

# BROS News

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## October Meeting Information

**Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, at the Burden Conference center at 7pm. This month's meeting topic will be on Dendrobiums, and we are excited to welcome our guest speaker, Manuel Aybar.**

Manuel Aybar is originally from the Dominican Republic (A grower's paradise, as he describes it). He has been growing orchids for 26 years. The genus that got him started was Dendrobium in which he specializes (phalaenopsis-type).

Member of the American Orchid Society since 1997 and the Greater North Texas Orchid Society since 2000, Manny is an Accredited Judge of the American Orchid Society Judging program, and serves currently as a Chair for the AOS Dallas Judging Center. His current research includes the orchids of the Dominican Republic, for which he has made numerous orchid collecting trips back to his home country.

He has been extensively involved in the judging of many shows around the US, including the Miami International Orchid Show and most of the southwest region (SWROGA) shows (New Orleans OS, Baton Rouge OS, Shreveport OS, Greater North Texas OS, Fort Worth OS, Oklahoma OS, and Arkansas). He has also served as an international judge for Orchid Shows in Taiwan (TOGA 2010,2011,2013,2015,2016), Peru, Costa Rica, Colombia, as well as the World Orchid Conference in Miami (2008), Singapore (2011), South Africa (2014), Ecuador (Judging Chair-2017)

He is affiliated with SWROGA, and within this association, he belongs to the publications committee and serves as the Webmaster for the organization's web site.

He has given several Orchid Seminars and Potting classes at Smith and Hawkins, North Haven Gardens, and other popular gardening stores. He offered a series of orchid workshops for Range Rover, US as a part of the Land Rover Destination Tour. He is a regular lecturer for the local orchid societies and visiting speaker for societies around the country.

# President's Message



Hello from the sunny mountain town of Ronda, Spain.

A few brief notes this October. We are all looking for reliable information about our orchids. Consider subscribing to the Motes Orchids newsletter. Each month you will receive information about taking care of an orchid that is specific to that time of year. The guide is geared towards Florida growers but there is a lot of overlap with our region. This wisdom is also available in a book, *Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month*.

At the beginning of the summer, I purchased two Wi-Fi controlled sprinkler timers. Specifically, the model Orbit 21002 B-hyve Smart Hose Watering Timer. The package contained 2 timers, a Wi-Fi hub and a hose splinter for \$129. I have used these units since June and have found them to be reliable and fairly easy to navigate, although they do require some setup. The timers are controlled through an App on your phone which will allow you to water from anywhere that has an internet connection. The App also tracks the amount watered and displays in a series of charts and calendars that are all easy to access through the App.

These units from Orbit are a substantial upgrade from the timers I had used before, which are the same that we use at the conservatory and have worked well, but if you are gone for a few weeks, the Orbit timers allows you to tailor your watering to local conditions.

These timers worked great for me. Let me know if you have questions or need a hand with setup (if you buy some).

How do you water your plants and handle your busy schedule?

**-Frank McMains**

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## September Meeting Minutes

The September BROS meeting started with Jeanette Foster thanking her group of hard-working people that work on the refreshments for our monthly meetings. We were then reminded by Gene Berg that he is hosting Green Grower meetings again. Look for the reminders in your email. Danna Spayde then told everyone that she is starting up the Orchids for Seniors program again, she will be announcing those meetings as well. Nancy Morrison then welcomed our new members.



Hal Canning announced the new officers for the coming year to be voted on during the October meeting. They are: President Frank McMains, Vice President Glenn Gawarecki, Secretary Lanna Lytle, and Treasurer Pat Canning. Kathy Lopiparo is continuing her outstanding job with our newsletter. Hal thanked his nominating committee for their help in this process.

Jim Morrison gave an excellent review of the BROS website highlighting new additions. Check out the Orchid Websites tab that gives an index of several orchid sits including several vendors.

Frank Zachairah and Jim Morrison demonstrated their experiment in using the same orchids in different potting media to show the varied growth rates.

Hal Canning talked about how well the foster orchids were doing in the glass greenhouse with several in bloom and more in spike.

Carolyn Clay closed the meeting with her highlighting the many orchids on the bloom table.

