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Glenn Gawareski

**'Introduction to Growing
and Harvesting VANILLA'**

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Glenn Gawareski

Glenn Gawarecki had been a hobby grower of various plants for many years and was first introduced to orchids by Frank Zachariah during a chance meeting in 2017. He attended his first BROS meeting shortly after. He has spent the last four years experimenting with and trying to learn about growing orchids. He grows outdoors under shade cloth in the summer and maintains a small greenhouse in the winter. He has about 150 orchids and constantly resists the urge to acquire more. He lives about 30 miles north of Baton Rouge in Ethel, LA.



Minutes from the Aug Meeting

The BROS welcomed Dotty Woodson to its meeting for a program on Lady Slipper Orchids of the Cyripedioideae Alliance. These orchids can be found in the South to the Great Lakes. Habitat destruction due to agriculture and development have hurt its spread in the wild the most as the roots grow in leaf litter at the edge of forest rather than in soil. This Alliance can be divided into four categories: Paphiopedilums (Lady Slipper Orchids), Phragmipediums (like higher light than Paphs.), Selenipediums (harder to find and grow), and Mexipedium (hard to find and likes to be very dry).

Dottie Woodson uses the following to grow Paphs:

Light - low to medium; south to south facing windows; can also grow and flower under grow lights

Temperature: 55 to 90 degrees with a 10 to 20 degree difference between day and night. Cool growing varieties can go down to 40 degrees and have lower humidity during cooler temperatures. During the summer evaporative coolers, wet walls, exhaust fans, circulation fans, shade cloth and paint can be used to cool greenhouses. Dottie uses ferns under her benches to keep bugs on the ferns as well as providing more humidity. Keep temperatures above 55 degrees in the winter with humidity between 50 to 70%.

Dottie's Potting Mix: 3 parts medium bark; 2 parts fine bark; 1/2 part sponge rock, 1/2 part charcoal; 1/4 cup dolomite lime per 10 gallons of mix; and oyster shells. Repot every 12 to 24 months. Only moisten what you will use that day. Wet the bark overnight before reporting.

Pots - match pots to your watering habits. Use plastic if in a dry area and use clay pots if you like to water more often. Dottie also likes clear pots to see the roots.

Paphs have hairy roots that don't like to sit in water and like to be evenly moist with low salinity - rain water is best.

Fertilizer - uses Siphonex to fertilize high nitrogen every other week ex. Peters 15-5-15.

Paphs problems - mealy bugs, fungus, scale, bacteria. Dottie uses soap and alcohol; peroxide for bacteria and fungus.

A good beginner Paph is Claire de Lune.

Patty Granier (Secretary)

Sept Membership News



We have a few Sept birthdays to recognize:

Mary Cash 9/16

Mal Corcoran 9/24

David Gregory 9/15

Mary Rice 9/?

Carolyn Clay 9/29

Happy Birthday Wishes to All!!

No other member news at this time other than I will be having surgery in a few days & if we should get back to meeting in person by October, I may not be able to attend.

Everybody take care & hope all are recovering from Hurricane Ida.

