

Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society

# BROS News

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## May Meeting Information

Our monthly meeting will be held this Wednesday, May 17, at the Burden Conference Center at 7pm.

Our May meeting program is on fertilizing and watering your orchids over the summer. We will show how different members utilize different watering and fertilizing methods to take care of their orchids.



# President's Message



## President's Note May 2023

Hello BROS!

I was sorry to miss the April meeting, but while visiting family in Pennsylvania, I had a chance to tour the amazing facilities at Longwood Gardens. I shot a lot of video that I hope to edit into a short presentation for the BROS. Longwood has a newly installed orchid viewing room that did not disappoint. Those folks are thinking BIG!

We have had a month of orchid friendly weather, occasional rains nourished outdoor plants but regular periods of nice weather meant our outside plants had a chance to dry. You can't ask for much more than that!

Our annual show in July may still seem a little distant but the BROS are busy preparing under the guidance of this year's show chairman, David Coco. There is lots to be done to make the show a success. This year will be the first time we have used the Rural Life Museum as our main venue. Please sign up to help with our expanded orchid show.

See you May 17th!

Thanks,

- Frank

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## April Meeting Minutes

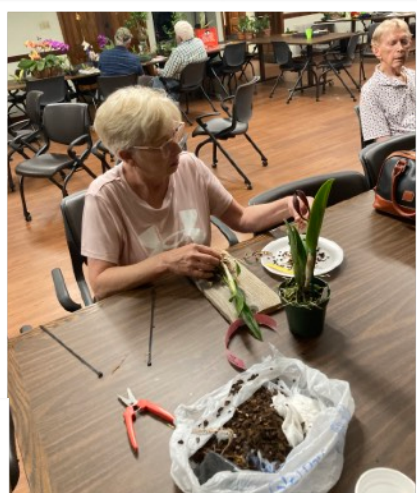
In our April meeting, we had a great attendance. The society was informed that we currently have a limited number of BROS shirts available for \$20. After some general announcements, Patty, Lata, and Kathy led an orchid mounting workshop. Lata showed an example of an orchid mount that was made from a small bird feeder with coconut fiber and sphagnum moss. Small wooden planks, zip ties, and a free orchid were handed out to each person who wanted to try mounting an orchid. The zip ties were used to hold the orchid securely in place on the board until their roots take hold. Some people added sphagnum moss to their mounted orchids, but it was cautioned to take care not to use too much and rot the roots.

After the mounting workshop, we were reminded that volunteers are needed for the upcoming orchid shows. At the end of the meeting, Frank led the discussion about the orchids on the show table.

- Lanna Lytle



# APRIL MEETING PHOTOS & VIDEOS



[Click here for video](#)

**Our April meeting provided great food, camaraderie, and education and information on mounting orchids on wood. Thanks to our members who contributed their expertise! See next page for more photos and video footage!**



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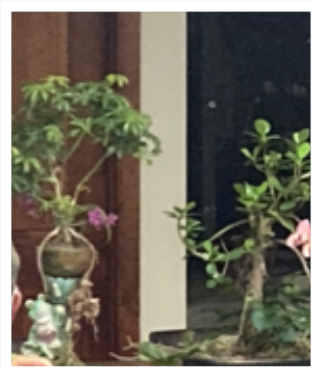


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## Bloom Table Discussions with Frank





## APRIL MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 28 members that signed in for the April meeting.

Jude Lagarde is a new member that joined us at the meeting. He resides here in Baton Rouge. Welcome Jude!

Jennifer Farlough joined us online. She resides in Gonzales and is interested in the foster orchid program and orchid shows. She considers herself a novice in experience with orchids. Welcome Jennifer!

**-Nancy Morrison**

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## NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SHOW INFO

### ***Looking for Volunteers for the New Orleans Orchid Show!***

BROS needs volunteers to put up or take down the New Orleans show. 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 the New Orleans Orchid Show!

**Show Date: 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 Friday, June 2

**-Kathy Conerly**



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:david.coco@att.net))



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



## LSU Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah

How are your plants doing? The Conservatory plants are all showing new growth with the potential of hundreds of flowers this year. And (fingers crossed!) no rot or pest problems. When was the last time you visited? If you are experiencing something different, come by, let's talk about it and we will both become better growers.

We are amassing a collection of 'pre-sale' plants. Some of these truly are one-of-a-kind. If you could even find them online, they are expensive so they'll be unique bargains! When they reach bloom size, we will start bringing them to meetings.

For those of you on Facebook, we have an active group page [Baton Rouge Orchid Society]. We have 4-5 posts every day with several hundred clicks a month. Several are of the Conservatory plants. You can join us there for questions and comments.

Thanks to a very committed group of adults that come on our weekly Workdays. It would not function without them.

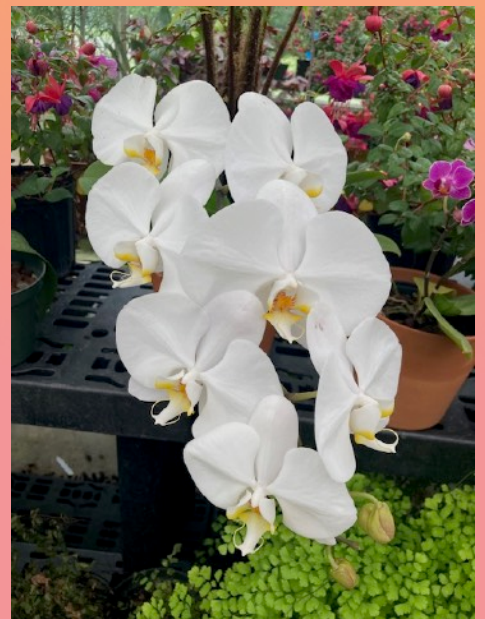
Glenn G took pics of the Boy Scouts that helped a couple weekends ago. Thought I'd include pics of them. They are our future.



## Conservatory Photos by Glenn Gawarecki



# MAY GLASS HOUSE PHOTOS





## MAY CONSERVATORY BEAUTIES



**Lnc. Reno Red**



**Lc. Irene Finney x Rth.  
Hsinying Catherine**



**Rchg. Honky Tonk Woman**

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## Dr. Gene Berg Donates Orchid Library



BROS members who attend our May meeting are welcome to take home some of these excellent orchid books graciously donated by Dr. Berg!

# ABOUT OUR SOCIETY

## 2023 BROS OFFICERS

**President** - Frank McMains  
**Vice Pres.-** Glenn Gawarecki  
**Secretary** - Lanna Lytle  
**Treasurer** - Pat Canning  
**Conservatory Chair-**  
Frank Zachariah

**Newsletter Editor**  
Kathy Lopiparo  
**Co-Editor** - Jim Morrison

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

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

## SWROGA REPS

Lata Johnson  
Kathy Conerly

## AOS REP

Jim Morrison

## ORCHID DIGEST

Frank Zachariah

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Program** - Patty Granier and  
Lata Johnson  
**Publicity**-Kim Kensill  
**Membership**-Nancy Morrison  
**Show Chair**- David Coco  
**Hospitality**-Jeanette Foster



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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](mailto:fosterjeanette51@gmail.com)