**- Patty Granier**

# Membership News

We had a total of 35 members and guests at our September meeting. It was good to see everyone in attendance. It was also nice to see Too Too Bergeron at our meeting. We hope you enjoyed the meeting and continue to come. Please let us know if there are topics you would like to hear more about.

We had 2 new members in attendance:



June Owen: She resides in Prairieville. She is Carolyn Clay's niece so she will have a very good mentor to



Karen Cashio: Karen resides in Baton Rouge and is a master gardener. She has been helping Frank and the volunteers in the conservatory.

Welcome both of you 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**

# New Shipment of Orchids for Sale

Please see photos below of the orchids that are for sale for \$18. These are the new orchids we received from Taiwan. They are bare root, flowering size, and should bloom next year. If you would like to purchase, you can bring payments to our Oct. 19th meeting, but these will not be available at the meeting. You can pick them up at the conservatory at a later date.

**Rlc. Mahina Yahiro "Ulii"**

( Rlc. Meditation x Rlc. Donna Kimura )



**Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hsinying Joy 'Chief Wilson'**



**Den. thysiflorum**



**Den. farmeri**



**Cattleya aurantiaca**



**Myrmecatavola Frances Fox "Water"**

( Bc. Polka Dot x Myrmecophila tibicinis )



**Ctt. Poor Paul 'Blue Heaven'**



**Rlc. Shang Ding Beauty**



**C. Crystelle Smith "N.R."**

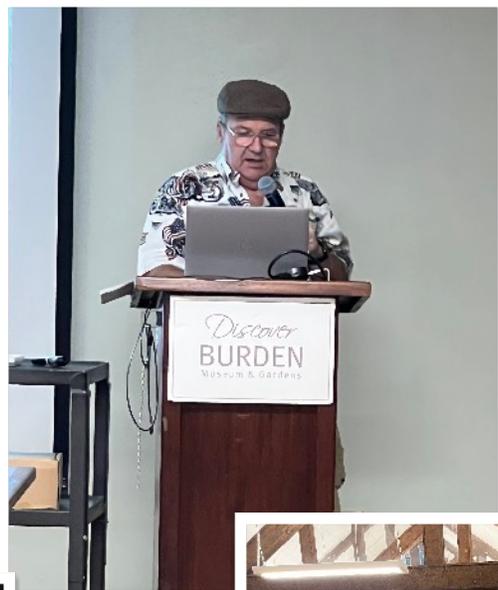
( C. Beaufort x C. loddigesii )



**Rlc. NP Gold 'Monkey Butt'**



# September Meeting Photos



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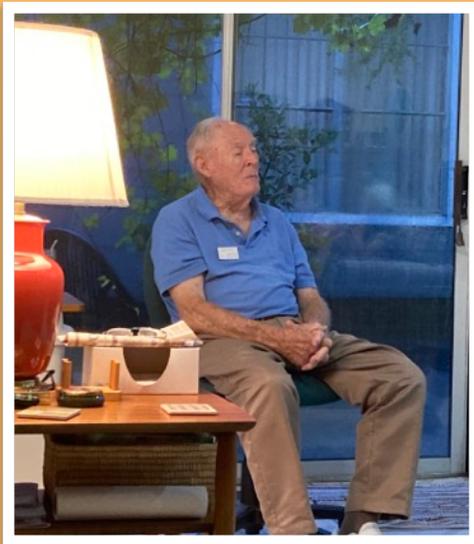
## Program Meetings

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Our Program meetings continue the 2nd Saturday of each month. Our next program meeting will take place on Saturday, November 12th, at 9:00 at Golden Corral 13606 Millerville, Greens Blvd. Everyone who is interested is welcome to attend!

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## Green Growers



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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. The next Green Growers' meeting will be held on November 9, 2022. All members, new & old are welcome!

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## Appetizers, Snacks, and Desserts Needed!

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Jeanette, our Hospitality Chair, needs our help at upcoming meetings with appetizers, sandwiches, snacks, and dessert. Please email Jeanette at [fosterjeanette51@gmail.com](mailto:fosterjeanette51@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute, or you can simply bring any food items to our upcoming meeting on October 19, 2022.

