



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**October 9, 2011**

Our October meeting will be held Sunday, October 9, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College**, 2226 Switzer Rd. located at the corner of Switzer Rd. and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the cafeteria meeting room. The New Growers meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30 in the cafeteria. This month's New Grower's topic is "Staking Orchids".



Blc. Lois McNeil 'Ace'

plant order. All photos in this newsletter are courtesy of **AQ Plus**. The plants are found on our wholesale plant order.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Andra Mladinich will provide refreshments for September. Dave and Vicki Perry will do November's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments, call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054.

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM:** Our November program will be November 13. We will have a work/planning meeting for our January show and a distribution of our wholesale plant order from Hawaii.

**ORCHID BARK:** When Graham Wood from Lehua Orchids spoke to us last year he recommended pine bark from New Zealand. Some of our members have expressed an interest in buying some of this material. If you'd like to take part in this order please contact Glen Ladnier at 228-392-0919 [gladnier@yahoo.com](mailto:gladnier@yahoo.com). Here's the product description: Orchiata is a sustainable orchid growing substrate produced from the finest quality, 100% pure New Zealand *Pinus radiata* bark. *Pinus radiata* is sourced from renewable, man made forests ensuring availability into the future.

**PROGRAM:** Glen Ladnier and Earl Young will show us how to pot an intergeneric Oncidium. Then every member present will get a free, in spike, intergeneric Oncidium plug to pot up during the meeting. Guests will be asked to pay \$5.00 for their plant. The society will supply the potting media, **you need to bring some newspaper to protect your workspace, a 4" on the diagonal, square plastic pot and either gloves or paper towels to clean up afterward. Remember we have to keep our meeting place clean!** Additional plants to pot up later at your home will be available for purchase at \$5.00 each after the program.

We will also go over our November wholesale



Vanda Pachara Delight

New Zealand *Pinus radiata* is a hard and stable bark compared to other pine species; however, it needs to be processed from its raw state. Our unique natural process creates a high quality, stable, long lasting, toxin free,

consistent growing substrate available in different sizes for your specific growing needs.

Our process allows Orchidata to hold water and nutrients on the outside layer of each chip, as well as creating a slightly rough surface for roots to anchor to. Pathogens do not survive this process; however beneficial microorganisms remain.

Orchidata retains the best attributes of *Pinus radiata*, and combines them with longevity, ability to rewet quickly and long term stability. Growers' have reported that frequent re-potting is not necessary, as potted plants have been known to remain in excellent condition in excess of 10 years.



Den. Dawn Maree

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

Dec. 11 Orchid Bingo and Covered Dish Luncheon

Jan. 8, 2012 planning for our 2012 show

Feb. 12, 2012 our after show party!

Save all the dates. You really don't want to miss any of our programs.

**SHOW NEWS:** Our January 27, 28, 29 2012 show is coming along. We will depend on your help to make this show the best ever. Mark your calendars now.

**WEBSITE:** Our computer wizard, Chip Lechner asks for your input and ideas for the new website. If anyone has pictures they would like incorporated into the website; bring them in on a CD.

**BOOKS BY BOB GORDON:** Jo Ann Vaz sent out an email earlier this week about some great books at cheap prices (email attached). She got enough response that she is ordering the books. The order will be placed on Friday morning. If you would like one of the books and have not emailed Jo Ann with your list please do so by Friday morning.

**WHOLESALE PLANT ORDER:** The wholesale list is attached. Bring it to the meeting. We will go over the items and answer any questions. Call or email Jo Ann with your questions or selections or give her your list at the meeting, 601-947-8777. Last date to get your order in is October 15. Last year the discount off set the packing and shipping. We hope to do the same again. Don't send money now, pay for the plants when you get them.

**FACTS ABOUT SOME OF THE WHOLESALE LISTING PLANTS:** **Blc. Lois McNeil 'Ace'** pictured on the front page is a blue or coerulea colored cattleya. According to the list these plants are overgrown and some have sheaths (buds). You can order this plant for \$5.00.

**Vanda Pachara Delight** is a very large flowered Vanda. These will grow big and will have multiple flowers spikes and bloom repeatedly year round. There are lots of Vandas of all different colors on the listing most of blooming size and some will be in spike.

**Den. Dawn Maree** is a different type of Dendrobium. It is a formosum type Dendrobium with black hairs on the canes. A mature plant will stay in bloom year round. They like lots of bright light and do well in our area.

**Encyclia Rene Marquez** is sometimes referred to as a matchstick orchid. One of its parents is *Epidendrum pseudopiedrum*. It will grow tall. Never cut the flower stems as they rebloom



Epc. Rene Marquez 'Flame Thrower'

on old stems. There is also a **Rene Marquez x Epi. Paniculata** cross on the listing that should be even more exciting!

**Encyclia Green Hornet 'ISO'** is made for our climate. It will grow well in a pot or mounted and will happily spend its summers under a tree here on the coast.



**Enc. Green Hornet**

There are two plants listed as specials that are unregistered hybrids. That means the cross has not been registered with the Royal Horticultural Society so it doesn't have a name. We simply call it by the names of the parents. The parents of the first cross are **Dial. Chantilly Lace** and **Lc. Penny Kuroda**. The parents of the second cross are **Blc. Memoria Helen Brown** and **Lc. Waianae Leopard**. Both crosses are large plants and for \$5.00 a plant that is a real bargain!



**Diac. Chantilly Lace**



**Blc. Memoria Helen Brown 'Sweet Afton'**



**Blc. Waianae Leopard**



**C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots'**