

Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

August 8, 2021

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, August 8 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: At this time, we do not require face masks. We urge all members to get vaccinated, and if you're having symptoms do not come to the meeting.

Photos from July Meeting: taken by Sydney Dyche



L to R John Tate, Julia French, Eric Lease. Eric's son in red shirt. In the back Bridget Auchard and her mother Anita Auchard.



Jennifer and John Wlodarczk and Judy Harris



Irene Lear, Sonny Joiner and Joy Lorens



Divisions of Bulb Daisy Chain for meeting. At bottom center are 6 flowers!

PROGRAM: August 8. We'll end our summer potting series with a treat for all those who participated in the June and July programs. Jo Ann will lead a program on mounting orchids. Those that attended either or both the June or July meetings will get first pick of a free mount and a small growing orchid to mount. Others will get a free selection also; after. We'll walk you through the process and you'll bring home a freshly mounted orchid, bring some newspaper or something to keep your work area clean, clippers and a pair of pliers. We have two different types of orchids with very different requirements to offer you free: One is a very small growing unnamed Cattleya. All divisions are blooming size, the flower is a medium sized purple. These plants need a mount that will dry out easily and lots of bright sun. The other free orchid is divisions of Bulbophyllum Daisy Chain. This plant likes shade and lots of water; select a mount that will stay wet longer.

As time allows, Janet Olier, will lead a discussion on potting, so if you have any unanswered questions or problems bring them in and our members will help.

We ask that you try to come in a little early to pick out your free mount and plant and the wires and pads needed and be in your seat ready to start the meeting at 2:00.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEETINGS- RICK'S TIPS: Most of us miss the wonderful Orchids 101 classes we had at Jeff Davis. Glen Ladnier led a wonderful, informative 30-minute class most meetings. Our new meeting place doesn't have enough room.

We got a lot of great response from those who saw Richard Crespin's demo last month. His talk was loaded with frank, informative, down to earth, and very interesting tips on potting. Richard has agreed to do a short segment each month on whatever he feels pertinent. He'll work with our President, Sydney Dyche, in finding a time during our meetings. Look forward to Rick's Tips, a few minutes of jam-packed information on anything orchid during most of our regular meetings.

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

September 12, Second Sunday. Our President, Sydney Dyche, will do a program on Orchid Abbreviations.

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.

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's cedar mounts with holes predrilled and a solid double hanger.



Cattlianthe Bactia actual plant

FOR SALE THIS MONTH: Look forward to some great cedar mounts made by Anita Applebee. She will be selling them for \$10.00 each. Andra Mladinich will bring in some plastic mounts price is unknown at this time. Jo Ann Vaz has a bunch of dirt plants to give away along with a few small bags of Cymbidium back bulbs. To go with the program, Jo Ann will sell some nice bare-root divisions of mountable plants and, she'll have a few blooming pots of Cattlianthe Bactia (Guarianthe bowringiana x Cattleya guttata). This is a very fragrant flower one judges' description says it has a 'strong peppery fragrance.'

GCOS SALES POLICY: We do not take credit cards; on occasion we may have speakers who sell plants who may take credit cards. **The Gulf Coast Orchid Society does not have credit card ability and doesn't want it.** For our auctions or monthly sales, bring cash or checks.

Over the years many people have complained about when and how we sell stuff. Some say during the break only, but the break is only 15-20 minutes, and our present meeting place does not have enough space for enough tables for everyone to gather around. July's sale of bare root Dendrobiums only during break proved that!

A few months ago, we sent out a plea for members to come early to help us unload things needed for the meeting. It only seems fair to let those who come early to help, shop. With our space issues it just makes sense. We do not want to tell people who bring things to sell on behalf of the society when they can sell these items. Very few societies have as many generous members as we do.

