

# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

September 12, 2021

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, September 12 at 2:00 at the **Joe Graham Post 119 American Legion Hall, 12320 Ashley Dr., Gulfport, MS.** Located east of Highway 49 North. Guests are welcome.

**FACEMASKS:** We do not require face masks but ask you to please consider wearing one. We urge all members to get vaccinated. If you're sick, do not come to the meeting. Please be respectful on others and try to give everyone a lot of space. We have a very special program for October we'd hate for you to miss it due to sickness.

## Photos from July Meeting: taken by Sydney Dyche



Chip Lechner and Andra Mladinich



L-R Katrina Alford, Kyler Alford, Julia French, Janet Olier



Richard Crespin of Rick's Tips

**PROGRAM: September 12.** Have you wondered what kind of plant we're talking about when we say Brassolaeliacttleya? Are you clueless about those strange initials found on an orchid tag? Our President, Sydney Dyche, will present a basic how to figure it all out. Come to our Sept. 12 meeting, so next time you're orchid shopping you'll know Sydney's simple way to know what you're buying.

**RICK'S TIPS:** Our inaugural Rick's Tips session was awesome! Rick brought in all the stuff (including his blender!) needed to make his famous orchid spray. He went through each step and was very patient. He spoke again on buying straight wire in 10 ft lengths so we can make our own pot clips and special wires for our orchids.

So, this month Richard will show us all how to make our own pot clips. **Bring some needle nosed pliers strong enough to bend 12-gauge wire.** Rick will bring in enough wire cut to the size needed to make a pot clip for each member. He will also give each member a wire pattern with bend locations marked. Rick is donating these cut wires and spending his time marking them for you. Please, do not start bending the wires until Richard shows us how during the Rick's tips segment of our meeting. Please respect his kindness and generosity by waiting.



needle nosed pliers

**DO YOU WANT MORE WIRE?** Since Sydney has a van, that will accommodate the wires which are sold only in 10' sections. She will buy wire and bring it to the meeting. We will also have cutters to

cut it to fit into your vehicle. Then each of you can **buy** what you need. The only wire available currently is the lighter 12-gauge wire which is ideal for pot clips and plant stakes. **PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MUCH YOU NEED by responding to this email or email [flamingosyd@gmail.com](mailto:flamingosyd@gmail.com) make sure you tell her how many 10' sections you want and leave your name.** One 10' section will make approx. 12 pot clips for 6" pots. These will only cost a dollar or so each. Sydney asks that you bring some dollar bills and change; she can't make change for everyone.

**OCTOBER SPECIAL SPEAKER:** Final preparations are underway for our special, live, in person and bringing lots of plants to sell, speaker, Denny Haase. Many of you know Denny from our shows; Spring Orchids from Texas and know him to have great plants and very good prices. Plus, the stuff he grows is mainly what he's selling so if it grows well in the Houston area it will grow well here. We will spend some time at our September meeting planning for his visit.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** We are already working on programs for 2022, if you have any ideas or requests please see our program chair, Janet Olier, at the meeting.

**October 10, Second Sunday:** Denny Haase of Spring Orchids will speak and sell plants. Denny's topic will be "How to Acclimate Your New Orchids." Denny is one of our long time show vendors and grows and sells wonderful plants. The meeting will start at 2:00 but we will have a meet and greet session from 1:30 till the meeting begins. You can buy plants from Denny prior to the meeting.

**November 14, Second Sunday.** Tricks on Presenting Orchids. How to get Best Grown Plant and win Trophies at Shows!

**December 12, Second Sunday** Orchid Bingo; every member wins a plant! Christmas potluck

**January 9, 2022, Show Prep:** Our 2022 show is scheduled for January 28-30 with set up the afternoon of January 27.

**February 13, 2022,** thank you party for members who worked our show. Those show workers **present** get a free plant of their choice. Others will be sold at break to all members.