As Always,

Nancy Morrison

Membership Chair

LSU Conservatory Notes by Frank Z

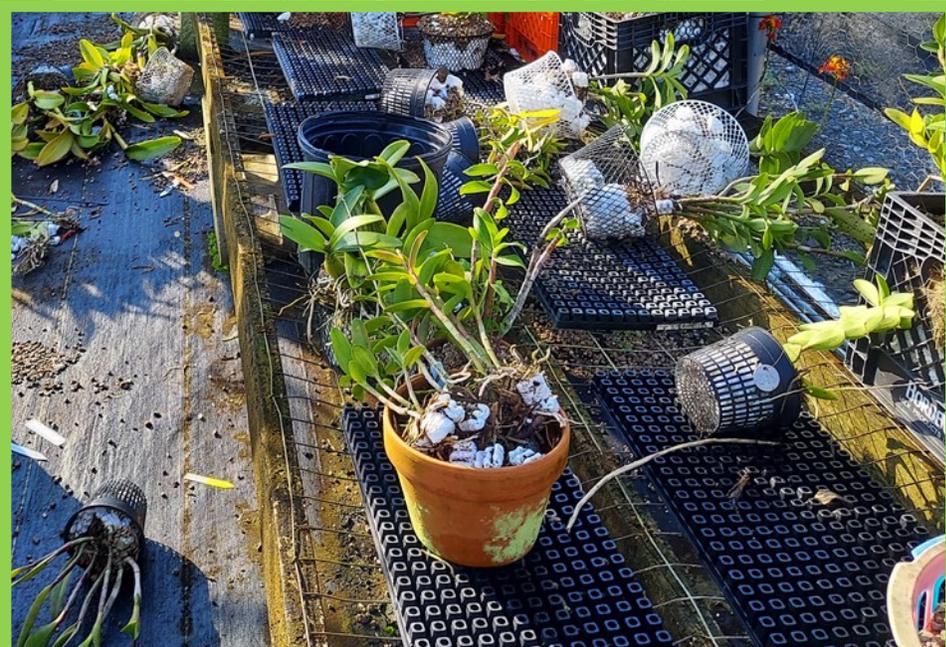
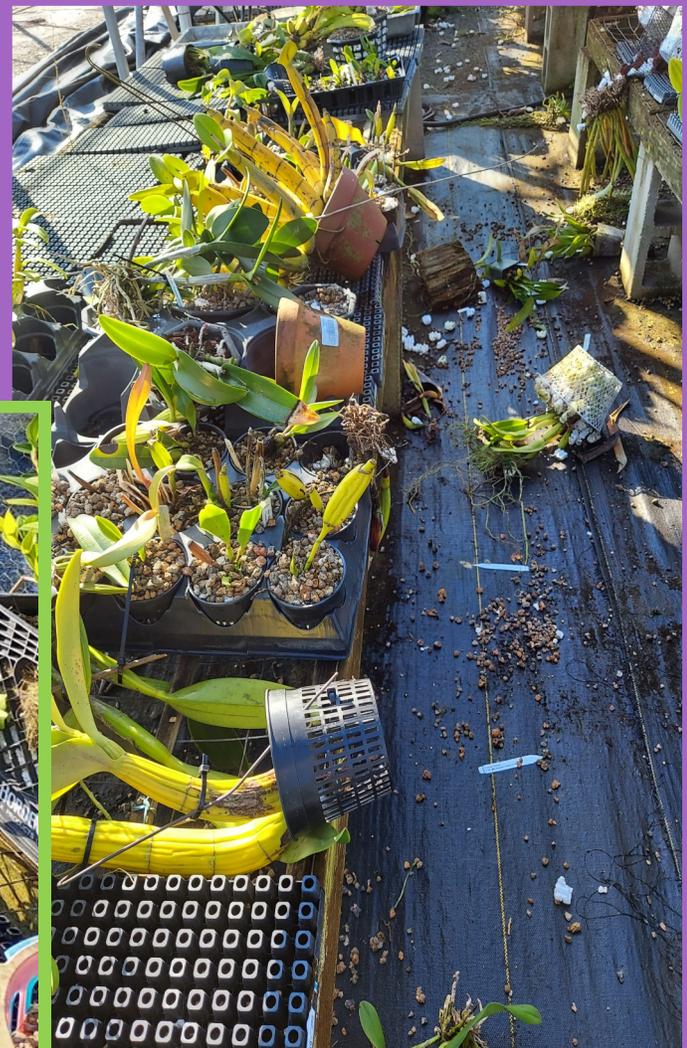
For those that have been sleeping under a rock, allow me to update you.

We had a hurricane.

These were pics taken last week.

Everything's picked up now.

Looks better, but it will take a while for recovery.



Orchid Conservatory

Photos by Glenn Gawarecki

Why do I grow orchids?

These were some in bloom after our disaster. Wish I had gotten a pic of that beautiful white.



**There were 3 awards given
last month in Alexandria at
our Louisiana Orchid Judging Center.**

**Vanda Ploenpit Blue
'Anna Claire' AM/AOS
Grower: Eron Borne**

**Phal. Valentinii
'Louisiana' AM/AOS
Grower: Al Taylor**



**Clowesetum Black Jade
'Antkaren' AM/AOS
Grower: Karen Armstrong**

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