



## Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

June 10, 2012

Our June meeting will be held Sunday, June 10, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** 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 smaller meeting room. This month's New Grower's topic will be a power point presentation on "**How to Read a Plant Label**". Glen says "I gave this program to a few members once before, but cannot overemphasize the importance of the knowledge you can gain from a simple name tag. Hope you all can make it." Everyone is welcome.



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Exhibit

**PROGRAM:** Our June 10, 2012 program is all about potting. It's always time to pot some type of orchid but now is especially the time to pot Phalaenopsis. We'll have a very short talk on the function of roots and go into potting demos led by Glen, Earl and Jo Ann. We'll have a 10 minute question and answer session afterward.

Any member who has plants to sell can sell them at the June meeting. Please make sure they are free of critters and priced. The society gets 10% of all sales.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Sarah Tringle will provide refreshments for June. Bill and Tina Torguson and Judy Chinsee will provide July's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or if you have to change your date; call Andra at 228-388-5054.

**JULY PROGRAM:** Our July meeting will be Sunday, July 8, this will be our normal Second Sunday. Usually the Baton Rouge show causes us to meet the third Sunday in July but this year it will not. We have a guest speaker scheduled, our own Beryl Davis, will give us a demo on putting our beautiful orchid flowers to use.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Please let us know if there is a topic you wish us to cover. **They will all be at J.D. in the cafeteria meeting room.**

**August 12**, one of our long-time members has donated quite a few plants to the Society. We will have a short discussion of the qualities of these plants, several of the more desirable plants will be auctioned; the rest will be priced very reasonably for the members to purchase during break. First come first served!

**Sept. 9**, Ashley Matherne of Orchid Retreat will speak on Growing Cattleyas and will be selling divisions of his plants.

**Oct 14**, open - we'll take orders for wholesale plant order

**Nov. 11**, Work Session for our 2013 show Plant distribution from wholesale plant order

**Dec. 9** Orchid bingo and covered dish luncheon



Max. tenifolia

**NEW ORLEANS SHOW:** John Tate, Andra Mladinich, Joy Lorens, Chip Lechner and Marilyn Ladnier did a wonderful job on our New Orleans Exhibit. Earl Young won Best Grown Plant - Phalaenopsis Alliance with his Phalaenopsis Lava Flow and Jo Ann Vaz won Best Flower - Oncidium Alliance with her Miltoniopsis Maui Maiden. Earl, Glen and Marilyn also did a group exhibit which won Best Group Exhibit and Earl won Best Flower- Cattleya Alliance. Glen and Earl each had one plant pulled for AOS consideration. Earl also had a plant, a yellow form of Maxillaria tenifolia, that he put on the open table and was awarded an AM/AOS.

**UPCOMING SHOWS:** Here's a list of local shows. We will exhibit in the Baton Rouge show. The theme will be "Exotic Places Around the

World". If you have some ideas for this theme please let us know. The schedule on Friday includes show setup from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and plant registration from 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; A.O.S. judging begins at 6:30 p.m. The show and sales are open to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Show takedown begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

**June 22-24, 2012 Acadian Orchid Society Show**, Ira Nelson Ag Center, 2206 Johnson St., Lafayette, LA.  
**July 13-15, 2012 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show**, Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA  
**September 21-23, 2012 Alabama Orchid Society Show**, Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

If you are interested in putting up an exhibit for any of these other shows please let us know; we will help you as much as we can. Doing exhibits is a lot of work but it is fun; you'll love it!

**DID YOU KNOW:** Every orchid show is supposed to have an open table for plants? Most plants go in exhibits but sometimes they don't; sometimes people bring plants for AOS consideration only. This open table is seldom used but if you have a plant that you feel is worthy of an AOS award and you don't care about ribbons or trophies you might consider using the open table. The plus is that your plant is guaranteed to be looked at by the judging team. Earl put his Maxillaria on the open table in New Orleans and it was awarded!



Plants for May auction

**MAY AUCTION:** The auction was a great success; we sold most of the plants we purchased and many that were donated. Thanks to Glen, Earl and Jo Ann for donating wonderful plants. We made a profit of \$395.00. We also have some great raffle plants for the upcoming months.

**WHAT'S FOR SALE THIS MONTH:** Armand and Valerie Scurria will bring in some more necklaces on behalf of the Animal Rescue League. These are priced at \$8.00.

Sarah Tringle's husband has made some lovely trophies that many of you may consider purchasing for your donated show trophies for our January 2013 show. For more information call Sarah at 601-528-0817.



Necklaces for \$8.00 each

**SAD NEWS:** John and Linda Bourgeois, our friends from Morning Star Orchids, lost their daughter Rachel last month. She was found murdered in Thibodaux, LA., Rachel was 33 years old. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

**WIN MONEY:** Write an essay on "Why \_\_\_\_\_ Is My Favorite Orchid Genus" - you fill in the blank -- and win up to \$100.00! If you prefer to write about your favorite orchid or species within a genus, that will be fine, too. The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher, Chair, Mid-America Communications Committee ([asherdoris@juno.com](mailto:asherdoris@juno.com)) - winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Independence, MO, October 28, 2012. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of The Mid-American, the newsletter of the Mid-America Orchid Congress.



Trophy made by Sarah's husband

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. If you want a GCOS shirt see Chip Lechner at the meeting.

**GCOS WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK:** At our April meeting our webmaster, Chip Lechner, told he's had a few hardware problems and has not been able to update the website. He has done a great job with the website in the past and he'll update the site when he gets the problem fixed. In the meantime check out our face book page.