

BROS News

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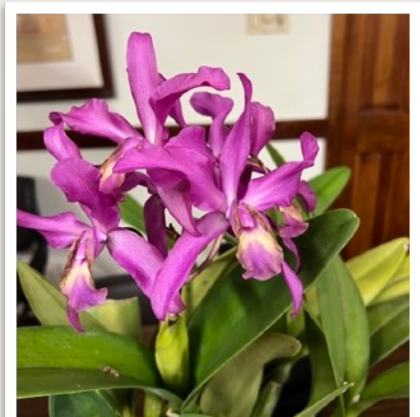


October Meeting Information

Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, at the Burden Conference center at 7pm.

Time to winterize your orchids!

For Wednesday's meeting program, Glenn Gawarecki will tell us how he gets his orchids ready for the winter cold. Bring your questions and concerns to get the best answers for our climate conditions.



President's Message

Hello, BROS!



What a difference a month makes. As I write it is cool and rainy after a long, dry period. Soon we will be winterizing our collections. This has been a good year for vegetative growth for me, but not many blooms. I look forward to hearing about the experience of others.

Hal Canning generously agreed to head up the Nominating Committee this year. Many officers have agreed to remain in their positions, but the exciting news is that Jim Morrison has presented himself for the office of President next year. I have enjoyed my three years as president but a break sounds nice. I can't wait to see what Jim has planned. I encourage you all to vote in favor of the slate of officers. At the same time, even though many officers are remaining in their positions, I am sure that each of them would be happy to give up their responsibilities to an enthusiastic member. The BROS is only what we make it. Thanks to all of the volunteers, but please consider volunteer opportunities. The good news is, most of the jobs are fun!

Happy Growing,

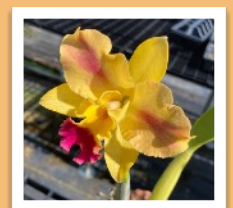
-Frank McMains

September Meeting Minutes

BROS had 42 members in attendance for the September meeting. We were informed that Danna's family is struggling with the medical debt left behind, so any assistance to them would be greatly appreciated. Our members reflected on the positive impact Danna and Carolyn had on both the Orchid Society and for individual members. We also welcomed the attendance of Carolyn's son.

Frank Z. then gave a presentation about show quality plants. We learned of the numerous ribbon awards given out during the shows and were encouraged to bring our orchids to the shows. He also provided information about how judges evaluate plants (quality of plant, flower color, size, etc.) and explained the difference between ribbon awards and AOS awards. The members were reminded that BROS has a Facebook page where people can post questions about caring requirements or problems they are experiencing with their orchids.

-Lanna Lytle



Membership News

September was a very enjoyable (and sweetly memorable meeting of Carolyn). We had a total of 50 guests and members that signed in. Claudia Ross and Sharon Murphy attended their first meeting after becoming members at our July orchid show. Welcome both of you!

I have a few orchid plant markers commemorating Carolyn that Jim printed if anybody would like one for another plant or just a book mark to remember her by. I'll bring them to the meeting.

Also, I would like to thank Frank Zachariah for helping me find the colors of orchids I needed for our Carolyn and Danna display.

Here is our October birthday list:

Oct 2: Nancy Morrison
Oct 3: Kim Dubrock
Oct 5: Melissa LeJeune
Oct 11: Sharon Murphy
Oct 25: Kim Kensill
Oct 29: Mona Budden
Oct 30: Kathy Lopiparo

Happy Birthday to all you fellow October babies!

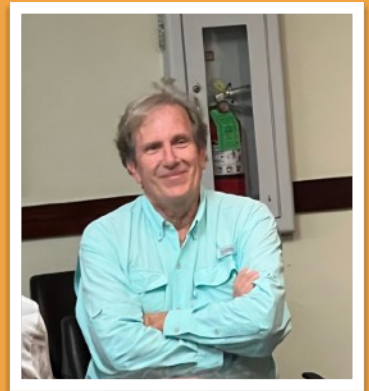
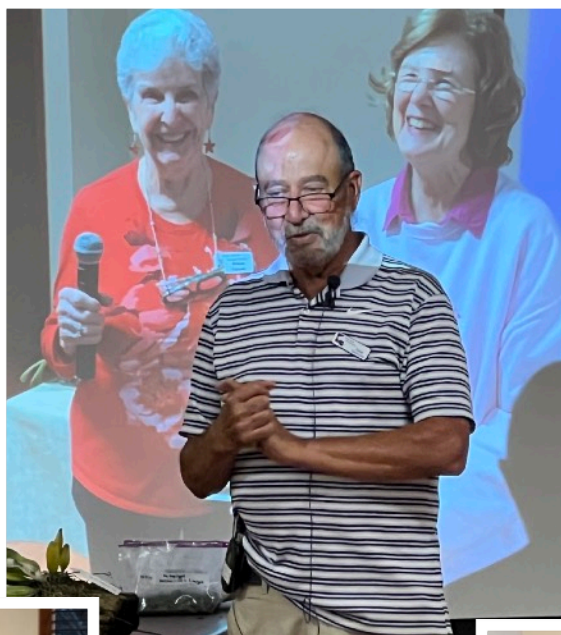
MORE MEMBERSHIP NEWS FROM NANCY:

A reader of our BROS website, Mary Bolin, phoned to donate orchid paraphernalia such as stakes, orchid pot holders, fertilizer etc. I am bringing these items to the meeting Wednesday for anybody who wants them to take.