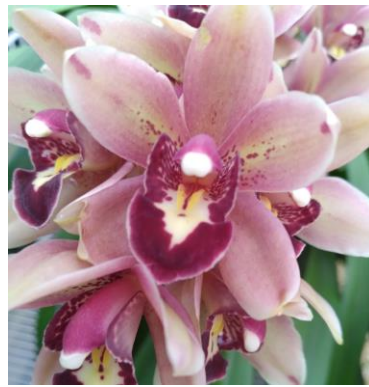


**Anita Applebee, John Tate and Janet Olier; Anita's cedar mounts are on the bottom left corner of the picture.**

**FOR SALE THIS MONTH:** This month most of our sales items and freebies will be available to members from 1:30 till shortly before 2:00. Remaining items will be available during the break. Anita Applebee will bring in more of those great red cedar mounts and some new oak mounts which she sells for just \$10.00 each.

Sydney has some bareroot Cymbidium divisions that are all named that she will sell. Not sure of the quantity or cost but the money made from the sell of these divisions will be donated to the society. Jo Ann will bring in some more of the odd pots recovered from Glen Ladnier's greenhouse.

These will be free; first come first served. She'll bring some really big clay pots that are big enough for specimen Dendrobiums. These are used pots from both her and Glen's greenhouses all washed and bleached and ready for your use. There's maybe 6 or 7 and they will be priced around \$5.00 each. All money goes to the Society. Jo Ann may also bring in a few Coelogyne marthae bare root divisions for sale. She has a huge Coelogyne marthae that has become too big for her to carry so if time allows on Saturday before the meeting, she will split it up and sell to our members at the meeting. Read on for more info on Coelogyne.



Close up Cym Cherry Kisses

**SPECIAL AUCTION:** We will have one of the most awesome pendant Cymbidiums for auction this month. Cymbidium Cherry Kisses, (Cherry Cola x dayanum) one of the plants recovered from the damage Secret Gardens Rare Plants suffered from Hurricane Michael some years ago. Jody has positively identified it. It was just a few thin leaves three years ago now it fills out a 6" pot with 6 flower spikes and lots of great looking leaves. A little hint on orchid culture here: If you want lots of quality flowers you must take care of the plant and encourage plenty of wonderful green leaves. The more

**Cym. Cherry Kisses for auction** of water and fertilizer in the summer. As they are semi-terrestrial, they like a rich organic potting media.

leaves the more energy for flowers! To do this give Cymbidiums lots



**SEPTEMBER RAFFLE:** Save some money for a few raffle tickets, just \$1.00 will buy you three chances to win a raffle plant. This month Sydney has donated 2 blooming size small growing Cattleya plants from the Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO) greenhouses. Fred Clarke did an article about these small growing cuties titled 'Love Sound Dynamite from Japan' in the August *ORCHIDS* magazine. Yes, for a dollar you may get Blc Kaboon 'SVO' x Pot. Memorial Jim Nickou 'James' HCC/AOS or Pot. Martha Clarke 'Outstanding' x Lc. Tropical Aurora 'SVO'. We'll also offer a few other orchids some in bloom and some not. PS

make sure you come to the meeting to find out about all those initials.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** At our September there were 29 members and two guests. Please welcome Dustin and Brittany Garrett of Gulfport, and Elizabeth and Alexandria Davis of Van Cleave.



John's *Ionopsis utriclariodes*

Everyone went home with a freshly mounted orchid or the supplies to do one at home – some went home with both! Thanks to Glen and Marilyn Ladnier for all the wire supplies that were freely shared with everyone. Jo Ann brought in some free Cymbidium back bulbs and Janet Olier took a few minutes to tell members how to start them. Andra donated more mounts and Anita sold some special cedar mounts that she made herself for a great price of \$10.00 each. (She'll have more this month!)

There were 16 plants on the show and tell which Richard Crespin and Jo Ann judged and talked about the winners. John Wlodarczk's *Ionopsis utriclariodes* won Best Plant. Terry Applebee won the door prize.

Thanks to Cynthia Oetker who donated 3 very nice Cattleyas to the raffle; thanks to Janet Olier for her clay saucer mounted Cattleya.

