

Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Orchid Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello BROS!

Baton Rouge Orchid Society members and their plants did very well at the New Orleans show earlier this month. Thank you to all of the members who provided plants for our display. Congratulations to all of the members who had plants that were awarded - Bob Danka, Jim Morrison, Kathy Coerly, Patty Granier, Tin-Wein Yu, Hal Canning, Mal Corcoran, Randal LeJuene.

As you all know, our show is coming up the weekend of July 8th. There is still plenty to do, please reach out to Jim Morrison to support the show. The various show chairs are listed further in the newsletter.

Thank you to Kathy Lopiparo for making such a great success of our newsletter. We all appreciate her talents and enthusiasm for orchids and the Society. The newsletter looks great and is even more informative than ever, if that's possible!

Happy Growing, and don't forget to volunteer for BROS activities this summer!

Frank M

Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, at the Burden Conference center at 7pm. Our discussions will center around our upcoming show, Backyard Orchids. We hope to see everyone there!

Meeting Minutes & News Bits

Congratulations to Hal Canning!



The Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence was awarded to Hal Canning at our May meeting for his outstanding efforts in replacing our conservatory benches with new state of the art benches. Astonishingly, Hal organized and got this project completed in record time at no cost to our society. The Diamond award represents excellence and is given annually in member societies like ours. Each year our society honors a special member with a unique glass diamond-shaped paperweight inscribed with "Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence!" Members are honored for many reasons, and Hal's momentous efforts of securing donations and materials as well as his tireless work and craftsmanship certainly made him an ideal choice for this award. The most recent honorees are presented on the website as well as in the Orchid Digest. We are excited to see Hal take his place among members of this distinguished group!



May Meeting Minutes

The May Orchid Society meeting started off with Hal Canning being awarded the Orchid Digest Diamond award for his outstanding efforts to replace the rotting, sagging benches in the Orchid Conservatory. By begging and pleading, he was able to get enough donations of cash and materials to build new high benches at no cost to our society. He also recognized Glenn Gawarecki for his help with this endeavor. Pat Canning presented us with Hal's many processes in securing the fence posts he needed to much of our laughter.

Nancy Morrison gave us an update on new members.

Our program for the night was presented by Mary Richardson with the Calcasieu Orchid Society on growing and repotting Phalaenopsis. Mary said these are her favorite orchids because the flowers last so long.

- Mary's potting media is orchiat, charcoal, sponge rock and 1/3 sphagnum moss.
- She grows them on a porch under lights and with fans.
- The phals don't like to be below 60 degrees except for a couple of weeks in the winter where they can go cooler.

Mary went through the new foster phals giving us recommendations on saving some and pitching some. She also shared her expertise on the bloom table by recognizing the grower and sharing her experience with each orchid.

Jim Morrison gave updates on the coming shows, volunteers were requested to collect and prepare orchid the Thursday before the New Orleans show June 4th and 5th. He also reminded everyone that our show is the second weekend in July and more volunteers are needed for the many tasks. Jim had sign up sheets and you can also check the BROS website for more details.

Frank Z. ended our meeting with an updated on the conservatory, saying that we now have three areas of orchids to take care of. He is asking for help with watering, repotting, and general upkeep of the growing areas. This is a great way to learn how to better care for your own orchids.

-Patty Granier

May Meeting Highlights

May was one of our most well-attended in-person meetings. Our presenter was Mary Richardson from the Calcasieu Orchid Society. Mary spoke on the subject of Phalaenopsis orchids, and did an excellent job of discussing and evaluating orchids from her and our collections as well as taking time to go through the repotting and cleaning process of some of her mature plants.



We had an EXCELLENT turn out at our May meeting!



Our presenter, Mary Richardson, did an amazing job of not only informing and doing a repotting demonstration, but during a "pass around" portion of the evening, we discussed which phals were keepers and which should be tossed out.



Our beautiful bloom table from our May meeting.



Questions for Mary during our program

JUNE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

May was a great meeting with a great speaker and lots of participation. We had a total of 31 members which is more than we have had post Covid. We had some new members:

Melissa Porter signed up online May 5, joined our May program committee and attended our May meeting. She has a few years experience with orchids and her favorite orchid is the phalaenopsis. She resides in Baker, La.

Lanna Lytle (lightel) joined at the May meeting. She wants to learn more about orchids and meet others who love orchids. She is interested in monthly meeting setup/cleanup, orchid shows, publicity committee and foster orchid program. She resides in Baton Rouge.

Lauren Hymel resides in Sunshine La. She joined at the May meeting. She would like to meet others that enjoy orchids as much as she does...and LEARN...always learn. She is interested in social media updates, monthly meeting setup/cleanup, orchid shows, hospitality committee, and foster orchid program.

Jenny Herman resides in Baton Rouge and joined us on May 27 through online application. She has several orchids

Welcome to our new members!

