



# *Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter*

**April 10, 2011**

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, April 10, 2011**, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the **cafeteria meeting room**. There will not be a New Growers meeting prior to the meeting; instead Glen Ladnier invites all members to his home the Saturday before, April 9; more information later in this newsletter.

**PROGRAM:** Our meeting will be a big plant sale. Yes, we have plants for sale almost every month but this will be different. Our bigger growers will be selling divisions of their plants for very reasonable prices. 10% of the sales go to the Speaker's fund. Each grower will give a short talk (5 to 10) minutes at the most on one of the orchid types they will sell.

**REFRESHMENTS:** John and Janet Bridges will provide April's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or to change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054.

**GCOS's exhibit in Baton Rouge 2011 SWROGA show – photo by Marilyn Ladnier**



**SHOW REPORT:** The Baton Rouge show was April 1 through April 3. We would like to thank everyone that sent plants, brought plants helped with the exhibit or just came up and enjoyed the show. There were close to 30 exhibits and 10 vendors. Andra Mladinich and Becky Jolly-Wood did a 50 sq. ft. exhibit. The exhibit along with the plants did very well. Andra will give a full report at the meeting on the individual awards. The Exhibit itself won the AOS trophy with a score of 86 points. That qualified the exhibit for a Silver Certificate from the AOS. Terrebonne Orchid society and our Society both won Silver Certificates and we won the AOS award by one point, Terrebonne scored 85 points!

**For those who don't understand about AOS trophies or Silver Certificates here's the definition of the AOS trophy straight from Baton Rouge's show schedule:**

All certified AOS judges present, who are not involved in competition for the award, may vote by means of a secret, written ballot. To qualify for the trophy, two-thirds of the voting judges must vote in favor of some exhibit. If more than one third of the voting judges vote "No Award", the trophy shall not be awarded. The exhibit that receives the highest number of votes shall win the trophy. If a tie in votes exists between two or more exhibits, the exhibit with the highest score shall win. If a tie still exists, the chair of AOS judging, if eligible, shall cast the tie-breaking vote. If the chair is not eligible to vote, a designated reserve judge shall break the tie. Further information is contained in 6.3.2 of the *AOS Handbook on Judging and Exhibition*.

To be eligible to receive this award a total of 80 points must be received.

General arrangement	35
Quality of flowers	35
Variety	20
Labeling	10

Here's a list of more shows scheduled for this spring in this area:

**April 27 – May 1 [Shreveport Orchid Society Show & AOS Members Meeting](#)**, Shreveport Convention Center, LA. Contact: Lena Parker, 8602 W. Wilderness Way, Shreveport, LA 71106; (318) 868-4568.

**May 20-22** - Memphis Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Select, I-240 & Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN. Contact: Charles G. Wilson, 1775 Keenlan Dr., Hernando, MS 38632; (901) 268-1445; [memphisorchids@gmail.com](mailto:memphisorchids@gmail.com).

**June 3-5 - New Orleans Orchid Society Show**, Lakeside Shopping Center Mall, Metairie, LA. Contact: Molly Prokop, 9117 Rosedawn Pl., River Ridge, LA 70123; (504) 738-5835; [mhprokop@cox.net](mailto:mhprokop@cox.net)

**June 10-12 - Acadian Orchid Society Show**, Ira Nelson Ag Center, 2206 Johnson St., Lafayette, LA. Contact: Pat Huval, 1211-A Grand Anse Hwy, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517-7051; (337) 667-6821; [orchidsplus@centurytel.net](mailto:orchidsplus@centurytel.net)

**July 8-10 - Terrebonne Orchid Society Show**, Southland Mall, Houma, LA. Contact: Sandy Trahan, 208 Rhona St., Chauvin, LA 70344; (985) 637-4479; [sbtpepe@yahoo.com](mailto:sbtpepe@yahoo.com)

If you are interested in putting up an exhibit for any of these 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!

