



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

May 19, 2013

Because Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday of May, our next meeting will be **Sunday, May 18, 2014, at 1:00** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the **cafeteria meeting room**. There will be **NO ORCHIDS 101** meeting and **NO Show and Tell**.



Last year's auction

For our eatin' meetings our meeting room is filled with food, auction plants, and extra tables for people to sit and eat. There is not a drop of extra space. If you feel like bringing a plant to show us please put it in the main cafeteria. No point scoring done. **Please bring a container for your purchases.** See further explanation on the next page under *Possible Changes to Show and Tell*.

PROGRAM: This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid auction **starting at 1:00**. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Guests are welcome. We will offer for auction many beautiful plants

(some will be in bloom or bud) most will be donated by members. In the past years members have gotten some extremely good bargains. **Please bring a box or crate to carry your purchases home. Make checks out to GCOS or bring cash... no credit cards.**

If you have plants you'd like to donate to the auction, call Glen Ladnier at 228-392-0919. It is important that you call so he can coordinate the number of plants available for sale.

JUNE PROGRAM: June 8: This 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 repot a Cattleya so you can see how she does it!

July 20: Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show; "Mounting Orchids" Everyone gets a free orchid to mount and take home.

August 10: Round table discussion: "How do you keep your orchids cool? How do you keep your orchids warm?"

REFRESHMENTS: May's refreshments will provided by all of us. Since the society is providing the meat and drinks you can bring whatever you please, as little or as much as you like. There is always so much wonderful food. We have a reputation for having good cooks and good appetites. Please be courteous; if you want to



These Phals will be available at the auction



Glen Ladnier, Auctioneer

take home some of another's dish please ask them first! Our Hospitality Chairwoman, Andra Mladinich says she has enough serving forks and spoons so don't worry about bringing serving utensils.

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 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!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: Robert Stanton defined the term 'show quality' as it refers to our orchid plants in a very simple easy to understand way. He handed out a checklist and went over each item; explaining it and showing examples. Thirty members signed the guestbook, including two new members, Paul and Emma Redmond. We look forward to seeing Paul and Emma at more meetings. There were a record 60 plants on the show and tell table and most of them were amazing! Best plant



Some of our workers at the new Orleans show 2013, Val Scurria, Joy Lorens, Janet Bridges and Sydney Dyche

was a three way tie between Lc. Bryon Wheeler 'Grandson' owned by Marilyn Ladnier, C. Springtime owned by Armand Scurria and C. skinneri owned by Jo Ann Vaz. Cecelia Byars won the door prize.

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows. We will exhibit in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge shows. We need plants; please bring us your best show quality orchids and greenery. If you would like to help, please call Becky Jolly-Wood 228-474-2500 or Andra Mladinich 228-365-0640. For the New Orleans show Becky and Andra need some world globes. If you have one to loan please call Andra or Becky.

May 16-18: Memphis Orchid Soc. Show, Memphis

Botanic Gardens, Memphis, TN

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. No theme announced.

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



DO YOU WANT MORE PLANTS? : The May meeting is the deadline for the Carter and Holmes group order. Summer sale catalogs were passed out at the April meeting but you can see their entire inventory online

www.carterandholmes.com. All members get a 25% discount on their plants and for every five plants ordered you'll get a free plant of their choice. Packing charges are minimal and since the package is only going from North Carolina to Mississippi the shipping won't be much either. I will have a few more catalogs at the May meeting but please give me (Jo

Ann Vaz – 601-947-8777 or 601-530-8778 or joannvaz@bellsouth.net) your order no later than the end of that 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. I'll bring your plants to the June meeting and since I won't know the shipping fees you can pay for the plants at that meeting also. We have decided that members who order five plants can pick their free plant in order of the time they place their order with me. Extras will go to the society for raffle plants.

The plants above are just two examples of great Carter and Holmes plants. At top left is Paph. delatanii which is a species. This is a near blooming size plant in

a 2.5 "pot for \$15.95 minus the 25% discount. The bottom plant is a miniature, Neofinetia falcata 'Mendenhall' x 'Amami Island'. This is blooming size dainty white flowers which smells great; \$12.00 minus the 25% discount!

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO SHOW AND TELL: Since our February, March and April meetings were right before a show; our Show and Tell table was a little empty. Last month the Show and Tell table was packed; it was awesome and a very welcome change. It seems whenever we don't have a show the

table is overflowing even to the point of placing Show and Tell plants on chairs. With that huge Show and Tell table there seems to be little room left for us. This led our board to a big discussion as to what to do. Between members and their newly purchased plants and all the Show and Tell plants we are outgrowing our room or at least our table space. The board discussed many options, most options no one really wants to do. There are a few things that need to be done to help out and honestly we wonder why we even need to ask you to do this.



Robert Stanton judging Show and Tell; Bich Tran in front

First, we did a little research trying to find ways to cut down on the number of plants and discovered that members are bringing in plants for point scoring for other people who are not at the meetings.

You must be present to enter a plant in Show and Tell or to put it on the show and tell table. If you want to bring in a

plant for someone to show our members by all means do; put it somewhere else in the meeting area and tell the group about it before break.

Second, please try to share the chairs at the tables with members and guests. If you buy plants like last month's private sale or the upcoming May meeting, bring a box or crate, write your name on it in big letters, find a place for it, not on the table but out of the way like against the wall. Someone suggested that you bring labels and as you buy a plant stick a label on the plant and then put it in your box. **We have had multiple plants disappear from the main table at previous meetings so mark your plants put them in your box and make room at the table for other members and guests.**

Third, **be courteous to our judging team.** They only have the time allotted at break to judge the plants and record the points, and then they might like to take a break themselves. Please don't get in their way or try to converse with them while they are working. They should not know whose plant is whose while judging. If you are looking for a number on a plant to record for Best Plant please give our judging team the right of way! After the judging team has finished and has a chance to get their breath by all means ask them any questions you have. Glen and Robert are our most knowledgeable members and they are very giving and patient but please let them do their job first!

LOOK OUT FOR NATIVE ORCHIDS: As you are driving along the Gulf Coast keep an eye out for flashes of pink in marshy areas especially around groups of pitcher plants. Quite a few native orchids are blooming now. *Cleistes*, commonly called Rosebud Orchid or Spreading Pogonia, blooms from May to July and *Pogonia*, Rose Pogonia or Beard flower blooms March to May. *Calopogon*, Grass Pink orchid is found in pineland bogs and wet pine flatwoods and blooms April to June.



Cleistes



Calopogon



Pogonia