



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**April 17, 2016**

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, April 17, 2016** at 2:00 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. The cafeteria is north of the college off Runnymede. **This will be a third Sunday of April meeting.** The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. The topic will be a continuation of March's topic 'Potting and Repotting Orchids'.

Please come early for Orchids 101 as our guest speaker will sell plants before the meeting.



*Angraecum Longidale 'Benttree'* AM/AOS 80 pts.

**PROGRAM:** Tom Kuligowski; an authority on Angraecum orchids will speak about Angraecums and sell plants.

We were told he'll be bringing a van loaded with plants! Angraecums are in the Vanda family. Most flowers are a wonderful creamy green white with long spurs that hold nectar. This is Darwin's orchid, he found the plant, saw the flower and predicted that it was pollinated by a moth with a very long nose! Twenty-one years after his death the moth was discovered.

Angraecums tend to be known for their beautiful, showy flowers, many are fragrant at night. Some can become fantastic specimen plants in just a couple of years. With both species and several sought after crosses, the Angraecums offer some very unique shapes along with the most pristine white in any of the orchids. The amazing fact people aren't aware of, is that there are smaller growing varieties that can thrive on a windowsill if given the chance. This presentation will provide both hobbyists and serious growers with fundamental guidelines to grow these beauties successfully and in turn, grace you with years of enjoyment. All of the photographs within the presentation are of plants from his collection; many of them showing the various growth stages (from seedlings to first time bloomers to specimen plants).

Cutoff date for ordering from the preorder list is April 12. List is attached.

Thanks to AOS for the photo above.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** We had three new members join last month, Vondie and Aureta O'Connor of Waveland and Don Perkins of Diamondhead. If you see some new faces at the meeting please take the time to introduce yourself and make our new friends feel welcome.

All new memberships get plants for joining. If you are thinking about coming to the April meeting and joining please let us know your intentions so we can bring in a new member plant for you, respond to this newsletter.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Janet Bridges and Valerie Scurria will bring April's refreshments. We will pass around a new sign-up sheet at the April meeting please think about signing up. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions.

**Please note:** With our special guest selling plants and preparing for his program before the meeting, **refreshments will be closed until the break.** Please be respectful of all our members and guests and wait until break for refreshments.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** We have a lot of great members who step forward and help when needed. Recently the call went out for help with summer programs and now we have some wonderful programs scheduled. Thanks to everyone who stepped forward!

**May 15, 2016 1:00 pm:** Our annual covered dish lunch and orchid auction. We will have a very limited business meeting. The society provides the meat drinks and paper product. You bring a side or dessert. We



bring the plants; many of which are donated by our members. Come even if you don't plan to buy, hearing the attributes of each plant is a lesson in itself. At left is Glen Ladnier auctioning a plant.

**June 12, 2016** Frank Zachariah of the Baton Rouge Society and accredited orchid judge will be our guest speaker. "Arrangements -- Not Just For Shows.". It is a how, why, and for whom can we make a small 2 flower arrangement. Hands on demonstration. Everyone practices several arrangements.

**July 17, 2016 Third Sunday:** Robert Stanton –possibly an open Show and Tell

**August 14, 2016:** Sydney Dyche "How to Buy Orchid Plants"! If you know Sydney she buys a lot of plants. Learn her tips.

**September 11, 2016:** Chip Lechner - Orchid Photography geared toward cell phones and organizing your gallery.

**Oct. 16, 2016 third Sunday:** We hope to have a special speaker on Cymbidiums who will bring plants to sell.

**November 13, 2016:** Work meeting for show with a twist.

**December 11, 2016:** Christmas orchid bingo.

**SPECIAL MEETING NOTE:** We are planning a summer wholesale plant order from our Hawaiian vendor. A price and availability list will be ready for the June meeting. Plants will arrive for the July meeting. The grower tells us they have a lot of exciting new plants available for our selection. The list usually features lots of Cattleyas, Vandas, Dendrobiums and lots of odd weird stuff. This will be your chance to get great plants at wholesale prices!

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** There were 31 members at the March meeting including three new members. Deborah Bordelon and Shari Harshberger brought in some delicious refreshments. Thanks to Judy Harris for filling in for our regular hospitality guru, Andra Mladinich, who was traveling with our exhibit committee to Terrebonne. Joy Lorens gave a very interesting and informative report as AOS Rep. on using our cell phones to determine the amount of light in our growing areas. Jo Ann Vaz showed off all her dead Vandas and talked about her mistakes. John Bridges' Dendrobium anosum won best plant. Vondie O'Connor won the door prize.

