



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

June 9, 2013

Our June meeting will be held Sunday, June 9, 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 **main cafeteria** and then move to the smaller meeting room for the program. The room that we normally use will be closed due to another meeting. **PLEASE DO NOT GO INTO THE REGULAR MEETING ROOM.** The Orchid's 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month's topic will be "It's all in the roots!"



PROGRAM: Glen will also do our main program on Native Orchids of South Mississippi. This will be part power point presentation and part live orchids that Glen will bring in. Glen has been working with native orchids for several years. He is currently working with Crosby Arboretum in their efforts to create a native orchid garden.

We will also have several plants to sell at the meeting; some of the great plants Walter Taylor donated for the May auction, some plants donated by Jo Ann Vaz and many blooming Phals and Dendrobium purchased earlier in the year. All plants will be prepriced; you can purchase these plants from the time they get to the meeting (around 1:00 PM) until 1:20 and during the break of the regular meeting. Sales will stop just before the Orchids 101 class starts. They will be covered so no shopping or setting plants aside. Do not disturb the Orchids 101 class which starts at 1:30. Make checks out to GCOS.

JULY PROGRAM: July 21 Third Sunday due to the Baton Rouge Show, Larry Hennessey from New Orleans will talk on Bulbophyllums and bring plenty to sell. Larry spoke to our group about three years ago; many of our members fell in love with Bulbophyllums and have asked for Larry to come back and sell us more of his plants. At left is a Bulbo. that was awarded at the GCOS 2010 show.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: August 11, Jo Ann Vaz will talk on Cymbidiums and demonstrate how to repot one. Hopefully the society will have a surprise for all members courtesy of Dr. Walter Taylor. We'll also spend some time going over the GCOS show scheduled for February 14-16, 2013.

September 8, Round table discussion on Greenhouses.

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 plants our preordered plants.

December 8, Christmas meeting –orchid bingo and potluck luncheon.

NEW ORLEANS SHOW: Our exhibit crew spearheaded by Becky Jolly-Wood and Andra Mladinich did a wonderful job again on our New Orleans Exhibit. They won best exhibit for their size category. For those who didn't attend, Andra does the paperwork for our shows, each plant has to be labeled and entered in the proper class, the plant parentage has to be looked up and the correct name has to be used. Becky does all the exhibit set up coordinating. Plants have to be placed in an attractive fashion and the flower colors have to blend and flow. They had about 40 plants, greenery and props to put in a 50 sq ft space! Becky was helped by John and Janet Bridges, Sydney Dyche, Chip Lechner, Joy Lorens, Lexie Mitchell and Armond and Valerie Scurria. Two plants from the exhibit were pulled for AOS consideration but not awarded.



Sydney's Cattleya and Robert Stanton's Paph Gina Short. (Photo above left taken by Chip Lechner). Jo Ann's Vanda won the trophy for best Vanda flower.

Glen and Marilyn Ladnier and Earl Young did a group exhibit which won Best Group Exhibit and Earl won an HCC for his Dendrobium tosaense. Glen also had a plant, a beautiful pink and white Aeridovanda Kinnaree that he put on the open table and was awarded an AM/AOS. (Photo at left by Marilyn Ladnier; bottom left by Chip Lechner.)

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows. We will exhibit in the Baton Rouge show.

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.

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.



REFRESHMENTS: Judy Chinsee and Tina Torguson will

bring in June's refreshments. . If you'd like to bring refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-0640.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: I grew up in Bayou Cassotte, known now as East Pascagoula, long before oil refineries, Cogon grass and Japanese privet. Our place was big, almost four acres of pecan trees and cow pastures guarded by a barbed wire fence. On the north side of that old fence was a golden kingdom, a playground like no other, given to children by God. Once we slipped through the fence, we found a beautiful meadow. In the spring the depressions filled with water and were full of tadpoles and crawfish. The ground was lit up with yellow buttercups, the flowers of pitcher plants. Did you know there's a southern lady in a hoop skirt



hidden in every flower? Sometimes we'd find a red buttercup. Oh, that was special! As the weather warmed and the buttercups started to fade, we children began to explore the pitchers themselves, lifting the flaps to see if there were insects trapped inside. The meadow became a patchwork quilt of yellows and pinks. White star grass and ladies tresses peeked over the meadow grass. Ladies tresses were a fascination; the little flowers wove around the stem like a braid of hair. Grass pinks were everywhere along with some Rose pogonias. These were special flowers. They were brought straight home and given to Mom to be put in a fruit jar of water. In the fall the meadow was lit with the yellow of sunflowers

and black eyed Susan's. There were tall spikes of purple *Liatris* peeking out of the grass. Along the edges of the meadow was the orange fringed flower and sometimes we'd find a white one.

I never knew many of these plants were orchids till I was much older and the meadow was gone. One day over forty years ago a bulldozer came and dug a huge ditch, and then builders came and built two subdivisions and a school. The meadow is gone but maybe if we listen to Glen and try his techniques we can save some of our native orchids and have our own little meadow in our back yards.

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.

OH NO THEY'RE CHANGING NAMES AGAIN! At a meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society's Orchid Hybrid Registration Group (OHRAG) in London on 22nd May, the proposed nomenclatural changes in the Vandeeae were discussed. The Group were privileged to receive seminar presentations by André Schuiteman and Lauren Gardiner, both from the Kew Herbarium, on their research into the taxonomy of the Vandeeae. A full account is due to be published in volume 6 of *Genera Orchidacearum* which is scheduled for publication in February 2014, and is the final volume of the series. Following discussion, the members of the Advisory Group unanimously recommended adoption of the following changes in the Hybrid Register immediately.

Vanda is to be expanded to include: *Ascocentropsis*, *Ascocentrum*, *Christensonia*, *Eparmatostigma*, *Euanthe*, *Neofinetia* and *Trudelia*. *Aerides flabellata* has been transferred to *Vanda*. *Papilionanthe* is to be accepted as distinct from *Vanda*. *Arachnis* to include: *Armadorum* and *Esmeralda*. *Gastrochilus* to include: *Haraella*. *Holcoglossum* to include: *Ascolabium* and *Penkimia*. *Phalaenopsis* to include: *Doritis*, *Kingidium*, *Lesliea*, *Nothodoritis*, *Ornithochilus* and *Sedirea*. *Renanthera* to include: *Ascoglossum*, *Porphyrodesme*, and *Renantherella*. *Robiquetia* to include: *Abdominea*, *Malleola*, *India*, *Megalotus* and *Samarorchis*. *Trichoglottis* to include: *Ceratochilus*, *Staurochilus* and *Ventricularia*.

In the past it has been the custom to await publication of the relevant volume of *Genera Orchidacearum* and wait for six months to allow discussion, before implementing any nomenclatural changes. **On this occasion however, it seemed appropriate for implementation to proceed due to the uncontroversial nature of the changes, and in order to have all the changes in place before data is extracted from the register to prepare the forthcoming Sanders List Addendum.** It is hoped this will prevent unnecessary delay in publication of the Addendum. In addition, *Doritis* and x *Doritaenopsis* have already been moved into *Phalaenopsis*.