We also had some visitors:

Bill Geiger, Mariette Acocella, Kathryn Grigsby and Linda Tindall. Linda had phoned Jim Morrison with questions about her phalaenopsis that she had recently acquired. I hope your questions were answered and you will be back!

Welcome to all of our guests and we hope you all come back again!

Also, it was great to see all of our members that attended, especially those coming back since our Covid trial days.

NOTE: Until we have a hospitality chairman & committee to provide a pitcher of ice water and disposable drinking glasses, we will be having BYOB meetings. If anybody wants to step up to this task, please talk to Frank McMains or any of the board members.

Nancy Morrison, Membership Chairman

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

We have a few June Birthdays to celebrate this month:

Beth Blackstock, Gerard Darvill, Wesley Matthews,
Peter Grant, and Trey Ourso

Happy Birthday to all of you!

Nancy Morrison
Membership





2022 BROS Orchid Show July 7-10

The 2022 Baton Rouge Orchid show and sale, “Backyard Orchids”, is just a couple of weeks away now and I want to thank those that have already volunteered to make our show work. The Annual Orchid Show is BROS main fund raiser for the year and an example of the Education BROS can provide.

As a reminder, volunteers help with the following tasks for the show. If you don’t sign yourself up for a “job”, I will be asking you personally to do some part in the show. Experience is not a requirement. These are the general jobs and duties of members of the society.

Hospitality- Lata Johnson

Lata and Janette will be asking for assistance in providing dishes for the judges dinner as well as serving on Friday evening 6/8.

Friday Setup

We will need assistance Friday during the day to help other societies and vendors bring in their plants and provide assistance in questions about SWROGA classifications.

Clerking –Kathy Conerly

We still need for several clerks for Friday evening. Clerks are also invited to the Judges dinner at 5 pm

Exhibit – Kathy Conerly

Assistance Thursday evening in cleaning, staking and wrapping plants would be helpful.

Welcome and Raffle ticket sales

On Saturday and Sunday, we need a couple members to welcome visitors and sell raffle tickets. We obtain interest in receiving our newsletter, take down email addresses, and distribute cut sheets on plant culture as needed.

Answering Orchid Questions

On Saturday and Sunday during the show we ask for a few experienced growers to be available to the public to answer questions about the orchids in the exhibits. This is a great experience to educate and help future growers.

Sunday Afternoon Cleanup

On Sunday afternoon when the show is over, we need volunteers to assist societies and vendors to take down their exhibits and help clean up the conference center for Burden.

We hope our members will volunteer for multiple days and jobs. As you can see it does take a lot of teamwork to conduct a successful show...which of course is our goal. We will have a signup sheet at each meeting between now and show. We understand if you will be out of town for dates of our show but perhaps there would be assistance you might offer prior to or after the show. Please let me know how you can participate.

Thank You

**Jim Morrison, BROS Show Chair
David Coco, Co-Chair**



New Orleans Orchid Society Show

The New Orleans Orchid Show was held June 3-5 at Lakeside Mall. What an incredible space for an orchid show! The theme of the show was *Orchids: Timeless Odyssey*. There were quite a few societies that participated and a vast array of vendors making it an awesome space to exhibit, mingle, buy, and exchange information. Our society had a lot of participation with preparation, set up, and take-down. Thursday night before the show, we had the assistance of Jim & Nancy Morrison, Randall & Melissa LeJeune, Patty Granier, Kathy Conerly, and Kathy Lopiparo. Kathy Conerly and Kathy Lopiparo set up our exhibit with much help from Jim & Nancy Morrison and Patty Granier. Take down went quickly with help from Hal & Pat Canning, Jim & Nancy Morrison, Randall & Melissa LeJeune, Patty Granier, Kathy & Chris Lopiparo, and Bob Danka. We even got to visit with Gene Berg who joined us! We learned an awful lot from our experience at this show, and we left with several awards. We look forward to sharing what we learned to help for future shows and especially our own upcoming show.

Thank you to ALL our members who allowed us to use their orchids for our society exhibit at the NOOS Orchid Show. We could never set up such a beautiful exhibit without the help of our society members. We are also excited about those who were awarded. Thanks, Everyone!