We have thought about this and have decided to **TRY** this course of action. We will **limit before meeting sales or free giveaways to the hour before our meetings; from 1:00 pm till 2:00 pm.** We will also **limit the quantity per person to one item of each type.** All sales and giveaways will stop at 2:00 no exceptions. Then during the break anyone can buy or get as many of whatever is left as they want. We are all adults and friends; don't take something you really don't need. Don't run over anyone on the race to the sales table.



AUGUST AUCTION: We have another well-grown Bulbophyllum for auction this month. Bulbophyllum auratum 'Just in Time' (pictured at left) won Harry and Beverley Stephens a Certificate of Cultural Merit at the New Orleans show in 2017. Now is your chance to get the plant; not a piece but the actual plant, repotted this year and doing well. Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Stephens and the Society.

AUGUST RAFFLE: Save some money for a few raffle tickets. Not only will we have our regular raffle plants, but Cynthia Oetker has volunteered to bring in a couple non blooming plants and Janet Olier may add a little something to the raffle. She's been drilling holes in clay saucers and may mount a plant in it for our raffle.



LAST MONTH'S MEETING: At our July meeting there were 20 members present including two new members. Please welcome Sonny Joiner of Mobile and Julia French of Long Beach.

This was our second session on potting orchids. Richard Crespin gave a demo on repotting Cattleyas. Then Sydney demoed repotting a Stanhopea. Janet then helped other members repot their plants. Andra donated more supplies to the society which were sold. During the break, Jo Ann sold bare root Dendrobium divisions for \$4.00 each. We auctioned a big Bulbophyllum vaginatum, originally from Harry and Beverly Stevens greenhouse for \$45.00, Sydney won the bid.

There were 19 plants on the show and tell table. Jo Ann judged them and discussed the blue-ribbon winners. Best plant was Janice Fabo's Vanda (lamellata x brunnea) x Mimi Palmer.



Janice's Vanda (lamellata x brunnea) x Mimi Palmer

The raffle was held; John Tate won the door prize.

SHOW NEWS: The American Orchid Society has approved our show request. The Convention Center is reserved and we are waiting to hear what our fee will be for 2022. We have promises from three of our regular vendors and our supply dealer and we are awaiting news from our fourth vendor. Please save the dates January 28-30 with early set up the afternoon of Thursday January 27.

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.

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.

The **Atlanta Judging Center** - Chair Doug Hartong reports that the Atlanta Judging Center met on July 10, 2021 and evaluated 13 plants submitted for AOS award consideration. Two plants received award. Blc. Petite Stars 'Nilva's Amorcito', a cross of Bc. Richard Mueller X Laelia rubescens, received an HCC of 79 points. Exhibited by Bailey Santwire, one of our students. The other award went to a cut inflorescence of the species *Platanthera ciliaris* 'The Spirit of First Nations' exhibited by David Mellard. This plant received an AM of 83 points. You are always welcome to bring your plants or cut inflorescences to the monthly judging which is held at 2pm on the second Saturday of each month at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens in Mershon Hall.

All photographs by Charles Wilson who is also an accredited judge. He has published many articles in the AOS magazine. Charles and his wife, Susan, are good friends of the society and will help judge our 2022 show.



Blc Petite Stars 'Nilva's Amorcito'



Platanthera ciliaris 'The Spirit of First Nations' close up



Platanthera ciliaris 'The Spirit of First Nations' full flower

The **Louisiana Judging Center**, sponsored by the Central Louisiana Orchid Society in Alexandria Louisiana met on July 24 at the Westside Regional Library 5416 Provine Pl, Alexandria. Leader of the group, **Dr. Wilton Guillory Jr.** reports that they had six plants for consideration and gave three awards to two plants. *Chiloschista parishii* 'Benin' won an AM/AOS of 82 points and a CCM/AOS of 81 points.

This amazing plant is owned by Mary Mancici. Eron Borne won an AM/AOS of 80 points on Vanda Siriporn Pink 'Julia Katherine'. Susan Hathorn was the photographer. Guests are welcome.



At left and above – *Chiloschista parishii* 'Benin'



Vanda Siriporn Pink 'Julia Katherine'

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