



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

August 14, 2011

Our August meeting will be Sunday, August 14, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Com. College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the cafeteria meeting room. **There will be no New Growers meeting.**



PROGRAM: Robert (Bob) Fuchs from R.F. Orchids will talk about Vandas specifically "Vandaceous Intergenerics". He'll speak about the most popular intergeneric hybrids in the vandaceous alliance and some hybridizing trends. Many of these hybrids are gorgeous, easy to grow and significantly smaller plants than Vandas and many Ascocendas. He will bring plants to sell. (Preorder info. on the next page. At left is Ascda. Dong Tarn 'Robert' colonizing this areca palm clump at the R.F. Orchids nursery.)

R.F. Orchids of Homestead, Fl. opened its doors in 1970. Since that time they have won more AOS awards than any other nursery or individual grower. Bob, a retired teacher, is an accredited American Orchid Society (AOS) orchid judge and a life member and former trustee of the AOS. He travels extensively throughout the world to attend orchid shows, present lectures and programs to orchid societies and other groups, and he is the author of the section on "Vanda Culture" in the American Orchid Society's

Handbook on Orchid Culture.

We plan to take Bob out to supper after the meeting to Steve's on the beach in Long Beach all members are invited, Dutch treat.

REFRESHMENTS: Janet Oiler will provide refreshments for August. Marilyn Ladnier will provide refreshments for September. We are asking for volunteers for next year's refreshments, a sign up sheet will be passed out at the meeting. For more info. call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Our September program will be Sept. 11, Bobby Chauvin of ABC Orchids will speak on General Orchid Care, he'll bring plants to sell.

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

Oct 9, Potting an Oncidium Intergeneric – every member present gets a free plant and we'll take orders for our annual wholesale plant order.

Nov. 13, Planning for the 2012 show - Plant distribution from the wholesale plant order.

Dec. 11 Orchid bingo and covered dish luncheon. Every member gets to win a free plant.

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

LIBRARY NOTES: Thanks to our electronics guru, Chip Lechner, we now have copies of our old DVR programs on two CDs. One has "An Introduction to Orchids", "The Many Worlds of Orchids" and "Potting and Maintaining Orchids" the other has "Growing Orchids Under Lights". They will be available at the meeting.

SHOW REPORT: Our traveling exhibit group did a great job at the Terrebonne Orchid Society (Houma) Show. The exhibit won the trophy for best exhibit over 50 sq. ft. and the Orchid Digest trophy. Seven members sent plants which won three trophies, 9 blue ribbons, 9 red ribbons and five yellow ribbons. Three plants were pulled for AOS consideration but none were awarded.

Thanks, Becky Jolly-Wood, Andra Mladinich, Joy Lorens, John and Janet Bridges and everyone who sent plants.

UPCOMING SHOWS: There are no shows within a few hours drive scheduled for the rest of the year but there are several interesting shows or workshops within a days drive. Check out one of these events, you'll be glad you did.

September 16-18 - Alabama Orchid Society Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 2612 Lane Park Rd., Birmingham, AL. Contact: Margaret Holder; (205) 933-8688; margoholder@aol.com.

November 4-6 - Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society Show, Pecanland Mall, 4700 Milhaven Rd., Monroe, LA 71203. Contact: Jack Battaglia, (318) 801-3828; battj@bellsouth.net.

Dec 3 - Acadian Orchid Society Workshop, Ira Nelson Horticultural Center, 2206 Johnston St., Lafayette, LA. Contact: Pat Huval, (337) 667-6821.

CHECK YOUR ADDRESS: Our Treasurer maintains a member list. If you've moved, changed your address, phone or email number please tell Marilyn Ladnier 228-392-0919.

VANDAS: Bob Fuchs will bring a good variety of plants for sale so preordering is not necessary. He does have a summer sale flyer out with tremendous plants at very reasonable prices. The plants are in limited quantities. If you'd like any of the plants listed on his flyer please call ASAP and order some. Their number is 1-877-4VANDAS or 1-877-482-6327. There will be no packing or shipping charges. When you call to order please make sure you say the order is for delivery when Bob speaks to the Gulf Coast Orchid Society in Gulfport MS on August 14. The last date to preorder is August 8. Here are a few of the best deals:



Ascda. Ambrosian Twinkle 'Starburst' blooming size in 4" plastic basket \$25.00 Lovely soft orange flowers on upright stems. (pic.at left)

Den. Queen Pink in spike in 2" plastic pot \$7.00 Miniature plant with pink blooms.

Den. Somsak in spike in 2" pot \$7.00 miniature plant; white flowers with dark purple centers.

Dtps. Little Gem x Phal. Schilleriana blooming size in 3" clay plt. This miniature produces bright pink blooms most candy striped with darker lips. Two plants per pot!

Broughtonia sanguinea seedling size in 2" plastic pot \$5.00 clusters of light rose flowers.

Chtra. Susanna Coffey blooming size in 4" plastic basket \$20.00 fragrant waxy flowers in pink shades. (pic. at left)



Ascda. Jeanette Brandon 'Crownfox Sunshine' blooming size in 4" clay pot \$25.00 bright yellow flowers.

C. Whitei x LC. Love Knot Blooming size in 4" clay pot lovely mauve to pink flowers with a darker lip. Fragrant. (pic.below left)

Ascda. Denise Libby Blooming size in 4" plastic basket \$30.00 Bright fuchsia flowers on tall inflorescences some may be maroon red or purple. (pic. below center left)

Ascda. Laksi 'Chili Pepper' blooming size in 3" plastic pot \$25.00 carmine red flowers with creamy yellow centers. (pic. below center right)

Vanda Maria Bos medium size in 4" plastic pot or basket \$10.00 hot pink to purple flowers on tall spikes. Loves bright light. (pic. below far right)