Set up & Prep Thursday Night



Member	Plant Name	Parent 1	Parent 2	Award
Bob Danka	Rlc. Pratum Green	C. Hauserman Gala	Rlc. Hausermann's Jade	BLUE
Jim Morrison	Paph. A. Dimmock	Paph. Godeffianum	Paph. Druryi	BLUE
Kathy Conerly	Pda. Paksorn Frangrance	Pda. Mimi Palmer	V. insignis	BLUE
Patty Granier	E. Jungellora	E. parviflora	E. Orchid Jungle	BLUE
Tin-Wein Yu	Den. Bensoniae	(species)		BLUE & pulled for AOS Judging
Hal Canning	V. Unnamed	V. liouvillei	V. cristata	WHITE
Mal Corcoran	V. Sagarik Gold	V. miniata	V. curvifolia	WHITE
Randal Lejuene	Max. tenuifolia	(species)		WHITE
Jim Morrison	Eyp. Thelma Berg 'Irene' AM/AOS	Mcp. Thomsoniana	E. alata	
Mal Corcoran	E. Unnamed Hybrid	E. alata	E. Standard Setter	
Mal Corcoran	Blc. Nan Irene 'Hawaii'	C. Memoria Robert Strait	Rlc. Doctor Joe Walker	
Randal Lejuene	Max. tenuifolia 'Yamato' AM/AOS	(species)		
Hal Canning	Bc. North Miami	C. Ieddigesi	B. nodosa	
Hal Canning	Rlc. Greenwich 'Elmhurst'	C. Ann Follis	Rlc. Lester McDonald	
Bob Danka	Brm. Jamaica Fire	Grt. Why Not	Mcp. bryslana	
Bob Danka	C. Mareeba Tiger 'Bee-utiful'	C. tigrina	C. schilleriana	
Bob Danka	L. purpurata h.f. cinderrosa 'Bee-utiful'	(species)		
Bob Danka	C. purpurata h.f. carnea 'Bee-utiful'	(species)		
BROS Conservatory-Frank Zachariah	C. Tokyo Life	C. Tokyo Magic	C. Circle of Life	
BROS Conservatory-Frank Zachariah	C. intermedia	(species)		
BROS Conservatory-Frank Zachariah	Bc. Denise Ann	Bc. Binosa	C. Plum Perfection	
BROS Conservatory-Frank Zachariah	Psh. cochleata	(species)		



Our BROS Timeless Odyssey

Use these links to check out some video footage of the show:
[Video1](#) [Video 2](#)

Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah

LSU Orchid Conservatory By Frank Zachariah

We've been making good progress at the Conservatory thanks to weekly visits by Master Gardeners and a busy First Sat with 8 folks participating. We have a new group of *Catasetum* thanks to Stephen Moffitt and should be getting a shipment of Hawaiian orchids from Matthias next week. We're about 99% back in growth mode – with a few fall stragglers left over that need assessing. The Phals in the Glass Display House look great thanks to Hal and Kathy C. Impressive healthy plants mixed in with the begonias and tropicals.

We have nearly 500 plants in the Shade Structure but are still adding mounts. Starting to see new roots grabbing hold – always a good sign.

The Conservatory is becoming more organized despite my haphazard methods. Likes are finally with likes.

We have a Work Day every Friday from 8:30-10:30. We'd love to see you come out!

Conservatory Photos by Glenn Gawarecki

Saturday, June 4- First Saturday Workday

Our First Saturday was quite successful. Work was divided and conquered, and repotting, mounting, tagging, and cleaning were all accomplished!!



Conservatory Beauties

Photo and Identification by Glenn Gawarecki

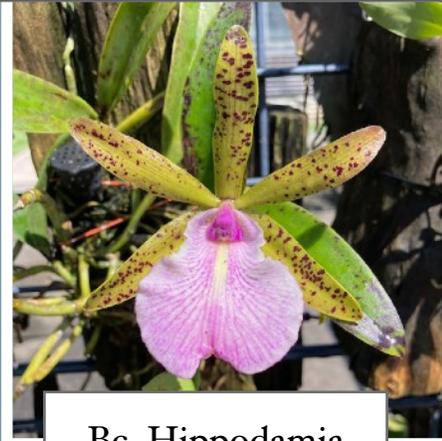
We would like to use our newsletter to highlight some of our blooming Conservatory orchids monthly by name. This will be a great way for members to see and become more familiar with the names and characteristics of some of our beautiful blooms. Here are our latest highlights:

May Conservatory Highlight



Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'

June Conservatory Highlight



Bc. Hippodamia

Need Volunteer for Member Directory Photos at our Meetings

CAN YOU CLICK A PHOTO ON YOUR IPHONE?
THEN YOU ARE HIRED!

The pay is not great (in fact, it doesn't exist), but your personal satisfaction of being a helpful member would be worth it!



I need somebody to take photos for the member directory before the meeting starts. It is easier to identify & remember other members if you have a photo to go with it. The photos are available for viewing on the member directory on the BROS Wild Apricot website and the Wild Apricot member phone app.

If you would like to apply, contact:

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AOS AWARDS FROM THE LOUISIANA JUDGING CENTER

MAY AWARDS

Twelve plants submitted for judging. Four received awards.



