

Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society

BROS News

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June Meeting Information

Calling all members! Our June meeting will concentrate on having a successful orchid show in July. This year our show will be spread throughout the grounds at Burden. We will be using the conference center, the pavilion, the rural life museum as well as giving tours of the glass greenhouse and conservatory. Come to our meeting to see how you can lend a hand in making this the best show ever.

Our monthly meeting will be held this Wednesday, June 21, at the Burden Conference Center at 7pm.



President's Message



President's Note June 2023

Hello BROS

The weather outside has been nearly perfect for orchid growing. I am seeing lots of root growth, particularly in the vandas. Low humidity, infrequent rains, and a steady breeze helped to dry out plants and prime them for a good summer of growth. It is all very exciting. Now is a good time to fertilize and spray your plants with a general insecticide. I use Spinosad.

June is a month of unusually high activity for the BROS. Our annual show is in July (7th-9th), so this month we plan and organize! If you haven't gotten in touch with Show Chair, David Coco, to offer your time as a volunteer, please do so. You can contact him at david.coco@att.net or me at frankmcmains@gmail.com.

This year, our show will be at the Rural Life Museum. This new venue allows us to expand our offerings and give everyone a bit more room, but the new venue also comes with new tasks for the BROS. Please sign up to help ASAP!

Happy Growing,
- Frank

May Meeting Minutes

At our May meeting, Frank McMains, Jim Morrison, Lata, Hal, and Frank Zachariah each gave a presentation about how they water their orchids.

Frank McMains uses an irrigation system made of 1/2" main line with 1/8" feeder lines placed 18" apart with misters. He gets most of his supplies from Irrigation Mart and advised, "Zip ties will be your friend." He waters everyday for 10 minutes for Vandas and 6 minutes for his potted orchids.

Jim has a shade structure that he purchased on Amazon for under \$100 made of metal snap tubing and 50% shade cloth. His watering method is simply a watering hose with an oscillating sprinkler and he uses a single water timer that cost about \$40. He waters every other day.

Lata uses an irrigation system made of 1/2" feeder lines and irrigation heads. She informed the members that a pack of 100 heads costs about \$15 and they can come in 90°, 180°, 270°, and 360°. She waters 2 times/week during the summer and once/(10 - 14 days) during the winter.

Hal uses a fertilizer injector (basically an off-brand dosatron) so he can water and irrigate with the same line. He uses the MSU formula for fertilizing orchids.

Frank Zachariah uses a Damm fertilizer injector to simultaneously water and fertilize orchids. The watering hose attachment must not restrict the water flow or it will not work. He mixes up fertilizer in a 5 gallon bucket according to the instructions for 1:15 for 50 ppm.

(We've included photos for additional information to the right)

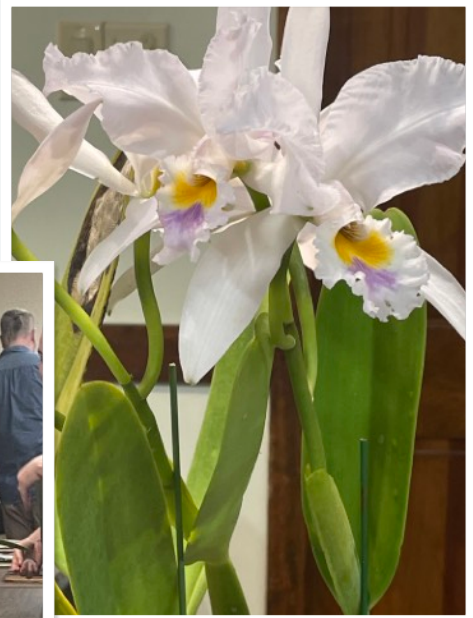
-Lanna Lytle



MAY MEETING PHOTOS



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BROS ORCHID SHOW 2023: *ORCHIDS ON THE BAYOU*

The 2023 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show & Sale is quickly approaching!

Where: LSU Rural Life Museum, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
(225-763-3990 or stark@lsu.edu)

When: Sat & Sun. July 8 & 9, 2023 with set up on Thursday 7/6 8 am – 5 pm.

Judges Luncheon: Friday 11:30 am

Judging: Friday 12 pm – 5pm

Take Down: Sunday 3 -5 pm

Please note that our venue will be about one mile down the road from that of previous years, but still within the Burden/Rural Life complex.

