

# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**April 13, 2014**

The April meeting will be held Sunday, April 13, 2014 at **2:00 P.M.** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner on Runnymede Rd just off Debuys; north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room on the north side of the school.



The Orchids 101 class led by Glen Ladnier will precede the regular meeting at 1:30 P.M. The topic will be a power point program on 'Australian Terrestrial Orchids'. At left are two examples of the weirdly beautiful plants you'll see at Sunday's Orchids 101 class; on the left is Arachnorchis lobata or Butterfly Orchid and on the right is Calochilus cupreus or Bearded Orchid. Come to Orchids 101 to see more exotic orchids from Australia.

**APRIL PROGRAM:** Robert Stanton, our resident certified AOS Orchid Judge, will lead a discussion on "What is a Show Quality Plant". You may hear many of us say "Bring show quality plants" to our shows but we've never really defined what show quality is. We will have a handout with a check list for you plus plenty of examples. For those who aren't interested in exhibiting at shows you can use our check list when purchasing plants. This discussion could make buyers more aware of the quality of the plants they are buying.

At right is a more than show quality plant, it's Armand and Valerie Scurria's Phaius tankervilleae, which was exhibited in the recent Pensacola show it won the blue ribbon for its class, Best of Class Trophy –Misc. Genera, Best of Class Trophy – Specimen Plant, AOS Award of 83 points CCM/AOS. A special plant got a special name, 'Valerie'! Photo by Chip Lechner.



**REFRESHMENTS:** April's refreshments will be provided by Janet Bridges and Valerie Scurria. June's refreshments will be provided by Judy Chinsee and Tina Torguson. If you'd like to bring refreshments or to change your date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640. Remember the society provides the drinks and paper items. All you

need to bring is some sort of refreshment and please keep it light!



## **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

**May 18, 2014** This is our covered dish lunch and orchid auction. The meeting will start at **1:00 P.M.** and go until we run out of plants or money. At left is LC. Magic Bell grown and photographed by Janet Olier. She bought this plant at last year's auction.

**June 8, 2014** June is a good time to repot orchids. Jo Ann has been working on a power point program for potting Cattleyas. We'll see the

photos and then she'll report a Cattleya so you can see how she does it!

**July 20, 2014** Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show; Mounting orchids everyone gets a free orchid to mount.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** We spent most of the meeting last month talking about the GCOS show. Everyone who worked the show got a free orchid. Judy Chinsee won our dessert bake off so she got two free orchids! Thirty-six members and one guest signed the guestbook, including four new members: Cecilia Byars, Cassandra Griswold, Shari Harshbarger and Marjorie Inmon. We had 33 plants on the show and tell table. Our Secretary did not write down who won best plant so if you know, would you please email Jo Ann and let her know who won? Becky Jolly-Wood won the door prize.



**DO YOU WANT MORE PLANTS? FROM OUR EDITOR:** At the March meeting the society was overly generous to me for my work on the show. I want to sincerely thank you all. I keep the card you signed on my desk and when I need a chuckle I read some of the things you wrote. (Jake, I promise to work with you more at our next show; as it was you did an excellent job!) The framed certificate is truly a work of art. (I think Chip had his hand in that and Becky must have had a big hand in the whole thing!) The gift card to Carter and Holmes and a copy of their catalog was way too much. In the future please don't do all this; the realization that we all worked together and did something wonderful is more than enough.

The reason they chose Carter and Holmes (C&H) is that their plants are always healthy, well grown, have names and they have plants you just can't get anywhere else. C&H prices are good and for every five plants you order they throw in another plant of their choice free! Mac Holmes at C&H said for society orders they will not only throw in a free plant for every five plants ordered they will give a 25% discount! They assured me that the packing and shipping charges are minimal and since the package is only going from North Carolina to Mississippi the shipping won't be much either.

Catalogs will be available at the meeting for non computer members and we will discuss the order then. On-line members search on Carter and Holmes Orchids, [carterandholmes.com](http://carterandholmes.com), and download the spring catalog. Send or bring your order to me; the deadline is the May meeting. I will compile the orders and bring the plants to our June meeting. Do not place your order on-line with C&H as you will not get the 25% discount. We'll have some type of lottery for those who ordered multiples of five plants to get their extra plant.

**NOW HOW ABOUT A GREENHOUSE?** Jake Jacobsen is moving to Florida and selling his orchids and his greenhouse. If you saw all the trophies he won at our January show you know he has some great orchids and a really special greenhouse. The greenhouse is a 14' x 20' poly laminate and wood greenhouse. Jake says it will be easy to move. He'll keep some of his Vandas but he is selling the rest, about 350 good orchids. He will bring some of his better blooming Cattleyas in to sell at Sunday's meeting. These will be huge Cattleyas in 10" pots. Any interested people can email Jake at [bigjake3@mediacombb.net](mailto:bigjake3@mediacombb.net) or call Jake at 251-604-1114. He lives in Spanish Fort, AL. Buying a used greenhouse is a good deal as many times you get not only the greenhouse but the fans, shelving and flooring. Call Jake and bring lots of cash Sunday. You will want those Cattleyas!

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. See Chip Lechner if you want an orchid shirt, they have some new orchid patterns. Cost is \$15.00 for an orchid and the society name and \$3.00 for your name. You supply the shirt.

**PENSACOLA SHOW:** Our society was very well represented in Pensacola. The exhibit, photo below by Chip Lechner, won the AOS show trophy and two plants in the exhibit won CCM's which is the American Orchid Society (AOS) cultural award. Andra will have the complete list of winners at the meeting. Thanks to those who drove to Pensacola to help us with the set up and take down of the exhibit and thanks to those who sent plants.