**Den. Give My God 'Leela' HCC 77
Lata Johnson**



**Microcoelia koelia 'Dude' CBR
Mary Mancini**



**Chiloschita parishii 'Binin' AM 80
Mary Mancini**



**Phal. coru-cervi 'Snookie' AM 88
Mary Mancini**

From Ordinary to Extraordinary

by Pat Canning



I must admit that I am remiss when it comes to remembering special people in my life on important days of their life. I can't tell you how many cards have been buried under a stack of other important papers or under piles of mail that needed attention. I am lucky if Christmas cards are mailed by December 23. I figure that, like the IRS, if they are post marked before Christmas, then they are on time. But there is one day that I rarely missed, and that was Father's Day. You see, I consider myself the luckiest gal on the planet to have had Jerry Young as my father and I always wanted him to know it.

By most people's standards, Jerry was just an ordinary guy. He supported my mother, my two older brothers and me by working for NOPSI, New Orleans Public Service Inc, his entire working life. He was a streetcar conductor on St. Charles Avenue for several years before moving over to drive a city bus for over 30 years! What made him so special? He loved his family and showed it every day. He came home from work every night. He never stopped to have a beer with the other guys. He never went hunting or fishing on the weekends with friends. A city bus driver got to pick which route they would drive for the next three-month period. To get weekends off, one had to pick routes that started super early and/or ended very late. By the time it got to his turn, the only routes left were ones that were "split" – such as 6:00 am – 11:00 am; 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This schedule was perfect for him because not only did he get weekends off, but he also had the afternoons off to coach my brothers' little league baseball teams.

I remember that he would make his own crawfish and shrimp nets by "knitting" them using the bedpost as the base to hold the string taut. I would sit on the bed and we would talk while he knitted. Each knot was tied perfectly and each square hole was perfect. He would take all of us crawfishing in the marshes north of Lake Pontchartrain. We would go shrimping off of the seawall of Lake Pontchartrain along Lakeshore Drive (before it became polluted and not fit for fishing.) I suppose making those handmade nets are a lost art now.

One year, my family was fortunate to rent a house with another couple in Mississippi for a week's vacation. One day, the two dads planned to take us, kids, fishing. I was so excited until I realized that I was the only one without a fishing pole! Dad said not to worry, that one didn't need a fishing pole to fish. A line of string with a cork, hook and sinker were all that was needed. I cried. That was not my idea of fishing. The other kids had cute little rods and reels with little plastic lures for hooks. He proceeded to put a worm on our hooks and put the lines over the edge of the boat while the others were trying their hand at casting out with their rods and reels. Well guess what? We started catching fish! They were little but I caught a fish! Soon, the other kids got tired of trying to use those new fangled rods and begged for strings with worms! A Tom Sawyer moment for sure.

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From Ordinary to Extraordinary (continued)

by Pat Canning

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, my mother would buy a sack of oysters. Dad would sit outside and shuck them so that she could make her oyster dressing for the turkey. I would watch and we would talk. I guess I asked a million questions about I don't know what, but he was always patient and usually answered with a humorous comment. Every now and then, he would come across a nice big one and gulp, down the hatch! To this day, I just can't eat oysters.

One Saturday afternoon, he told me to get dressed up – he was taking me to the movies (I guess my mother needed some peace and quiet). He made me feel so special. I was going downtown to the movies with my Daddy! We climbed aboard a city bus, went downtown to the Orpheum Theater to see Hole In The Head starring Frank Sinatra. We even stopped at Crystal Hamburger for a snack before going home. What a memory.

He had a sense of humor like no other. He wasn't a jokester but he could say the funniest things. And he could laugh at himself. Later on in life, as his eyes started to fail, he commented that the meat on the plate was so tough that he couldn't cut it – until he realized that he was holding the knife cutting side up! Instead of being embarrassed, he just laughed at himself. What was his favorite pastime? Looking at the backs of his eyelids. When he had enough to eat, he would say, "It's getting to the point that it doesn't taste good anymore." As he was nearing the end of his life, he told me how happy he was that I had found Hal after my first husband died. He said, "In fact, I would have married Hal myself had I known he could cook so good!"

As it is with most children, we inherit traits from both, mother and father. I know I inherited his love of reading. He always had a paperback book close by. Perry Mason was his favorite. Any good mystery is my favorite. He was good with numbers. He could add a column of numbers faster than I could input them into an adding machine. I may not be that good, but numbers don't scare me. He never took life too seriously. He laughed often, even if it was at himself. If, while you are talking to me, something funny comes out of left field, now you'll know it's my dad's humor.

When, you may ask, am I going to tie this into an orchid theme? I'm not. I'm just happy to use this platform to share what a wonderful dad I had. He truly lived an ordinary life that became extraordinary by giving of himself to his family 24/7, 52 weeks a year. I know we have many extraordinary dads out there – and, to all of you, Happy Father's Day.

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Please remember that we need all the help we can get for our own BROS Society Show!

If you can assist in any way, please contact Jim Morrison at jwmorrisoniii@msn.com

