

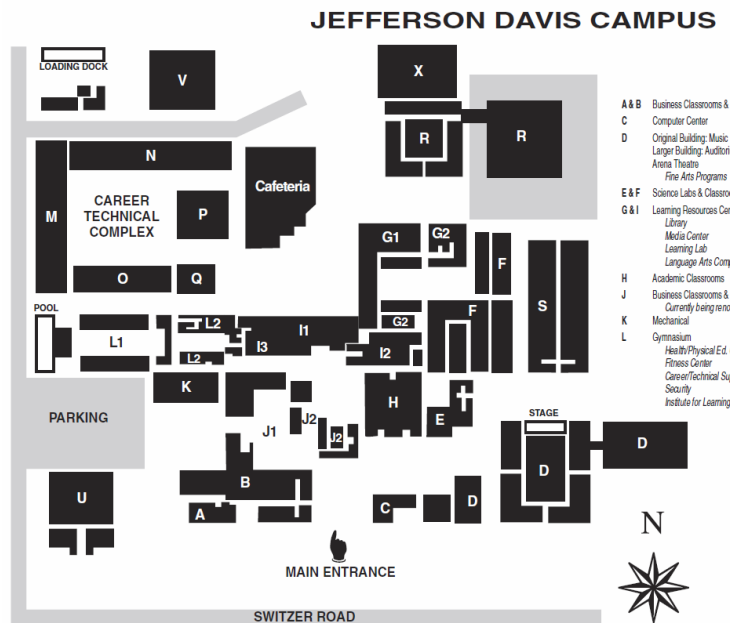


Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

April 14, 2013

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, April 14, 2013**, at 2:00 at **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the large **cafeteria meeting room**. Orchids 101 will meet at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month's topic will be "Terrestrial Orchids."

HOW TO FIND THE CAFETERIA: The cafeteria is located on the back or north side of the campus, continue on Debuys until it dead ends then turn left. If you look at the map below the driveway to the cafeteria is just below the 'J' in Jeff Davis.



PROGRAM: This month our member, Harvey Brenneise will talk on Darwin's Sexy Orchids: ***First Case Study on the Origin of species by Means of National Selection.*** Harvey is Associate Dean for Research Services at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has grown orchids since his childhood in California. His first orchid was a *Cattleya trianae*, which he wishes he still had! He has grown orchids in greenhouses, under lights, on the windowsill, and outside as appropriate in Michigan, Seattle, Southern California, Nebraska and Hattiesburg. For the Darwin celebration a couple of year ago, he developed a program for the AOS Members meeting at the Huntington Library on Darwin and orchids. ***We will get to see this program so it should be very interesting, exciting and informative.***

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

May 19, Covered dish lunch and plant auction starts at 1:00 P.M.

June 9, Glen Ladnier will bring in his native orchids growing in pots and tell us all about them.

July 21, Third Sunday due to the Baton Rouge Show Larry Hennessey from New Orleans will talk on *Bulbophyllums* and bring plenty to sell.

August 11, Second Sunday - - tentative - Round Table on Greenhouses

REFRESHMENTS: Janet Bridges and Valerie Scurria will bring April's refreshments. If you'd like to bring

refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-0640.



PLANTS FOR SALE: For those who didn't get a chance to buy plants at the March meeting; we have some left over. Jo Ann will bring in a few, mostly in spike *Phalaenopsis* and some blooming *Dendrobiums*.

NO SMOKING: A reminder - there is no smoking anywhere in or near any building at Jeff Davis.

SHOW REPORT: Glen and Marilyn Ladnier went to Houma for the Terrebonne show. They brought some of their own plants and some of Earl Young's and Jo Ann Vaz's. Glen says it was a small show but they brought home quite a few awards. Five plants were

pulled for AOS consideration. Earl got a Judges Commendation on his *Dendrochilum bicallosum*. They got 6 trophies and lots and lots of ribbons. Photo at left was taken by Marilyn.

2014 SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT: A group of dedicated members went location hunting for a place for our 2014 show. Hopefully we'll have some great news to announce at the April meeting. Thanks to everyone that participated.

OTHER SHOWS IN OUR AREA:

April 19-21 Houston Orchid Society Show, Museum of Natural Science lobby, Houston, TX

May 17-19 Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale, Memphis Botanic Gardens

May 31 – June 2 New Orleans Orchid Society Show, Lakeside Shopping Ctr., Metairie,

June 21-22 Acadian Orchid Society Show, Ira Nelson Hort. Center Lafayette, LA

July 12-14 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA

GAUTIER PILGRIMAGE: We had a great time at St. Pierre's Episcopal Church on March 17. Everything was very nice, great refreshments, wonderful flowers; the Gautier Garden Club ladies were even dressed to match the table cloths! It was nice to visit with the Bonsai people, they are good folk! We didn't sell many plants. There just wasn't much advertising about us, most everyone went to Moss Point or down to the beach in Pascagoula. Still we had a good time and hopefully we'll be asked to do something similar next year. We'll just do a little advertising of our own next time! Thanks to everyone that brought plants for the show and tell table and came to help sell and load and unload plants.

MAY PROGRAM: Our May meeting is our annual banquet and orchid auction. This meeting usually starts at 1:00; everyone brings a pot luck dish and we all have lots of fun. There will be no Orchids 101 or show and tell. We usually purchase some great plants plus many of our members donate some very special plants too.

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. Chip Lechner's Mom can machine embroider an orchid, the society's name and the member's name on shirts that members supply. The fee is \$15.00 and \$3.00 for your name. Find a shirt that you'd like to have embroidered, wash it, and bring the clean shirt to the meeting. **Clearly print** your name as you want it to appear on the shirt on a piece of paper and safety pin it to the shirt. Put your phone number on the paper too, in case there are any questions.

RF ORCHIDS ORCHID SEEDLING SALE: RF Orchids has their annual seedling special this month, April 1-30 or until they sell out. These are bare-root vandaceous seedlings, meristems or species. The price is \$5.00 each or for ten or more \$4.00 each. Applicable sales tax and packing and shipping charges apply. Download the list from their website. If you get 20 seedlings the packing and shipping is just \$20.00., that's \$1.00 each for packing and shipping. Several of you should get together and make a group offer.

CASH FOR BEST ESSAY:

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on "Travels with Orchids" -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher (asherdoris@juno.com) -- winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Dayton, OH, October 20, 2013. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of the Congress's newsletter, [The Mid-American](#).

For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: We will have an election of officers at the April meeting. Due to expected problems with a new venue and date for our 2014 show all existing officers offered to stay on. Members may nominate someone from the floor before the election. If you do nominate someone please get their permission to do so. Officers are elected for two years. If you ask any officer, they will tell you it is a lot of work. Our current officers to be re-elected are President -- Becky Jolly-Wood, Vice-President -- Dave Perry, Secretary -- Jo Ann Vaz, Treasurer -- Marilyn Ladnier; board members are Robert Stanton, Andra Mladinich and Janet Olier. Chip Lechner is an appointed board member to fill the empty sea by our past President.