Contact: David Coco, BROS Show Chair (225-931-0183 or david.coco@att.net)



**WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED CLERKS FOR JUDGING ON
FRIDAY, JULY 7 AT 12:00 NOON**

NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SHOW RESULTS

Congratulations to our New Orleans
Orchid Show award winners!

| Grower | Award | Plant |
|------------------|-------------|---|
| Ashley Paxton | 3rd | V. Thai Blue |
| Bob Danko | 1st | Unnamed Hybrid (C. Granier's Pride x C. lueddimanniana) |
| Conservatory | 2nd | Ons. Catatante 'orange kiss' |
| Gene Berg | 3rd | Eulophia nuda |
| Hal Canning | 3rd | Rlc. Greenwich 'Elmhurst' |
| John Nelson | 1st | V. lamellata |
| John Nelson | 1st | Tolu. sylvestris |
| John Nelson | 2nd | Pbq. spatulata |
| John Nelson | Best Flower | bulb. Frostii |
| Juan Carlos Cruz | 1st | Onc. Sharry Baby |
| Juan Carlos Cruz | 3rd | Chz. Hsinying Pink Doll |
| Juan Carlos Cruz | 3rd | Masd. Morenita |
| Kathy Conerly | 3rd | Grt. Henry Wan |
| Lata Johnson | 2nd | D. Memoria Lillian Yamada |
| Lata Johnson | 3rd | Blira. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' |
| Lata Johnson | 3rd | V. John Farrar |



MAY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 31 attending the May meeting.

We have one new member:
Bunnie Hill resides in Baton Rouge and was introduced to BROS by
Bill Geiger.

Welcome Bunny!

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
- **Dotty Woodson**, PhD, Landscape Water Conservation Specialist, Texas A&M University
- Local Houston-area outdoor orchid growers will share tips



HoustonOrchidSociety.org

Conservatory Notes

by Frank Zachariah

We have about 200 Phals at the Conservatory. They are under protection from the rain and get 50% shade in the morn and 70%+ shade after noon.

Two Common Phal Myths

Myth #1: “Be careful not to get water on the leaves of Phals.”

Our Phals get watered overhead every morning by an automatic irrigation system. And they are fertilized weekly with a hose – just like you would fertilize any potted plant. Foliage is dry by late afternoon. There is no crown rot! Yea, this surprised me too!

Myth #2: “Flowering in Phals is triggered when the temp drops in the fall. This forces the plant to initiate a flower spike and the flowers open in spring.”

This is also false. Out of 100 of the original batch of Whole Foods orchids, about 30 are throwing up new flower spikes right now.

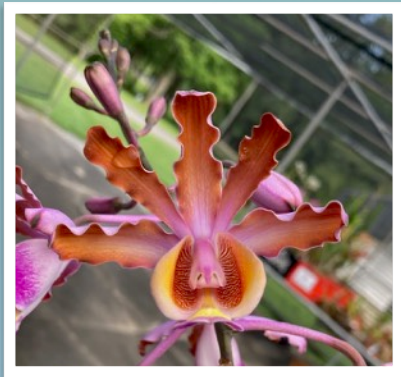
There's lots of misinformation out there which we've all been guilty of spreading – myself included. The advantage of having a Conservatory is that we can observe what is fact and what is fiction -- helping us learn to better care for our plants.



Conservatory Photos by Glenn Gawarecki



JUNE CONSERVATORY BEAUTIES



Myp. tibicinis



Psh. cochleata



C. Lululand

HERITAGE MANOR DELIVERY!

The patients at Heritage Manor were thrilled to get orchids delivered by Marie Williams. Many said thanks to Trader Joe's and BROS.

Thank you, Marie, for your delivery to these special patients!



AOS AWARDS FROM THE LOUISIANA JUDGING CENTER

MAY AWARDS



Ctt. 'Louisiana'
AM 81 Al Taylor



Bulb. Thai Spider 'Louisiana'
AM 80 Al Taylor



Phal. Mituo Special Vivien 'Melissa'
HCC 77 Mary Richardson



Phal. Happy Camping 'Bravo'
HCC 76 Jackie Bravo

ABOUT OUR SOCIETY

2023 BROS OFFICERS

President - Frank McMains
Vice Pres.- Glenn Gawarecki
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Treasurer - Pat Canning
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Frank Zachariah

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Lata Johnson (through 2023)
David Coco (through 2024)
Charles Dartez (through 2025)

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Lata Johnson
Kathy Conerly

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

