



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

May 19, 2013



LC Magic Bell 'Louisiana' photo courtesy of AQ Plus A plant similar to this will be auctioned; donated by Earl Young

members have gotten some good bargains. Please bring a box to carry your purchases home. More on the auction plants later in this newsletter.

Because Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday of May, our next meeting will be **Sunday, May 19, 2013, at 1:00** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the **cafeteria meeting room**. There will be **NO ORCHIDS 101** meeting and **NO Show and Tell**.

PROGRAM: This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid auction **starting at 1:00**. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Guests are welcome. We will offer for auction many beautiful plants (some will be in bloom or bud) most will be donated by members. In the past years



Earl Young's IDendrochilum bicallosum JC/AOS awarded at the Terrebonne show

If you have a few divisions you'd like to donate to the auction, call Glen Ladnier at 228-392-0919. It is important that you call so he can coordinate the number of plants available for sale.

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows. We will exhibit in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge shows. We need plants; please bring us your best. If you would like to help, please call Becky Jolly-Wood 228-474-2500 or Andra Mladinich 228-365-0640.

May 17-19 Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale, Memphis Botanic Gardens

May 31 – June 2 New Orleans Orchid Society Show, Lakeside Shopping Ctr., 3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie,

June 21-22 Acadian Orchid Society Show, Ira Nelson Hort. Center Lafayette, LA

July 12-14 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA

August 9-10 International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium, Austin, Texas Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Convention Center.



Cypripedium parviflorum photo by Glen Ladnier

JUNE PROGRAM: **June 9**, Glen Ladnier will bring in his native orchids growing in pots and tell us all about them. Right now several of our native orchids are beginning to pop up. Don't cut your grass right now and you should see many species of Spiranthes, Ladies Tresses, everywhere. Cliestes and Calopogons are beginning to show up too. Glen reports he's having great luck with some purchased Cypripediums that he planted. Harvey Brenneise has some in pots that are coming along too.

July 21, Third Sunday due to the Baton Rouge Show Larry Hennessey from New Orleans will talk on Bulbophyllums and bring plenty to sell.

August 11, Second Sunday - tentative - Round Table on Greenhouses

SEPTEMBER POTTING MEETING: Some of our neighboring societies have

potting sessions and we are thinking of having one in lieu of a regular meeting. We need a centrally located place, preferably near the Jr. College where we usually meet. A shady park with restroom facilities and several covered picnic tables close together where we can offer members a chance to see several different types of orchids being potted would be perfect. Please note we will not repot your orchids; we'll show you how it's done then you can pot some of your orchids there while we watch. If you know of a place and have suggestion please email or call Jo Ann 601-947-8777 joannvaz@bellsouth.net. We do not want to have the meeting at a private home because of insurance issues.



Bifrenaria harrisoniae, a similar plant donated by Glen Ladnier will be auctioned on the 19th. Photo by AQ Plus

and paper products. As you can see from the list usually two people share responsibility, makes it a lot easier.

If you enjoy our refreshments each month and your name isn't on the above list then by all means call Andra and do your part, perhaps she can match you up with someone so you can share a month. If you need to change your date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640.

NEW ORLEANS SHOW: The theme is 'Wonderland of Orchids'. We will be doing an exhibit spearheaded by Becky Jolly-Wood, call Becky if you have ideas, props, green plants or want to help, 228-474-2500. Andra will be making plant labels and entry tags so please call her with your plant list.

Hours for the show are Friday and Saturday 10:00am till 9:00 pm, Sunday 12 noon until 4:00pm. **NOTE Saturday morning Sales open at 10:00am but the exhibits do not open until noon. This is because AOS judging takes place Saturday morning.**

This show has 13 vendors including Hicks Orchid Supplies. All vendors accept pre-orders some give discounts and you save on shipping. Some have websites with internet specials. Vendors are ABC Orchids, 337-896-4622; Clown Alley, 281-991-6841; EFG Orchids, 386-738-8600; Gold Country Orchids, 905-645-8600; Hick's Orchids and Supplies, 407-227-0430; Millers Tropical's of Texas, 512-670-6070; Morning Star Orchids, 985-447-0990; Orchid Konnection, 214-460-6660; Orchids Plus, 337-667-6821; Orchid Retreat, 985-594-4050; Plantio La Orquidea, 941-504-7737, Quest Orchids, 305-227-7714; Spring Orchids, 281-353-8410.

GCOS 2014 SHOW NEWS: We have been told we will get some discount from the \$450.00 rental fee for the Gautier convention center. We do not know how much. There has been some discussion by the board on the published hours for our show. Since we will have a door to lock we plan on closing on Friday and Saturday between 6 and 7pm with a possible preview/Valentine's session on Friday night from around 7 to 8:30 PM. Closing time on Sunday will be 4:00. Hopefully these hours will give all our hard workers a few more minutes rest next year. Published opening times for Friday and Saturday will be either 9:00 or 10:00 AM but since we are all usually there each day at 7:00 we won't get much rest. Sunday opening will be noon. We are discussing not opening the exhibit area to the general public on Saturday until the judging is over.

