



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society

April 11, 2021

Our April 11 meeting will be at the **Joe Graham Post 119 American Legion Hall, 12320 Ashley Dr., Gulfport, MS**. Located east of Highway 49 North. The meeting will start at 2:00. We will have Show and Tell. Please bring your



**Bulbophyllum A-doribil Candy Ann**

blooming plants with a limit of 5 plants per member.

We have a special guest speaker scheduled. Once again, the Board voted to wear masks for our April meeting. **No one will be allowed in without a mask.** Hopefully, next month we can return to our normal routine and have our covered dish dinner and orchid auction without wearing masks!

**PROGRAM:** April 11, 2021: Larry Hennessey of New Orleans will talk on Bulbophyllums (Bulbos) and bring plants to sell. A list of what he



**Bulbophyllum roxburghii**

is bringing is attached. Please bring cash or checks. Make checks out to Larry Hennessey. This will be an interesting, informative talk as the genus Bulbophyllum is the largest in the entire orchid family, Orchidaceae, and currently contains over 1800 orchid species. New species are constantly being described and added. It is currently one of the largest genera in the entire plant kingdom. Larry has been growing Bulbos for a long time and has won several AOS awards. Larry says that Bulbos seem to be the quickest orchid to grow into a large specimen. Young plants appear to double in size each year. Many bloom off and on for several months. Some are sequential bloomers and some just put out occasional flushes of blooms.

Do not miss this excellent program and chance to get orchids not found anywhere else.

Larry will take preorders and if someone is looking for something that's not listed; email him he may have it, [ljhen4417@aol.com](mailto:ljhen4417@aol.com). Guests are welcome and they may buy plants too.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** We are still working on programs for 2021. Our new Vice President and program Chairwoman Janet Olier has some wonderful new ideas. We would like to focus on

repotting techniques during the summer months and hope to get Denny Haase from Spring Orchids, just north of Houston, TX., to talk and sell plants this fall.



**Cynthia Oetker's Aloha Spirit**



**Last Month's Meeting**

**May 16** Third Sunday because Mother's Day is second Sunday. We hope to have our annual covered dish luncheon and Orchid Auction. Meeting will start at 1:00 pm.

**June 13**, Second Sunday, Repotting orchids.

**FEBRUARY MEETING:** Thirty-eight members including three new members attended our March meeting. Please welcome, Caroline Nguyen from Gulfport, Kathleen Penny from Long Beach and Gloria 'Glo' Schmitz from Picayune. There were 27 plants on the show and tell table with Cynthia Oetker's Bc. Aloha Spirit' Lennette' winning Best Plant. John Tate won the door prize. Robert Stanton gave an outstanding program on Paphiopedilums and showed us all how easy it is to repot them. All members who worked the show got a free plant of their choice and could buy others during the break. Jo Ann donated a division of Dendrobium spectabile 'Dirty Old Man' in spike, which was auctioned off, the winning bid was \$55.00 by Sydney Dyche.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** We'll take a minute to vote on new/old officers. The slate of elected officers for the next two years is: President **Sydney Dyche**, Vice-President **Janet Olier**, Treasurer **Marilyn Ladnier**, Recording Secretary no one currently, Corresponding Secretary **Jo Ann Vaz**, Elected Board Members: **Andra**

**Mladinich, John Tate and Robert Stanton.** Nominations will be accepted from the floor before the vote – please get approval of all nominees before you nominate them. The duties of our unfilled position of Recording Secretary are to take the minutes and if the President, Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary are absent the Recording Secretary can lead the meeting. If you have any experience with a computer and printer please think about volunteering. We do not follow closely Robert's Rules of Order so you can use any format you like as long as you get the minutes out in a time for the newsletter each month.

The new slate of officers will be installed at our May meeting.

**DO WE OWE YOU MONEY?** If we owe you money for something you bought for the society, we need to pay you. Please bring Marilyn your bill. If you have multiple receipts, please make a



summary sheet with the receipts attached. If its food related have Andra sign the bill, show related Jo Ann must sign the bill, all other bills must be signed by Gayle.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Last month the newsletter did not say to bring plants for show and tell. Since our meeting changes due to COVID, we've been saying whether or not to bring plants. Because of this omission some of you did not bring show and tell plants. We are sorry about this. Now that we are back in a regular meeting schedule and at a place that can accommodate all our plants, please take it for granted that show and tell plants are allowed at all regular meetings. There are two



**Rose Pogonia**



**Grass Pink**

meetings a year, both our eating meetings, one at Christmas and one in May, where we do not allow show and tell because there is no room for food, bingo plants or auction plants and show and tell plants. Please know if there is ever any question about anything, just reply to the newsletter with the question and we will answer you as soon as we can.

**GUESS WHAT'S BLOOMING NOW?** Have any of you noticed the pitcher plants blooming alongside some of the coast's major highways? Blooming right along with those butter yellow 'pitchers' are our own native orchids namely the Rose Pogonia, *Pogonia ophioglossoides*, and *Calopogon tuberosa*, Grass Pink orchid. Both are terrestrial orchids preferring wet pineland and bogs. Rose pogonia flowers have a pleasant raspberry scent. Blooms March to May. Grass Pinks bloom March through June.

**CULTURE TIP:** If you haven't already brought

your plants outside for the summer it is probably safe to do so now. If you are moving the plants to greater light; make a gradual transition, watch your plants carefully so they don't burn from the higher light levels. As you're moving them out, check each one for pests and weeds and for signs of potting media breakdown. If needed repot your plants and remove any weeds and pests.

**MEMBERSHIP NOTES:** Dues are \$15.00 per person. New memberships get a free plant, one plant per family. If you cannot attend the meeting send your check to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.



**Eulophia spectabilis 'Layla Girl'**