



Gulf Coast Orchid Society

January 10, 2010

Our January meeting will be held Sunday, **January 10**, at 2:00 in the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the room **behind the cafeteria**. Go north past the college and turn left.



The photo to the left is Burrageara Nelly Isler 'Swiss Beauty' AM/AOS; the most famous red intergeneric hybrid to date! Bright, colorful reds on plants that produce multiple spikes. They even have a sweet fragrance. Read and see more about intergeneric Oncidiums though out this newsletter.

PROGRAM: This will be a planning session for our upcoming show, January 29-31 at Singing River Mall in Gautier, MS. All members are encouraged to attend and urged to volunteer to help with the show. Even if you can't attend the show there will be some very interesting, informative demonstrations. We will discuss various ways to learn the parentage of plants and how to clean, stake and package plants for proper presentation and transportation.

We will have some no-name plants for sale with all profits going to the speaker's fund

SHOW REPORT: Andra Mladinich will be in charge of hospitality and will be doing the Judges Luncheon. She will need all of our help. Right now she needs some very large, **clean** ice chests that we can store ice and food in for the weekend. If you have ice chests or anything that you think Andra could use, call her at 1-228-388-5054.

Members are encouraged to exhibit their plants. If you have plants to exhibit please call Janet Olier, 228-872-7167 or 228-806-2024 to give her

your list or email her at ddolier@earthlink.net before Wednesday morning January 27. It is very important that you give her your list as we need to know how many plants to expect and we can start compiling a list from which to make our labels. For those that don't know each orchid in the exhibit must be properly labeled. Labeling counts as 10 points toward the overall quality of the exhibit. All orchids and foliage plants must be disease and insect free. Each item used in the exhibit must be labeled with the owner's name. Even if you have emailed or called a list in to Janet, include another list with your plants even if you only bring one plant. All orchids, greenery and props should be at the mall no later than 10:00 A.M. Friday morning. If you have plants but have a problem with the time, call Janet at the above number. Please do not leave plants brought in to exhibit or newly purchased in a back room or on a table. We will not be responsible for plants that are just left with no name. Jo Ann Vaz will check plants in Thursday night and Friday morning; she will assist anyone needing help with entry tags. All Society entry tags must be handed in to Jo Ann by noon. Below is an updated vendor list.

TROPHIES: Some members who are donating trophies did not bring them in to the December meeting. Please bring them to the January meeting or make some arrangements with Janet Olier

Vendor List for 2010 Show

Riverbend Orchids---James Phillips and Morton Engleberg, Biloxi, MS. Phalaenopsis Check out this website www.phals.com for some basic growing instructions and great info on orchids. James will be our special speaker for the October 10, 2010 meeting.

Martin Orchids---Martha reports that she is working on a great combination of plants to bring to the show. She has some supplies left call her if you need supplies before the show. (850) 623-6100, Cell (850) 449-8192 martinorchids@bellsouth.net



Clown Alley Orchids—John Stubbing, based in Pasadena, Texas, he does a lot of breeding with Galeandra. He also sells Dendrobiums and Oncidiums, and maybe some Cynoches, and Catasetums. If you contact him up to the Wednesday before the show he will bring preordered plants with no shipping charges and give you a 10% discount. (281) 991-6841, Cell (832) 693-8140, clownalley@sbcglobal.net

Right now Clown Alley has a special; on intergeneric Oncidiums; click “specials” on the Clown Alley website. To the left is Miltassia Mem. Donald Christian.

J & P Orchids---Jim and Pam Saxton are from the Pensacola Orchid Society. They will have a lot of nice Cattleya hybrids. (850) (850) 455-9548
saxtonjp@cox.net

Orchids Plus---Pat Huval from Breaux Bridge has a wide variety of plants. She will have bare root cattleya cuttings for \$10.00 and some Oncidium intergenerics for \$10.00 each. To the right is Odcdm. Catatante ‘Pacific Sunspots’. Email her if you want something specific. cty28172@centurytel.net



Orchid Retreat---Ashley and Beverly Matherne from Bourg, LA. He is one of the best Cattleya growers in this area. A lot of his plants will be divisions of his collection. Many will be the large-flowering type. (985) 594-4050 abmatherne@hotmail.com