Also since this is a big change for us and the since the show opens on Valentine's Day, we are going to try to have a themed show. **We would like to hear your ideas of a theme.** Keep in mind that the exhibits usually follow the theme so try to select something that is easy for exhibitors to work with. One suggested theme is 'Love is an Orchid', surely some of you can think of something better! Give us your ideas we'll vote on the theme at our June meeting.

REFRESHMENTS: We will all bring refreshments for our May covered dish, Judy Chinsee and Tina Torguson will bring in June's refreshments.

At the April meeting our hospitality Czar, Andra, passed out a signup sheet for our monthly refreshments. The list is June 2013 Judy and Tina; August 2013 John Tate and Bic Tran; September 2013, Marilyn Ladnier; October 2013, Andra and Jo Ann; January 2014 Sydney Dyche and Cynthia Oetker; March 2014 Vicki and Dave Perry; April 2014 Janet Bridges and Valerie Scurria. July, November and February are still open. Refreshments means

something light, a couple bags of cookies and a can of nuts whatever is easy for you, we supply the drinks, ice

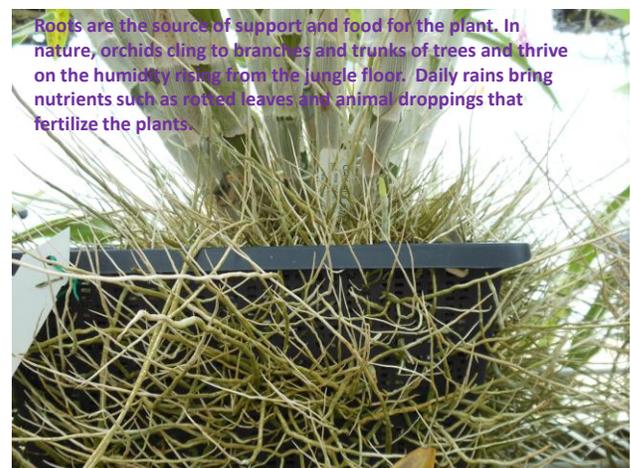
AOS UPDATES: FROM THE AOS Save the date – November 14-16, 2013 -- for the Fall Members and Trustees meetings to be held at the new AOS home at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. Plans are underway for speakers and a show and as information becomes available, I'll pass it along. Having the fall meeting there provides us all perfect opportunity to visit Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - one of the top two tropical gardens in the world.

Changes to Orchids production. Jim Watson, the long-time editor of Orchids, has left due to budgetary constraints of the AOS. Ron McHatton will be taking over Jim's editorial roles in conjunction with the Publications Committee.

The Veitch Memorial Medal Recipients. Peter R. Furniss and Dr. Alec Pridgeon, Ph.D. were among six individuals honored with the The Veitch Memorial Medal by the Royal Horticulture Society. The Veitch Memorial Medal may be awarded annually to persons of any nationality who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the art, science or practice of horticulture. For more information on the recipients and the award, see the AOS website.

13th Supplemental Issue for 2013. The 2013 supplemental issue will be distributed with a Fall issue of Orchids magazine and the topic is the genus Cattleya. Donations (however small - \$2.00 minimum) are now being accepted on the AOS website. The publication of these supplemental issues is underwritten entirely by membership donations.

AUCTION PLANTS: One of the plants donated for our auction will be a large (8" clay pot), blooming now, *Ansellia gigantea nilotica*, commonly called the leopard orchid. This plant is native to tropical Africa and grows well here. Give it the brightest light possible short of burning and lots of water in the summer. In the winter water not quite as much. The flowers are fragrant. The roots have an interesting habit of growing upward to collect nutrients and water. This plant is donated by Jo Ann.



Our members are just organizing their donated plants now; we look for more weird stuff and divisions of great plants. Besides the plants already mentioned above, this is just a partial list:

Two different *Oncidium sphacelatum*s one in an 8" basket, the other is a named variety

Two cuttings of *Vanda teres*, one an alba and the other the regular pink variety

Vanda Miss Joaquin

A very nice *Cattleya mossiae* var semi alba

Ascocentrum ampullaceum just going out of bloom

Bc. Golden Tang in bud now

Den. Burana Fancy 'Lakeview Green' blooming now

Encyclia cochleata mounted and in spike

Bc. *Praetii* (guttata x *B.nodosa*)

L. anceps in bud

C. trianae 'coerulea' x *Lc. Blueboy*

Encyclia cordigera v alba x *Epi. tampenses alba* 8" basket blooming now



We'll also offer a few of the March, Carmela plants, they have all been repotted and the Phals are blooming.

There are two seedlings of Phal Brother Lawrence (pictured above) that are outstanding. Brother Lawrence (*Taipei Gold* x *Deventeriana*) has won 27 AOS awards so far. The two blooming now are very good and as first bloom seedlings they can only get better.