



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**August 11, 2013**

Our August meeting will be held Sunday, August 11, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room. Orchids 101 lead by Glen Ladnier will start at 1:30. This month's Orchids 101 subject is **'Encyclias and Epidendrums'**. Please get to the class early.



**PROGRAM:** Jo Ann Vaz will talk about Cymbidiums and demonstrate how to repot one. Janet Olier will demonstrate how she grows new plants from old back bulbs. This will be simple hands on type program. Dr. Walter Taylor donated several unnamed Cymbidiums earlier in the year, Glen Ladnier has divided these plants so all members present will get a free bare root division of a Cymbidium. We will also have a Cymbidium Golden Elf in bloom for auction. **Picture at left.**

We'll also spend some time going over the GCOS show scheduled for February 14-16, 2014.

Jo Ann will also bring some of her divisions of various types of orchids for sale. She will try to be at the meeting by 1:00 so members can buy plants and then attend Orchids 101.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS: September 8,** Round table discussion on Greenhouses. Several of you have asked for this. We'd like to amp the program up a bit; we ask anyone with a greenhouse or any type of growing area to please bring in some photos on CD to Jo Ann, she is

preparing a mini power point presentation. We need photos of the outside of your greenhouse or growing area, the inside and your benches. We want to see what works and what doesn't. Thanks.

**October 12,** Work meeting for our show and wholesale plant order from H&R Orchids.

**November 17,** Roy Tokunaga from H&R Orchids in Hawaii will speak and bring our preordered plants.

**December 8,** Christmas meeting –orchid bingo and pot luck luncheon.

**REFRESHMENTS:** John Tate and Bic Tran will bring in August's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640. We want to give a special thank you to Irene Lear and Myrtle Barrios. These wonderful ladies came through and helped out with July's refreshments. November and February are still open.

Someone has volunteered to help with November; he just needs a partner to help out. If you enjoy our refreshments each month but have been hesitant about doing your share, here's your chance. Call Andra and she'll pair you up with our volunteer. Please remember we are not supposed to be having food at JD so please only bring something light.



John Bridges, Val Scurria Becky Jolly-Wood and Sydney Dyche working on the BR display photo by Armand Scurria

**OUR EXHIBIT CREW:** Baton Rouge was our last show of the season. We'd like to thank Becky Jolly-Wood and all her helpers for doing the exhibits and all the members who sent plants. The picture at left is just a few of our workers. One of our key workers, Janet Bridges, was sitting outside in the sun wrapping pots!

**UPCOMING SHOWS:** Here's a list of local shows August 9-10 International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium, Austin, Texas Hilton Garden Inn Downtown



Some exhibitors doing the paperwork at Baton Rouge  
Photo by Armand Scoria

Convention Center.

Sept. 20-22 Birmingham Orchid Society Show and Sale, Birmingham Botanical Gardens 2612 Lane Park Rd.

Oct 5 Central Louisiana Orchid Society Show, Kent House Plantation, Alexandria La.

November 14-16, 2013 MAOC Fall Members' meetings, AOS home at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, FL.

March 21-23, 2014 Terrebonne Orchid Society Show, South Land Mall, Houma, Louisiana

**GCORCHIDS.ORG:** Our webmaster, Chip Lechner, has been working on the website, [gcorchids.org](http://gcorchids.org). He asks all members to please visit the webpage and navigate to at least 4 pages. Also please try to search for the page using your favorite search engine Bing, Yahoo, Google, Go or any other that you might use. No need for a computer now that we have upgraded to a mobile friendly version for tablets, smart phones and intermediate devices.

**JULY PROGRAM:** We'd like to thank Larry Hennessey for an outstanding program last month. He brought lots of wonderful plants at great prices for us to purchase. Larry's culture sheet is attached to this newsletter. Now that your plants are getting settled in, you may see some of them putting out flower buds. We hope to see many more Bulbos like the one at right on our show and tell tables, thanks to Larry and the fact that they love our climate here on the coast. Follow Larry's recommendations and you will be successful with these easy to grow plants.



**AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY (AOS) NEWS:** In the past year several of our members have won AOS awards. Some have expressed difficulty with the award paperwork. One of the problems has been that the address on some of the award sheets in the old address. If you sent your check to 16700 AOS Lane in Delray Beach, that is incorrect. All correspondence to the AOS should go to **The American Orchid Society at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156.** Mr. Bill Walsh has been tasked to straighten out AOS award problems. His email address is [bwalsh@aos.org](mailto:bwalsh@aos.org).



**FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE (FCC):** At the recent Lafayette show one of our society's friends, Ashley Matherne, won a coveted First Class Certificate Award given by the American Orchid Society for his Lc. Mishima Luster 'Beverly's Passion'. The plant has quite an award winning history; in June 2008, the plant had five flowers and

won an 84 point Award of Merit at the Lafayette show. In June 2011 the plant had 32 flowers and won an 87 point Award of Merit and an 89 point Certificate of Cultural Merit. Ashley then divided the plant and may have sold some of his divisions to our members when he spoke to us last year. This year in Lafayette with eight flowers the plant won and FCC. Needless to say not many people win FCC's. Congratulations Ashley! Ashley says he got the plant 10 or 12 years ago as a seedling. If anyone bought an Lc Mishima Luster 'Beverly's Passion' Am/AOS from Ashley they need to change the label to read FCC/AOS.

Now here's the rest of the story: several years ago two of our members, Renick Taylor and Ken Miles went to Carter and Holmes and bought a tray of seedlings. They took the tray of seedlings to Glen Ladnier and asked him to pot up those plants for them. They then gave every member of our society a potted seedling. The name of the seedling – Lc. Mishima Luster! You all have a chance of winning your own FCC!



**VANDAS:** Most of you know my greenhouse is full; I've sworn off buying more plants but the recent RF Orchids Flyer came at a weak moment. They have Vanda seedlings with 8-14 inch leaf span for \$8.00 each or 10 for \$60.00! They have eleven choices and you can mix or match. I ordered all 11 plants. The total with packing and shipping – over night priority mail was \$91.00! The plants cannot be called seedlings they were huge every bit of the advertised 8-14 inch leaf span if not more. Everyone had tiny new green roots started. I've attached a copy of the flyer to the emailed version of this newsletter. For those without internet RF Orchids phone

number is 877-482-6327. That's three of mine newly potted in 10" baskets.

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. Chip Lechner's Mom can machine embroider an orchid, the society's name and the member's name on shirts that members supply. The fee is \$15.00 and \$3.00 for your name. Find a shirt that you'd like to have embroidered, wash it, and bring the clean shirt to the meeting. **Clearly print** your name as you want it to appear on the shirt on a piece of paper and safety pin it to the shirt. Put your phone number on the paper too, in case there are any questions.

**MID AMERICA NEWS -CASH FOR BEST ESSAY:** Write an essay on "Travels with Orchids" -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher [ashedoris@juno.com](mailto:ashedoris@juno.com), winners will be announced at the Mid America Orchid Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Dayton, OH, October 20, 2013. You do not need to be present to win. First prize is \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prizewinning essays will appear in future issues of Mid America's newsletter, The Mid-American.