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# Orchids for Seniors - October 10, Houmas House

On Monday, October 10, 2022, BROS resurrected its Orchids for Seniors meetings. The group gathered at Houmas House for a tour of the grounds and greenhouse before having lunch and a brief meeting. Stay tuned for information about our next OFS event!



Wes Matthews, a BROS member who works at Houmas House, was our own personal tour guide.



This is the group that attended our first revival of Orchids for Seniors. All we are missing is Danna! We are so happy she is recovering, and we appreciate her hard work in organizing the event!

# Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah



We've got new additions in the Conservatory from Taiwan. They've come in bare root and we are going to let them grow out a bit. But if you want one now, let Frank Z know [There's pictures of their flowers in this Newsletter]. Since our Oct speaker Manny will talk on

Dendrobiums, we'll have several Dens at the back Sale Table for our Wed evening meeting.

But back to the Conservatory. We have some very dedicated people that have been maintaining the plants and making sure no disasters crop up. Thanks! Oct buds are forming – Glenn should post pics of them shortly.

Most of the Cattleyas are showing new growth as expected. We should have plenty of flowers in bloom by spring.

Dendrobiums are amazing. You can't beat them for ease of care and length of bloom. There is one in the Shade Structure that has been in bloom for 4 months. I am hoping by next year when they reach more maturity, several of the others will also have extended blooms.

Angrecums are spiking. They will go in the Conference Center soon to impress the visitors.

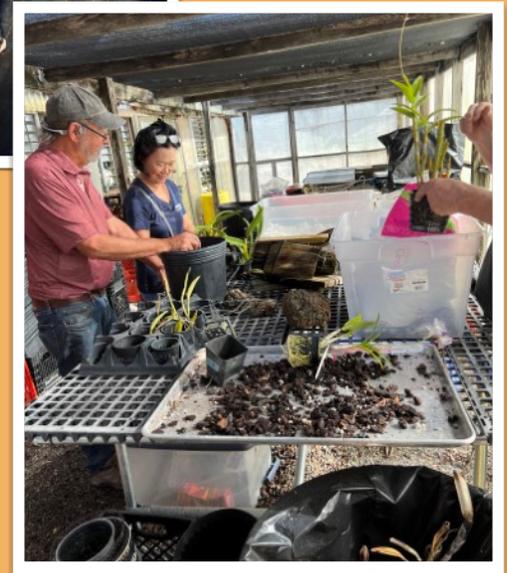
The Shade Structure Mounts are going to move to their winter location on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in Nov [Nov 5]. It will be right next door in our adjacent hoop. (Glenn has already hung the chain.) It was a success outside. We've received many positive responses. We can use some extra help on that day to make the move smooth and speedy.

**Please come by and visit. It's your Conservatory.**

## Conservatory Photos by Glenn Gawarecki

# Conservatory Work Day - October 1, 2022

Conservatory Work Day included changing out orchids at Burden Office



## October 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:



Bc. Roman Holiday 'Remar'



Lc. Chien Ya Cranberry 'Pink Beauty' Sky'



### Christmas Party 2022 Reminder

We haven't had a BROS Christmas party for the last few years, so here is a reminder that we **WILL** be having a 2022 Christmas party!! We have reserved the Burden Center for **December 7th** (Wednesday) from 6:00pm until 9:00 pm. We will discuss details of this event at our upcoming October and November meetings.

# AOS AWARDS FROM THE LOUISIANA JUDGING CENTER

## SEPTEMBER AWARDS



**Clo. Lou Lodyga 'La Dolce Vita'  
AM 82 Bill Caldwell**



**Ctsm. Aurora 'La Dolce Vita'  
HCC 78 Bill Caldwell**



**Habenaria medusa  
'Louisiana' AM 87 Al Taylor**



**Papilionanda Ben Buttercup 'Lola  
Belen' HCC 76 Jacqueline Bravo**

# ABOUT OUR SOCIETY

## 2022 BROS

**President** - Frank McMains  
**Vice Pres.-** Glenn Gawarecki  
**Secretary** - Patty Granier  
**Treasurer** - Pat Canning  
**Show Chair** - Jim Morrison

**LSU Orchid Conservatory**  
Frank Zachariah

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

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

**Hal Canning** (through 2022)  
**Lata Johnson** (through 2023)  
**Frank Zacariah** (through 2024)

## 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



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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)