**MORE ABOUT THE SHREVEPORT SHOW:** "Orchids a' la Louisienne" is not just an orchid show it is an "international" orchid show. Growers from all over the world are scheduled to attend. There will be meetings of the American Orchid Society, the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, the Slipper Alliance, the Pleurothallis Alliance and the Orchid Digest Corporation. This is a five day event; exhibit set up is on Wednesday, April 27, judging is on Thursday, April 28 and on Friday and Saturday they will have a series of lectures. Keynote speaker is Dr. Alec Pridgeon, other speakers are Cordelia Head, Roy Tokunaka, Sam Tsui and Alan Koch. Register now to get the discounted rates, call Lena at 318-8687-4568 for more information

**RESCHEDULED NEWGROWERS:** On Saturday April 9th, at 1:00, at the home of Glen and Marilyn Ladnier, in Woolmarket. Glen is planning on doing a program on "Potting Orchids". He says "A half-hour program in our usual slot just can't cover it all. Please bring a few plants, and whatever potting mix you may have, along with pots of different sizes, and utensils such as clippers, pot clips, stakes, wire ties, and anything else you feel you will need to pot your plants. (I have limited resources, and can't supply that much stuff). We will spend the afternoon talking about the best methods of repotting, and hands-on demonstration of how I pot my orchids."

Directions: "Take the Woolmarket exit off I-10 (exit 41). Head North on Old Hwy 67 for 4.6 miles and turn left on Village Drive. We will be the 2nd house on the right. For those with GPS, the street address is 15559 Village Drive. If you run into New Hwy 67, then you have gone too far. Turn around and go back 1/4 mile. Phone # 228-392-0919."

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** April is our scheduled month for election of new officers. All the current officers have agreed to keep their position except for our Vice President, Tony Vaz. Our nominating committee has begged Dave Perry to be our VP and he has kindly agreed. According to our Bylaws we need to ask for nominations from the floor. If anyone wants to nominate someone for a particular position please make sure you talk with whomever you want to nominate beforehand. Get their permission first! You could lose a friend by nominating them, being an officer in this society is a lot of work!



Phrag. Cahaba Morning Mist grown by John Bridges was pulled for AOS at Baton Rouge

**MAY PROGRAM:** May 15, is our covered dish lunch and plant auction. This meeting will probably start at 1:00. Bring a covered dish, whatever you like; the society will supply the meat, drinks and paper products. We will offer for auction many beautiful plants (some will be in bloom or bud) some donated by members, others purchased from commercial growers. In the past years members have gotten some good bargains. Call Glen at 228-392-0919 if you have plants to donate. Please bring a box to carry your purchases home. Remember we have to clean the place afterward. Potting media is hard to clean up so bring a container with a solid bottom!

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Marilyn reminds us that we start a new fiscal year in May. April is the last month for 2010 bills. If you have any unpaid bills please bring them to Marilyn for payment at the April meeting. Regular bills should be initialed by our President, Becky Jolly-Wood or if it is show related either Becky or Andra Mladinich.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Please let us know if there is a topic you wish us to cover.

June 12, Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids will speak on Phalaenopsis

July 17, Geri from Orchid Gallery in Tennessee will talk about growing cool growers in warm areas

August 14, Robert Fuchs from RF Orchids, Miami Fl will speak on Vandas

Sept. 11, Bobby Chauvin, ABC Orchids General Orchid Care

Oct 9, How to pot an Oncidium Intergeneric - we'll take orders for wholesale plant order

Nov. 13, planning for the 2012 show - Plant distribution from wholesale plant order

Dec. 11 orchid bingo and covered dish luncheon- cafeteria



Above - Dtps. Sogo Gotris grown and photographed by Andra Mladinich

**CULTURE TIP:** If you made it up to Baton Rouge you saw lots of Phalaenopsis orchids in bloom. This is their time to shine. Most of our members have at least one or two Phals. What if your plant's not blooming? What is wrong? If it's big enough to bloom and is growing well getting enough light and fertilizer, then there could be a couple possible reasons it's not blooming. The first is that it may be a Doritis or have Doritis in its parentage. Some Doritis like to bloom in the summer rather than the spring. Be patient, it may bloom yet. The other reason your Phal. may not be in bloom or bud is that they like a few cool (in the mid to high 60's) nights in the late fall.