



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

February 13, 2011

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, February 13, 2011**, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the **cafeteria meeting room**. The New Growers meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month's New Grower's topic will continue with "Exposing Orchid Myths" and move on to "Air Circulation and Orchids".

**FEBRUARY PROGRAM:** We do not have a formal program scheduled for February. We will have a "Rewards Session" for all our show workers as our way of saying thanks. Bring your name tags used during the show and find out what those stars are all about. We'll also give out "special awards" to deserving workers. This will not be a repeat of last year's special awards, although some of the same people may get special awards, they will get them for different tasks. It is wonderful how our members can see a job that needs doing and do it without being told! We'll have some great plants for sale and the black octagonal net baskets are in so bring a box and your checkbook.

The winner of the dessert bake off will be announced. They will get first pick of all our sale plants!

**REFRESHMENTS:** Rob and Joy Lorens will provide February's refreshments. John and Paula Lewis and Earl Young will bring March's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or to change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054.

**SHOW REPORT:** We had an outstanding show; congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated! The society exhibit won Best Society Exhibit, and the People's Choice Award. Andra Mladinich's Paph. Lady Petula 'Andra's Belle' won an HCC/AOS (photo above taken by Ken Miles). Other awards in our exhibit were: Best Flower in the GCOS Exhibit won by Becky Jolly-Wood's Den. Taaksin Utopia x Taaksin Mary Caine, Rob and Joy Lorens won Best Blooming Plant in the GCOS Exhibit with Onc. Onc. Jiuobao Gold 'Tainan' AM/AOS. John Bridges' Den. aphyllum 'Aunt Alma' won Best Species in the GCOS Exhibit.



John also did a private exhibit. He won two AOS awards for his Phalaenopsis and took best grown Phalaenopsis in the show and best Dendrobium flower in the show. Dtps. Jiuobao Fairy 'Janet Bridges' HCC/AOS at left, photo taken by Ken Miles.

Glen Ladnier also did a private exhibit and won an AOS award for his Vanda Motes Indigo 'Marilyn' AM/AOS (photo below taken by Ken Miles) which also took Best Vanda Flower in the show and Best Purple Flower in the show. Glen's private exhibit also won the Best Private Exhibit trophy.

Jo Ann Vaz did a private exhibit and won Best Grown Vanda and Best Species in the show with her *Rhynchostylis gigantea* red. Her Den. discolor took Best Grown Dendrobium in the show.



Our raffle made \$242.50 and the photos that Andra donated to be raffled made \$23.00. We've been getting quite a few thank you notes from the judges on their gift bags with lots of great comments about the bake off, our friendliness and the quality and variety of the plants.

**MARCH PROGRAM:** Our March 13, meeting will feature guest speaker, Mark Rose, formerly of Breckenridge Orchids, who will speak on Native Plants of Southeastern United States. We will share Mark with New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Mark will not bring plants to sell but we are working on a plan to make some plants available to our members at very reasonable prices. Guests are welcome.

**LIBRARY BOOKS:** Our Library committee has finally finished organizing the library; new lists will be available at the meeting. A few special books that are duplicates will be auctioned at the Feb. meeting. Most are out of print and not available any longer. They are all must haves for any orchidist's library.

**MOBILE SHOW:** The Mobile Area Orchid Society will have an AOS judged show Feb 18-20, 2011 at the Mobile Botanic Gardens, 5151 Museum Drive, Mobile call Joe Paine 251-209-1008 or Pat Dickey 251-847-2747.

**BATON ROUGE SWROGA SHOW:** The Baton Rouge Orchid Society is hosting the 100<sup>th</sup> annual SWROGA show in Baton Rouge April 1 through April 3 at the Baton Rouge Holiday Inn South. This will be a **BIG** show with special speakers on Saturday April 2. Charles Wilson will speak on Orchids of Panama and Thomas Miranda will speak on a subject to be announced. We all know Charles; he is director of the Memphis Zoo and the wonderfully warm and funny guy who sets up the Memphis exhibit. Thomas Miranda is very famous orchidist; he has two articles in this month's *Orchids* magazine. Registration is \$35.00 before Feb. 15; \$50.00 after then.

**DUES ARE DUE:** It's time to renew your dues for 2010. Dues are \$10 for single and an additional \$5.00 for each additional member living at the same address. First time members get only one free plant per address; not one per person. There is no free plant for renewals. Dues can be paid at the meeting or you can mail them to Marilyn Ladhner, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Please let Jo Ann know if there is a topic you wish us to cover.

April 10, Working on someone to speak on Cattleyas - cafeteria

May 15, Covered dish lunch and plant auction - cafeteria

June 12, Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids will speak on Phalaenopsis - media room

July 10 or 17 (unsure of date) Bobby Chauvin, ABC Orchids General Orchid Care - cafeteria

August 14, Robert Fuchs from RF Orchids, Miami FL will speak on Vandas - media room

Sept. 11, Tentative program on Epidendrums and Encyclias special speaker - cafeteria

Oct 9, open -We'll take orders for wholesale plant order - cafeteria

Nov. 13, open -Plant distribution from wholesale plant order- cafeteria

Dec. 11 Orchid bingo and covered dish luncheon- cafeteria

**WHAT'S FOR SALE THIS MONTH? :** We will have some non blooming paphs for sale at the February meeting. Most of these plants are overgrown in a 4" square pot. Many are crosses of Mount Toro (photo at right) which is Paph. stonei x philippense.

*Paphiopedilum philippinense* is a lady slipper orchid that has long side whiskers (petals) that curve and drape down almost a foot. It is referred to as multi-floral in that it has several flowers on a spike, sometimes all open at once. It is native to the Philippines and found growing out over limestone cliffs. It likes our hot, humid,

sunny climate and will grow well here.



Some of the other paphs available for sale will be crosses of *Paphiopedilum spicerianum*. *Paph. spicerianum* is found growing on limestone cliffs in India. It normally has only one flower per inflorescence, but it is a very fast grower and does well in this area.

Here's the complete list of paphs. We will sell them to our members for \$7.00 each.

Paph sukhakuli courtesy of AQPlus



Paph. Grand Illusions x Mount Toro  
 Paph. Spicy Bull (Mt. Toro x spicerianum)  
 Paph. Green Horizon (Makuli x philippense)  
 Paph. sukhakuli x Mount Toro  
 Paph. Gary Romagna x spicerianum  
 Paph. Prince Edward of York x spicerianum

We will also feature several blooming Paphs for \$10.00 and a few intergeneric Oncidiums in bloom. These Oncidiums are growing in 4" pots and are awesome. They will be priced at \$10.00 each. They are all warm growing plants, newly potted and will do well for our newer growers. For those that don't like paphs or Oncidiums, we will offer a few Dendrobiums in full bloom for \$10.00 and a few overgrown Zygopetalums in 5" pots for \$10.00. If you're still not happy with any of these plants and are afraid to spend a lot of money on an orchid without a greenhouse, Jo Ann will bring in a few Bletilla striata plants in bloom for \$7.00. Known as the Ground Orchid, it will grow well in the ground on the coast.



Top left, Paph. Green Horizon 'Joan'; top right Paph. Gary Romagna 'Fightin Tigers'; Left Paph. Spicerianum 'St. Albans'

**AQPLUS:** These last photos are all award photos taken from AQPlus which is a wonderful computer file and program created by the American Orchid Society. AOS members only pay \$50.00 a year plus shipping. You get the complete list and award photos of all awarded orchids from 1932 to July 21, 2010 plus four updates a year. Check out the American Orchid Society website for more information.



Paph philippinense 'Joan' at right courtesy of AQPlus