**UPCOMING SHOWS:** Here's a list of local shows

**May 16-18** Memphis Orchid Soc. Show, Memphis Botanic Gardens, Memphis

**May 30 – June 1** New Orleans Orchid Society show; Lakeside Shopping Center 3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metairie, LA; the theme is 'A World of Orchids'

**July 11-13**, Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show at the Garden Center on Independence Park, Baton Rouge, LA.

**Sept. 10-14, 2014** World Orchid Conference Johannesburg, South Africa

**THANKS:** After every meeting we have to

clean and move tables and chairs, clean the floor and empty the garbage. It gets done like magic! So many of you stay those few extra minutes and do the job. It's amazing how we can all work together and make a hard job fast and fun. Thank you all.

**CULTURE NOTE:** Many of you are ready to bring your orchids out for the summer. Cymbidiums should already be out. Remember we had a cold snap last year the last of April which ruined quite a few Vandaceous plants. It's better to wait a week or two longer and check the long range weather forecast first. When you move your plants out, expose them to increased sunlight gradually; watch for sunburn.



**FOR SALE:** We will have a few plants left over from the March meeting for sale this month; two Paphs which are blooming now, a few Oncidiums and a few Iwan. Appleblossoms very similar to the picture at left courtesy of AQ Plus.

**ABOUT IWANAGARA APPLEBLOSSOM or Please let me keep a name:** In 1992 Rod McLellan Co. registered the cross of Dialaelia Snowflake and Brassolaeliacattleya Orange Nugget as Iwanagara Appleblossom. The plant was first awarded in 1992. It's had over 30 AOS awards since with three different names. Taxonomists can't leave it alone. Sometime after 2003 they renamed the Dialaelia parent to Caulaelia. Around 2008 they renamed the Brassolaeliacattleya parent to Thwaitesara; then changed Appleblossom from an Iwanagara to a Leonara! Around 2009 the taxonomists then renamed the Orange Nugget parent to a Rhyncattleanthe and

renamed poor Appleblossom to Jackfowlieara Appleblossom. For our purposes we will refer to this plant with its original name, Iwanagara Appleblossom. Now you know why orchid people are a little dizzy!

**DO WE OWE YOU MONEY?** Our fiscal year will be ending soon so if you have any bills for the society, please turn them in at the April meeting. If you do remember these two things; we reimburse only for items that we asked you to provide and food bills must be approved by Andra. All other bills should be approved by Becky. Don't bring in a bunch of receipts, write a note with an explanation of items and a total and attach receipts.

**2015 SHOW:** That's right 2015! We have decided on a date for the 2015 show. We have reserved the Convention Center for Superbowl weekend 2015, January 29 to Feb 1.

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**FROM THE AOS:** The Orchid Society of Minnesota is very pleased to host the spring 2014 American Orchid Society Members' Meeting and Show April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This event will be held in conjunction with meetings and events of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, Slipper Orchid Alliance, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and Angraecoid Alliance. The website is up with full information at [www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com](http://www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com).

The event headquarters is the Doubletree by Hilton located at I-494 and Hwy 100 in Bloomington, Minnesota. They offer complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport (MSP Terminals 1 and 2). All events are located in this hotel which has free guest parking. Guest rooms will be available at a reduced rate of \$99 while they last in the reserved room block prior to the cutoff date of April 8, 2014. This rate is available for three days before and three days after the show dates for those who

wish to extend their stay. There are numerous restaurants near the hotel including TGIFridays (in the same parking lot). The hotel is located on the "494 Strip" of Bloomington with restaurants and shopping nearby... including the Mall of America. The hotel does offer complimentary shuttle service to the Mall of America for its registered guests. Following is the hotel reservation link. No password or code is needed: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/OSM2014> If you prefer to call, their number is [952-835-7800](tel:952-835-7800).

The keynote address will be given by Chris Purver of the Eric Young Orchid Foundation. The speaker line-up includes Jerry Fischer, Alan Koch, Carlos Fighetti, Jason Fischer, Russ Vernon, Cordelia Head, Harry Phillips and Kathy Creger. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to hear the top names in orchids share their knowledge.

**BYLAWS CHANGE AND CORRECTION:** At the April meeting we will vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws (below). To sum it up we want to split the secretary's duties into two positions. A Recording Secretary, one who takes the minutes of the meetings and reports them to the board and a Corresponding Secretary, one who does the newsletter. That person would also update the member's call list and keep the records of the society. Both Secretaries would be on the board. The other change is to make the society's webmaster a member of the board. Below are the Bylaws as they stand now and the suggested changes that we may possibly make with your vote.

Current:

THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES who shall constitute the whole board shall be eight; the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, and three Trustees, who shall be elected for a two year term, the AOS representative and the show chairperson shall be designated members of the board of Trustees by the power of their office.

Normally the President, after serving a term of two years, goes on the Board for two years. When the President succeeds himself in office, the Board vacancy shall be filled for two years by an appointee of the President.

Five Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

THE SECRETARY shall conduct the correspondence of the society and shall keep copies of the same. The Secretary shall keep a record of all members of the society with their last known address. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings in accordance with these bylaws. He shall have general charge of the records of the society. He shall perform such clerical duties as he may be called on by the President to do.

Suggested Changes:

THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES who shall constitute the whole board shall be nine; the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, and three Trustees, who shall be elected for a two year term. The AOS representative, Web Master and the Show chairperson shall be designated members of the board of Trustees by the power of their office.

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Six Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY shall conduct the correspondence of the society (minutes of meetings) and shall keep copies of the same. He shall perform such clerical duties as he may be called on by the President to do. He shall forward all records of the Society to the Corresponding Secretary.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: shall keep a record of all members of the society with their last known address. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings in accordance with these bylaws. He shall have general charge of the records of the society.