



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

August 10, 2014

Our August meeting will be held **Sunday, August 10**, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of



GCOS exhibit at Baton Rouge photo by Andra Mladinich

Pass Rd. We meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room. The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month's topic will be "Hardcore Repotting Part 1." This is a very important topic, Glen says he doesn't know how many parts there will be but he knows it will take more than one.

PROGRAM: Round table discussion: "How do you keep your orchids cool? How do you keep your orchids warm?" Right now some of our orchids are thriving in the heat; others are not so happy. We'll talk about how some of our bigger growers cool the unhappy types

down and how they treat the plants that love this heat. We will also talk about ways to warm your orchids in the winter. Many of us lost quite a few orchids due to last winter's cold temperatures. At right is a picture of a Cattleya orchid damaged by cold weather courtesy of AOS. Now is the time to prepare for winter. Come to the meeting and learn what to do. The discussion will be moderated by Robert Stanton.

PLANTS FOR SALE: Walter Taylor is donating between 30 and 40 plants to the society for sale to benefit the speaker's fund. He says the plants are mostly Oncidiums and Dendrobiums; some are recently repotted others need to be repotted; some are kiekies. Because the Orchids 101 class is very important these **plants will be available during break and before the class; not during it.** Sorry we have no lists.



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: September 14: We'll have our price lists for our Hawaiian wholesale order. We'll go over as many on the plants on the list as time allows showing photos and telling about their care.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same **October 19**, Third Sunday, the college is closed on the second Sunday. Pick up your Hawaiian plants. We will talk about how to care for new plants.

November 9, Show Party, we will have a miniature show, more about it later.

December 14, Christmas meeting, this is our orchid bingo and potluck luncheon.

REFRESHMENTS: Judy and Charles Rush will bring August's refreshments. According to our signup sheet, Marilyn Ladnier, Janice Fabo and Cynthia Oetker will bring September's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-0640.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: Jo Ann Vaz showed members how to mount a miniature orchid. Each member was given the materials necessary and we all had a good learning experience. There were 32 members and two guests present. One guest, Ashley Gukian, from Long Beach later joined the society. Welcome Ashley!

We had 34 plants on the show and Tell table. Earl Young's Paphiopedilum Green Horizon won best plant.



BATON ROUGE SHOW: Our exhibit crew spearheaded by Becky Jolly-Wood and Andra Mladinich did an awesome job with the Baton Rouge exhibit. Six members sent a total of 28 plants winning four trophies and 15 ribbons. Congratulations to Glen Ladnier for winning the Orchid Digest Trophy on the exhibit he did with Earl and Marilyn and also winning an AM/AOS and a CCM/AOS on the same plant, *Doritis pulcherrima* var *champorensis* 'Marilyn's Angel.' Photo at left was taken by Glen Ladnier. More photos later in the newsletter.

OUR 2015 SHOW: We have received our approval from the AOS. Letters of invitation will go out to the vendors and all the local societies this month. Our hospitality committee has asked that we consider not closing the movable wall completely as they are very isolated when the wall is there. Yet we need a private area for the AOS judging on Saturday and we also need some way to keep the public out of the hospitality area. If anyone has any solutions to this problem please let us know.

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows.

August 8-10: Houston Orchid Society 35th Annual Summer Workshop, The Church of St John the Devine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston, TX 832-693-8140

Sept. 19-21: Alabama Orchid Society Show and Sale, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 2612 Lane Park Rd., Birmingham, Al., margholder@aol.com.

Dec. 6, 2014 Saturday only: Acadian Orchid Society 54th Annual Short Course, Hotel Acadiana, 1801 West Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, La 337-923-4273.

ORCHID MAGAZINES: Valerie Scurria, our magazine librarian will bring in some magazines again this month. This month's Magazine Library article is entitled Let the Buyer Beware. There are some suggestions that are worth a second reminder and some may be new morsels. All will aid in buying the very best plant possible and avoid potential problems. Again, highlighted information will help in quickly reading the most important findings.

AOS REP: Joy Lorens, our new AOS Rep, will also have some issues of the Society's 'Orchids' magazines available for you in the near future. Last month she spoke about the new digital membership. The details are: "Now AOS is pleased to announce our new digital-only membership level. Today there are many options for having editorial content delivered to our home or office. While for some, the feel of a paper magazine in-hand cannot be replaced, the convenience of an archive of magazines on a device that fits in a pocket cannot be denied. For those who want both, our regular membership continues to fill that need. For those people on the go who want to be able to catch up on

the latest ORCHIDS as time permits, our new digital-only membership is perfect. The digital edition includes robust tools that allow notation, bookmarks, different viewing options and pdf download. You can search a single issue or an entire volume. Perfect for students and researchers! Add an Orchids Plus[®] subscription to your membership and you have access to a wealth of orchid information - anytime, anywhere, on any device. Individual membership for one year is \$40.00. Individual membership for 2 years is \$75.00. All members get 5% off purchases from a list of well known orchid vendors. Members who join or renew for 2 years get a \$30.00 coupon for use with certain orchid vendors. Members get a 10% discount from the AOS store and are entitled to other items such as webinars. Members get free or discounted admission to other gardens or arboreta.”

LIBRARY: Our Librarian, Vicki Perry, is now in possession of all our library books. We have some wonderful books. A complete list is attached. To get a book for a month, all you have to do is call Vicki and she will bring the book to the meeting and you will have it for the month till the next meeting.

AOS WEBINARS from your Newsletter Editor: The AOS has offered several very interesting Webinars over the last few months. A webinar is simply a seminar that is available over the internet. We have very limited internet service here in Movella which made me hesitant to try one. They eventually offered a very interesting webinar on the last day of our internet usage time so I signed up. It did not significantly increase our usage for the month and it was a very informative program. After signing up, I was sent emails reminding me of the date and time and the link to use for the webinar. I followed the instructions and the class was just like being there. I could see and hear everything. I could even ask questions! It is amazing what computers can do. One of the best things is that you don't have to take notes; the entire class is recorded and you can play it back later!

The latest webinar, entitled **A Greenhouse Chat**, was offered on August 2, to all AOS members. Here's part of the email I received concerning the class. "Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. Everyone is invited. If you have a question, please submit your questions by July 31."

UPCOMING WEBINARS:

Thursday, August 21, 2014; 8:30pm ET **Phragmipedium Species and Hybrids** (members only) Lois Cinert

Saturday, September 27, 2014; 11:00am ET **It's All About the Roots** (free for everyone) John Salventi

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. See Chip Lechner if you want an orchid shirt. Cost is \$15.00 for an orchid and the society name and \$3.00 for your name. You supply the shirt.



Best Flower at Baton Rouge Show grown by Ashley Matherne Photo taken by Andra



Glen Ladnier and his Orchid Digest Trophy in front of his winning exhibit Photo taken by Scurria