicata

INTERESTED IN A SUMMER WORKSHOP?


Houston Orchid Society
Annual Summer Workshop
How To Grow Orchids Outside on the Gulf Coast
Saturday, August 5, 2023, 8:30 AM–4:30 PM



AOS judging
Plant sales & auction
Lunch included

Speakers

- Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, California
- Doty Woodson, PhD, Landscape Water Conservation Specialist, Texas A&M University
- Local Houston-area outdoor orchid growers will share tips


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AOS AWARDS FROM THE LOUISIANA JUDGING CENTER

JUNE AWARDS



**Tolumnia urophylla 'Catahoula
Candy' AM 87 Eron Borne**



**Phal. Maggie 'Maggie'
HCC 76 Mary Mancici**



**C. Lulu Land 'Louisiana'
HCC 75 Al Taylor**

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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