**SHOW AND TELL REPORT:** We've had several people ask about their show and tell points so we've decided to post them each month. We had 41 plants on the March show and tell table. The complete list will be attached to the newsletter if you receive an emailed version. Please contact Jo Ann via email if you see an error. If you know of an easier way to post the scores rather than as an attachment please let us know.



**TERREBONNE ORCHID SHOW:** Sydney Dyche, Andra Mladinich and Valerie Scurria did a 10' exhibit at the Terrebonne show on behalf of the society. They did a very good job, there were 23 plants entered and won 15 ribbons and two trophies. Three Orchid Friends also took home some trophies and ribbons. Thanks to all who sent plants and to all our workers. The society had 23 plants entered.

For those who went to the Terrebonne show and those who know him, Judge Julius Klehm fell and broke his hip this past weekend. Julius has been a good friend to many of us during most SWROGA shows.

**GCOS SHOW:** This past month we paid the fee for the rental of the Convention Center for our 2017 show, January 26-29! Our next step is to have the 2018 show dates penciled in on the Convention Center Calendar and get AOS approval for the 2017 dates. Jo Ann has asked for some help with some of her duties as show

chair with the hope of completely stepping away from most of her duties at our shows by 2020. (Hey I'll be 70 then!) Think about what you can do to help her out. In future newsletters we'll discuss some of the various committee responsibilities.

**COMING SHOWS:** Here's a list of local shows: We will exhibit in the New Orleans and the Baton Rouge Shows. **May 7-8, 2016** Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale Memphis Botanical Gardens Contact Mark Mills [swamprad@gmail.com](mailto:swamprad@gmail.com)

**June 3-5, 2016** New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeside Shopping Center, Metairie, LA contact: Carol Molero [bluecat1147@yahoo.com](mailto:bluecat1147@yahoo.com) 504-466-2927

**June 11-12, 2016** Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette, LA contact Camelia Soprano [cwssearches@aol.com](mailto:cwssearches@aol.com)



**Dr. Walter Taylor and Earl Young at a past show**

**July 9-10, 2016**, Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show and sale LSU Burden Conference Center 4560 Essen Lane Contact: Lata Johnson [plantlover58@bellsouth.net](mailto:plantlover58@bellsouth.net). **NOTE THIS IS A NEW LOCATION!**

**WALTER'S ORCHIDS-ONCIDIUMS:** Many of you have nameless Oncidium orchids from Walter's collection. We went through all the show and tell lists from 2005 till his passing and listed all his Oncidiums then we looked up all the pictures. The list is attached. Sorry we haven't done any other genera at this time.

For those who have asked how Word Taylor, Walter's wife is doing; she's doing very well and working on her new home.

**MASTER GARDENER STATE CONFERENCE:** The Gulf Coast is very proud to host the Mississippi Master Gardener State conference on May 1 – 4 at the Golden Nugget Casino and Hotel. There will be vendors selling ORCHIDS, other plants, yard art, tools all things associated with gardens. Over the course of the conference there will be many different speakers to name a few, Rick Darke, author of "The Living Landscape", with book signing. Dr. Gary Bachman, well known TV host of Southern Gardening, Felder Rushing, host of The Gestalt Gardener - MPB Think Radio, with book signing and Buddy Lee, inventor of the Encore Azalea. Cost for all four days is \$135.00 if you reserve your spot by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Registrations received with a postmark dated after April 13<sup>th</sup> will have to pay \$185.00. \$135.00 is really cheap if you consider you get all the speakers, lunch buffet



Tuesday, breakfast buffet Wednesday and a t-shirt and goody bag. The flyer is attached. Golden Nugget is offering a special group rate of \$79.00 per night; reservation must be made by 5:00 pm April 9.

**NEW ORCHID FAN:** Member, Janet Olier, is proud to introduce her new little orchidist and first grandchild, Khyler Rayne Alford, born March 31, 2016. Picture at left is Grandma Janet and baby Khyler.

**SHADE CLOTH FOR SALE:** Earl Young has a fairly new piece of shade cloth for sale for \$100.00. Its size is approximately 75' x 30' 40% shade and grommets on the long sides. Call Earl at 601-545-2836 or 601-270-3875 or call Glenn 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. The fee is \$15.00 and \$3.00 for your name. You supply a clean shirt.