Patty has lovingly taken some of the orchids Carolyn Clay donated, cleaned them up, and repotted them for us to use in a free raffle at this October meeting; all you have to do is come to the meeting, sign in and take a chance.

Nancy Morrison, Membership

September Meeting Photos



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Christmas Party 2023 Reminder

Save the date!

**December 7th is going to be the date of our annual Christmas party. It will be in the Burden conference center!
More details will follow!**

Short Course - December 2, 2023



ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS

WINTER SHORT COURSE

Hosted by Calcasieu Orchid Society, Lake Charles, LA

SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 2023

In the Historic Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 715 Kirkman St., Lake Charles LA, 70605

ORCHIDS WILL BE FOR SALE BY BIG LEAF ORCHIDS, SPRINGWATER ORCHIDS, and DR. MANCINI

Bring plants for judging by 9 a.m.

AOS and Ribbon Judging will follow lunch, about 12:30 p.m.

8-9 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
9 a.m. "Everything About Growing Orchids"
Thanh Nguyen, Springwater Orchids

10 a.m. "Growing Phalaenopsis"
Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids

11 a.m. "Leafless Orchids"
Dr. Mary Mancini

11:30 LUNCH (included)
1 p.m. "A Dozen Species Recommended for Warm Growing Climates"
Thanh Nguyen
2 p.m. "The Latest in Breeding Blue Phalaenopsis"
Peter Lin
3 p.m. Q&A with speakers & MARKETPLACE

REGISTRATION:
NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL & PHONE: _____

Cost for the Short Course is \$35. Lunch is included.
Send checks to Calcasieu Orchid Society, c/o Mary Richardson,
4618 W Autumnwood Ln, Lake Charles, LA 70605
Questions?? Call Mary at 337-540-7713 or
email to stmaryofbanners@gmail.com



USE QR code
to register

Special Thanks to:



and
Randy J Fuerst

BROS 2024 Board of Directors Elections

The BROS Nominating Committee is happy to present its recommendations for the 2024 BROS Board. The Nominating committee is tasked with finding and recommending BROS members willing to serve as officers for BROS. Per BROS bylaws, nominations for any of the open board positions can be offered at the September and October general membership meetings. Elections are held at the October general membership meeting with duties beginning in January. Nominations for board positions can be offered from the floor during the October meeting and if no nominations are made, the slate of officers are approved by acclamation. The Committee recommends the following.

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| • President | Jim Morrison |
| • Vice President | Glenn Gawarecki |
| • Secretary | Lanna Lytle |
| • Treasurer | Pat Canning |
| • New Member at Large | Connie Miller |
| • Conservatory | Frank Zachariah |

Additional board positions not requiring a vote

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| • Immediate Past President | Frank McMains |
| • 2 nd Member at Large | David Coco |
| • 3 rd Member at Large | Charles Dartez |

Also, some Committee Chairs for 2024 have volunteered

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| • Program | Geoff Frost |
| • Publicity | Lowell Tilley |
| • Annual BROS Show | David Coco |
| • Newsletter | Kathy Lopiparo |
| • Finance | Pat Canning |
| • Hospitality | Janette Frazer |
| • Membership | Nancy Morrison |
| • Conservatory | Frank Zachariah |
| • New Orchids for Seniors | Patty Granier/Kathy Conerly |
| • Out of Town Shows | Open |

We are also looking for an official BROS Photographer to take photos of members, meeting display table, the BROS Show and other BROS functions. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jim Morrison.

Submitted for the Nominating Committee by Jim Morrison

Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah

Oct Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah

Bonnie Selby loved her orchids. When she became sick, she asked her son Trey to make sure to donate them to BROS so that others could enjoy something that gave her such pleasure. Two years ago she passed and we inherited a hundred blooming size plants. One plant from her collection is almost always in bloom.

Last week, we received this picture and text message:

Hey guys,



Good afternoon. Today marks two years since my mother Bonnie passed away. Instead of visiting her ashes at the cemetery I chose to visit her orchids at Burden and was pleased to find one of them in bloom. Wanted to drop a note saying thank you to the two of you and the rest of the members of the BROS for taking in her orchids and caring for them. Take care, Trey



We have some orchids from Carolyn Clay. And orchids from present members, including Bob Danko, Patty Granier, and Gene Berg. And some specimen plants from James Jeansonne.
[These are marked with a 'Donation' tag.]

I have personally told my family to make sure my orchids pass to the Conservatory. If this is something you wish to do, remember to tell your family now and also send us an email for our records.

I have sweet memories seeing plants in bloom from present and past friends. I would like people to continue to enjoy my flowers in the future.

Below are pics of our Conservatory elves getting us ready for the fall.



ABOUT OUR SOCIETY

2023 BROS

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

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
Newsletter Editor
Kathy Lopiparo
Co-Editor - Jim 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