Orchidbabies--- Phyllis and Earl Bailey from Brierfield, AL specialize in Paphs and Phrags, and also species miniatures which they will be bringing to Gautier. They hybridize their own new Paphs and Phrags, and have also bred for compact Phrags. Preorders may be done on their website: www.orchidbabies.com or by email/phone phone 205-665-5650. Earl will be our special speaker for our June 13, 2010 meeting. Below is their recently awarded hybrid: *Phrag. Cahaba Morning Mist 'Jim McCulloch' AM/AOS* (Hanne Popow x Lutz Rollke), which received an AM/AOS of 81 in Cincinnati.



FEBRUARY MEETING: Our February meeting will be on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2010. We will have a special guest speaker, Bobby Chauvin of ABC Orchids from Lafayette, La, will bring plants to sell and speak on general orchid culture with an emphasis on mounting small orchid types. Below is a list of programs planned for the rest of the year.

GCOS Meetings for 2010 (all meetings at 2:00 P.M. except where noted)

March 14 Second Sunday Room G121 Mark Rose – Native Orchids of the Southeastern US

April 11 Second Sunday. Larry Hennessey will speak on Bulboplyllums Room G121 He will bring plants to sell

May 16, Third Sunday Auction/Plant sale – cafeteria Covered dish meet at 1:00

June 13 Second Sunday Earl Bailey, ORCHIDbabies will speak about Paphiopedilums Room G-131

July 18, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show Glen Ladnier potting media Cafeteria

August 8, Second Sunday- benevolent sale Cafeteria

September 12, Second Sunday tricks and gadgets / members plant sale Cafeteria

October 10, Second Sunday – James Phillips of Riverbend Orchids Phalaenopsis Basics – Cafeteria

November 14, Second Sunday – open Cafeteria

December 12 Second Sunday Bingo Christmas covered dish – Cafeteria meet at 1:00

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 Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.

INTERGENERIC ONCIDIUMS: Since two of our vendors will be featuring this type plant; some of you may be wondering just what intergeneric Oncidiums are. They are crosses from different genera of the Oncidium family. The first two plants in the photos in our vendor listing and the Burrageara Nelly Isler shown at the beginning of the newsletter are examples of intergeneric Oncidiums; they represent the wide range of colors and flower types available. They are all easy growers with many beautiful flowers. Some are bred with cool growing types; so make sure you ask before you buy if the plants you've selected are warm growers. Most like lots of sunlight and water during the summer while they are growing.

DISPLAY TABLE: January is the start of the year for acquiring points on our plant table. Each time you bring in a plant for the display table you get one point. Depending on the ribbons you win you get more points. At the Christmas meeting the top three point winners get blooming size plants, then we draw from the names of those who brought in plants during the year and are present at the Christmas meeting for more blooming size plants. This year we will have an additional display table for new growers. The rules are below:

Rules for New Growers Show and Tell Section

A separate area of Show and Tell table will be set aside for New Grower's plants.

Members will have a separate sign up sheet labeled for New Growers.

It is up to each member to decide if they are a New Grower. A general definition of a New Grower is a member who has less than 200 plants. Members cannot flip flop from New Growers to the regular Show and Tell; you must be in one or the other for the whole year to accumulate points.

Members must sign in their plants the same way they would for regular Show and Tell. They cannot enter more than 5 plants each month.

Earl will judge the New Grower plants and will decide a first, second and third overall no matter the genera. In case of a tie he can award multiple ribbons. He can ask any member to assist him.

Earl will discuss the blue ribbon winner after the regular show and tell winners are discussed.

Jo Ann will keep track of the points as she does the regular Show and Tell table. At our Christmas meeting the top point scorer from the New Growers Show and Tell table will receive a blooming size plant. Each year's winner is not allowed to enter any more plants on the New Grower's table for at least one year; they must enter plants on the regular Show and Tell table.



Above is another intergeneric Oncidium, Vuylstekeara Carnival 'Okika' from The Orchidworks. Many of us have purchased bareroot seedlings commonly called 'plugs' from Glen, Earl or Jo Ann that were from Orchidworks. Maybe soon we'll see this plant on our Show and Tell table!