## UPCOMING SHOWS:

**September 17-19 Alabama Orchid Society Show and Sale** in conjunction with the Huntsville and NE Alabama Orchid Societies; Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

**November 19 -21, 2021 Atlanta Orchid Society Show and Sale**, Atlanta Botanical Gardens

**January 28-30, 2022, Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show and Sale**, Gautier Convention Center, 2012 Library Lane, Gautier, Miss.

**March 25-27, 2022, Calcasieu Orchid Society Show and Sale** Historic City Hall down Lake Charles.



Coelogyne marthae thanks to Internet Orchid Species

**COELOGYNE HOW TO:** Coelogynes are native to Asia, east of India and on into Indonesia and Fiji. They have varying culture needs so get yours from a dealer that knows your conditions. Beware of anyone who says intermediate conditions will grow outside here. The cool growers need a dry period in the winter so if you've got a Coelogyne that's not doing well, try growing it inside in the A/C and dry it out in the winter. The website Internet Orchid Species is a great source of information. For instance, under Coelogyne marthae you'll read: "*this species is from Borneo and is found growing on lower tree trunks in flooded heath forests at elevations of 50-30 meters.*" What that means is they like shade and hot humid conditions and lots of water. My plant is

huge and yours will be too; just put it outside in the shade, give it plenty of water and fertilizer and bring it in in the winter. Mine is in a huge heavy metal wire basket. The long spikes and huge leaves are somewhat pendant are best hanging. There is a Coelogyne species for everyone and every condition, large growers to small growers. Our October speaker may offer some Coelogynes for sale. If you want to know what types email him at [springorchids4@yahoo.com](mailto:springorchids4@yahoo.com).

**NOTES FROM OUR JUDGING CENTERS:** We are very lucky to be within a 5-to-6-hour drive to a judging center. Visitors are welcome and bring your best plant for judging.



Miltoniopsis roezlii var. xanthina  
'Buzz'



Rth Dragon's Fire 'Aurora'



Coryhopea Hayden Dallas 'Pterodactyl'

The **Atlanta Judging Center** - The Atlanta Judging Center Chair, Doug Hartong, (678-667-6028) says that "The Atlanta Judging Center met on Saturday, August 14, 2021, and evaluated 15 plant entries. Three received AOS awards. Miltoniopsis roezlii var. xanthina 'Buzz', HCC/AOS 77 points was exhibited by Firelli Alonso and Jon Crate. Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.) Dragon's Fire 'Aurora', AM/AOS 83 points was also exhibited by Firelli Alonso and Jon Crate. This is the first award to this cross of C.

Memoria Trudi Marsh X Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.) Picotee Flight. Coryhopea Hayden Dallas 'Pterodactyl', AM/AOS 80 pts was exhibited by Doug Hartong. This is also a first award to this cross of Stanhopea jenischiana X Coryanthes macrantha. You are always welcome to bring plants to our monthly judging held at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens in Mershon Hall. We have an educational presentation at 12 noon preceding judging on the second Saturday of every month. Currently masks are required by the ABG for all inside activities. Please check with me before attending as changes are possible with the ongoing covid pandemic." All the Atlanta Center photographs are by Charles Wilson who is also an accredited judge.

The **Louisiana Judging Center**, sponsored by the Central Louisiana Orchid Society in Alexandria Louisiana met on August 28 at the Westside Regional Library 5416 Provine Pl, Alexandria. Leader of the group, **Dr. Wilton Guillory Jr.** reports that they had seven plants for consideration and gave three awards, all Awards of Merit (AMs). Eron Borne's Vanda Phoenpit 'Anna Claire' got an 82-point AM. Al Taylor's Phalaenopsis Valentinii 'Louisiana' won an AM of 81 points. Karen Armstrong's Clowesetum Black Jade 'Antkaren' won an AM of 83 points. Susan Hathorn was the photographer. Guests are welcome.

If you recognize the date, they met with Hurricane Ida right at their doorstep. Dr. Guillory says "**Great job everyone even though a hurricane was headed our way. Pandemic or Hurricane we keep on trucking.**" We sincerely hope that everyone is safe and well.



**Vanda Phoenpit 'Anna Claire'**



**Phalaenopsis Valentinii 'Louisiana'**



**Clowesetum Black Jade 'Antkaren'**