



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

May 20, 2012

Because Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday of May, our next meeting will be **Sunday, May 20, 2012, at 1:00** 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**. There will be **NO New Growers** meeting and **NO Show and Tell**.



Dendrobiums ready for the auction

PROGRAM: This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid auction **starting at 1:00**. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Guests are welcome. We will offer for auction many beautiful plants (some will be in bloom or bud) a few will be donated by members; others purchased from commercial growers. In the past, members have gotten some good bargains. Please bring a box to carry your purchases home.

If you have a plant you'd like to donate to the auction, call Glen Ladnier at 228-392-0919. It is important that you call so he can coordinate the number of plants available for sale.

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows. We will exhibit in the New Orleans show and Baton Rouge show. New Orleans would only allow us a 25' space, we will be needing plants; but we must limit the amount. Please bring us your best. If you

would like to help with the exhibit, please call Becky Jolly-Wood 228-474-2500 or Andra Mladinich 228-388-5054. While doing an exhibit is a lot of HARD work; it is fun and very rewarding.



Terrebonne Orchid Society exhibit

We did not participate in the Terrebonne Show held May 4-6, but we'd like to congratulate the TOS for a fine show and a winning exhibit. Glen and Marilyn Ladnier and Earl Young did do a private exhibit.

Here's a list of upcoming orchid shows:

May 18-20, 2012 Memphis Orchid Society Show,
Memphis Botanic Garden 750 Cherry Rd., Memphis
June 1-3, 2012 New Orleans Orchid Society Show,
Lakeside Shopping Center Mall, Metairie, LA.
June 22-24, 2012 Acadian Orchid Society Show, Ira
Nelson Ag Center, 2206 Johnson St., Lafayette, LA.
**July 13-15, 2012 Baton Rouge Orchid Society
Show**, Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950

Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA

JUNE PROGRAM: Our **June 10, 2012 program** is all about potting. It's always time to pot some type of orchid but now is especially the time to pot Phalaenopsis. We'll have a very short talk on the function of roots and go into potting demos.

Any member who would like to bring in plants to sell is welcome to do so for the June meeting.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Please let us know if there is a topic you wish us to cover. **These will all be at J.D.**

July 8, Now that you can grow them; what do you do with the flowers? Our own Beryl Davis will give us a demo on putting our beautiful flowers to use.

August 12, open

Sept. 9, Ashley Matherne of Orchid Retreat will speak on Growing Cattleyas and will be selling divisions of his plants.

Oct 14, open - we'll take orders for wholesale plant order

Nov. 11, Work Session for our 2013 show Plant distribution from wholesale plant order

Dec. 9 Orchid bingo and covered dish luncheon



NATIVE ORCHIDS: Glen Ladnier will be doing a presentation on Native Orchids of South Mississippi at the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune on May 19 at 2:00. At left is a photo of a species of Spiranthes or Ladies Tresses orchid. They are blooming now, just don't cut your grass and you'll see them! To learn more about Glen's talk call him at 228-392-0919.

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. If you want a GCOS shirt see Chip Lechner at the meeting.

HOME DEPOT: At our April meeting Janet Olier brought in some wooden Vanda baskets that she had special ordered from Home Depot for \$8.98 for a set of two baskets. If you need orchid baskets or supplies check with Home Depot they can special order and ship to your local store some orchid supplies with no shipping fees.

GCOS WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK: At our April meeting our webmaster, Chip Lechner, told us he's had a few hardware problems and has not been able to update the website. He has done a great job with the website in the past and he'll update the site when he gets the problem fixed. In the meantime check out our face book page.

Here's what Janet Olier tells us about it: For those of you who are new members, and as a reminder to the rest of the society, the Gulf Coast Orchid Society not only has a website, but a face book page. Our website is www.gcorchids.org. Our face book page can be found by logging into your face book account and searching for Gulf Coast Orchid Society. The face book page is a fun place to post pics of your orchids that are not blooming during meeting times, seeing photos from past shows, connecting to other members, and we are also linked to other societies, and pages. Also, it's a good place to message other members with questions about your orchids. Linking to the face book page, can also help you put a face to the names of other members. (You could come to a meeting and be able to recognize them on sight!!) Janet Olier, Chip Lechner, and Andra Mladinich are moderators and can answer any questions you may have about the page.

AUCTION PLANTS: below are just a few of the plants we will have for auction. In addition to the Dendrobiums featured on the front page.



Dendrobium pulchellum: (Photo at left) This is one of Earl's plants that has lived with Jo Ann for the last few years. It's a large plant in bud. This guy likes it hot and bright with lots of water during the summer and less water in the winter.

Rhynchostylis retusa (photo above right) This plant is also called the **Foxtail Orchid**. These are fragrant clusters of pink/purple flowers that are in the Vanda family. Retusas love bright filtered shade, lots of water and fertilizer in the summer. They are very fragrant.



Rhyncholaelia digbyana: This plant is in bud and may be blooming for the auction. A picture cannot truly describe it. It is awesome; greenish white and very frilly. It is native to Central America lowlands. It thrives in the heat and likes bright sun.

