



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

August 9, 2015

Our August meeting will be held Sunday, August 9, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room. The Orchid's 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month's topic will be "**Orchid Pests.**"



Six bees at the lower left basket.

This is a very timely and important topic as with the heat and rain we are experiencing insects and mites really do some damage. One member reported hornets in a Vanda basket – watch out Vanda growers!

**PROGRAM: August 9, 2015:** This month's program will be an open discussion about general orchid care for the summer with an emphasis on potting as summer is usually potting time. So please all of you think about one thing you do in the summer for your orchids that you could contribute to the discussion.

For those who missed Earl Young's great sale he will bring more plants to our August meeting to sell. Earl has a good variety of great unusual plants left and extremely good prices. **Glen will bring some gallon bags of potting mix to sell for those who need it. The bags will cost \$3.00 each and are a very good deal.**

**The Orchid Friends** will also bring in some plants to sell. Please bring plenty of boxes for your



Jodie Schumaker's July plants for sale

purchases. Remember if you spill some potting mix or anything else please clean it up.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same.

**September 13, Second Sunday** – How to prepare your plants for the winter. Beverly Matherne of Orchid Retreat will bring plants to sell.

**October 18, Third Sunday** – **Bill Thoms, guest speaker** on Bulbophyllums will bring plants to sell.

**November 8, Second Sunday** – Work meeting for show

**December 13 Second Sunday** Bingo Christmas pot luck

**January 11, 2016 Second Sunday** work meeting for show

**February 8, 2016** thank you party, plant give away to workers and plants will be sold

**REFRESHMENTS:** Harry and Beverly Stephens and Judy and Charles Rush will bring refreshments for August. Marilyn Ladnier, Janice Fabo and Cynthia Oetker will bring refreshments for September.

The complete list for the rest of our fiscal year is:

October - Irene Lear, Myrtle Barrios

November - Gayle Greene-Aquirre, Sarah Tringle

January 2016 - Nikie Martin

February 2016 - Dave and Vicki Perry

March 2016 - Shari Harshberger

April 2016 - Janet Bridges

You may notice some months only have one family or member listed. Some of these names are new members who may need some help. If you haven't brought refreshments this year; (some of you have never brought refreshments) please call or email some of the solo members and offer to help. Or you can call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640.



**John Bridges' best plant**

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** Jodie Schumaker from Florida Star Nurseries spoke on the new names for the *Oncidium* family. He also gave us some really good hints. Those that attended the dinner afterward with Jodie learned even more about orchids. Jodie has been growing orchids since he was a teenager. Talking to him about orchids is a true learning experience! The meeting had 32 members present including new member, Diane Seidemann from Kenner, La. Please welcome her when you see her. Cassandra Griswold and Jo Ann Vaz provided some very tasty refreshments. There were 35 plants on the Show and Tell table. John Bridges won best flower with *Cattlianthe Sagarik Wax*. The door prize was won by Charles Rush.

**SPECIAL SPEAKER IN LOUISIANA:** Jean Allen-Ikeson lives in Dundas, Ontario, Canada about an hour north of Niagara Falls, although she was born in Houston, her parents were married in New Orleans and her oldest son lives in Covington! She operates Windsor Greenhouse where she grows mainly *Cattleya*, *Paphs*, *Phrags*, *Sarcochilus*, and Australian *Dendrobiums* in a 1000 sq' greenhouse. She wrote the special issue for *Orchids* magazine on *Sarcochilus* 2011. Jean is also on the Editorial Board of the American Orchid Society and is an accredited AOS judge and training coordinator in her judging center in Toronto. She will be speaking to the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Orchid Societies in August. The topics, times, and locations are:

NOOS - August 18 at 7:30 PM in Study Center of New Orleans Botanical Gardens in City Park  
Topic: Hot Lips, a look at the inheritance of lip color and structure in the *Cattleya* alliance.

BROS - August 19 at 7:00 PM at Burden Museum and Gardens  
Topic: Story of White *Cattleyas*, a historical perspective



**GCOS Baton Rouge Exhibit**

**BATON ROUGE SHOW:** The society did very well at Baton Rouge we received 19 ribbons and Glen Ladnier won a trophy for his *Vandopsis*. The show committee was made up of Sydney Dyche, Valerie and Armand Scurria and Joy Lorens. Congratulations everyone!

**UPCOMING SHOWS:** Here's a list of local shows:  
**Sept. 10-14, 2014:** World Orchid Conference  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
**Sept. 18-20, 2014:** Alabama Orchid Society Show and Sale, Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
**Sept. 25-27:** MAOC Fall Meeting and Chicagoland Orchid Festival, Naperville, IL

**MORE ABOUT THE MAOC FALL MEETING:** If anyone is going to the Chicago area in September this is the place to go. Below is a letter about the conference from the President of the MAOC, Doris Asher:

"The Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) is doing something unique in its long history for its fall meeting! Scheduled for September 25-27, 2015, the meeting coincides with the Chicagoland Orchid Festival. This Festival is held at two commercial greenhouses, Orchids by Hausermann and Natt's

Orchids. The Conference hotel, the Chicago Marriott Naperville (1801 North Naper Boulevard, Naperville, IL 60563), will host all of the Congress's activities. The Hotel is located between the two greenhouses, about 25 minutes from Hausermann's and 10 minutes from Natt's, and the MAOC will provide transportation to visit both on Saturday. Registrants can shop for orchids from a vast array of plants for sale by "guest growers" and enjoy presentations by world-renowned orchid specialists. Registrants who prefer to visit the Orchid Fest on their own should plan to join us Saturday evening for the ever-popular and entertaining Mid-America auction, followed by a casual dinner and another orchid lecture at the Marriott.

Another not-to-be missed event is the Affiliated Societies Breakfast on Sunday morning. For as long as I have been attending meetings of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, I always find this Breakfast discussion to be the most practical, useful part of the Congress! In Naperville we shall talk about "Mentoring Members to Assume New Roles Within Your Society". Has your Society ever struggled to find members willing to serve as officers, committee chairs? My guess is "yes". Come see what people in other societies have found to help with this situation.

I hope, too, that you will attend the Congress' Business Meeting (following the Affiliated Societies Breakfast) on Sunday morning. We need your input and your participation to make the Congress as relevant as it possibly can be."



**AOS NEWS:** Mark your calendar for August 6, Thursday of this week. Members and non members are invited to attend a FREE webinar titled a "Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton". Register now <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2216481668600180737> join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. Everyone is invited. If you have a question, please submit your questions by August 4 to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**What are webinars?** Webinars are an internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP. If you cannot make the actual presentation, there will be a link on the website where you can view the webinar at your convenience.

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. See Chip Lechner if you want an orchid shirt. Cost is \$15.00 for an orchid and the society name and \$3.00 for your name. You supply the shirt.

**GOOD NEWS:** At last month's meeting John Tate handed out small rolls of plastic coated copper wire that is excellent in working with orchids. John had some work done and saved the leftover wires for us. Thank you John! We love it when members bring in little freebies to share.

Tina Torguson fractured her back shortly after the New Orleans show. She reports that it is healing and will soon be back at our meetings. Tina we have missed you!

Charles and Judy Rush will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September. They are planning a trip to Florida with many stops at orchid vendors.

**SAD NEWS:** Dean Rimer went to the hospital last Monday for a heart scan; something went wrong; he died on Wednesday. He and his wife Kathy Rimer were members for several years.