



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

July 16, 2017

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 2:00** at **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the cafeteria meeting room. The cafeteria is north of the college off Runnymede. The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. The topic is "Growing Habenaria", this will tie in with Glen's program for the main meeting, so don't miss either class!



Habenaria medusa 'Santa Vision' speaker's circuit.

November 12, Second Sunday – Open- work meeting for show

December 10 Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

REFRESHMENTS: Marty Miller and Jo Ann Vaz will bring July's refreshments. Irene Lear and Cheryl Bradley will supply refreshments for August. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions.

BATON ROUGE SHOW: This will be the first year that neither the society nor a society member did an exhibit at the Baton Rouge Show which is July 7-9 at the LSU Burden Center, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge. We have no members who can bring the supplies or have the knowledge to set up an exhibit. Hopefully we can exhibit next year. We encourage all of you to drive up to Baton Rouge and enjoy their show. It is in a beautiful area with all kinds of great things to see.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 29 members and two guests present. Please welcome new members Jennifer and John Wlodarczyk. Thanks to Deborah Bordelon and Cynthia Oetker who provided wonderful refreshments. The program was an open Show and Tell with critiques done by Robert Stanton and Glen Ladnier. There were 36 plants on the Show and tell table.

PROGRAM: July 16, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show – Glen Ladnier will give an in depth talk on semi-hydroponics. When he gave this program several years ago we enjoyed it and learned a lot. Many members switched over to growing as least some of their orchids in semi-hydroponics. It's worth a try!

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

August 13, Second Sunday – An open discussion with members showing new techniques they've tried. Starting off will be Janet Olier demonstrating a way to grow kiekies and Vanda seedlings. If you have something you'd like to show us please be ready for our August meeting.

September 10, Second Sunday – Get ready for winter! Open discussion.

October 15, Third Sunday - Hopefully a speaker from the



Richard Crespin's *Cattleya leopoldii*

Richard Crespin's *Cattleya leopoldii* sib cross won best plant. John Bridges won the door prize. Special thanks to John Bridges who gave a quick demo on shade cloth versus aluminet. Thanks also to Val and Armand Scurria who brought in free century plants.

PLANT SALE: There will be some blooming orchid plants for sale during break only. These are hard cane Dendrobiums (plants with erect or arching sprays of about 5 to 25 flowers.) and a few white Cattleyas; *C. Hawaiian Wedding Song* 'Virgin'. These plants make excellent cut flowers for special occasions. Some of the Dendrobiums were bred in the University of Hawaii breeding program. The society will get 10% of the sales so the prices will be \$8.50 each for Dendrobiums and \$15.00 each for Cattleyas. Make checks out to Jo Ann.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII DENDROBIUM BREEDING

PROGRAM: Some of the Dendrobiums for sale at the July meeting were seed propagations developed by the University of Hawaii in its breeding program. Three of the program's goals were to 1. *Develop Dendrobium cut flower cultivars, including with modified flowering and with improved colored and white blossoms.* 2. *Develop improved Dendrobium cultivars for marketing as flowering potted plants.* 3. *Eradicate virus from tissue cultures and lines, further improve biotechnologies for orchid genetic engineering, and assess engineered disease resistance and floral color traits in breeding lines.*

So expect some great long lasting flowers with some virus resistance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our Treasurer, Marilyn Ladnier reports we had a balance of \$11,037.96. The balance will go down as the year progresses. We had expenses from the New Orleans show, and expect a huge bill for a special speaker if we have one and our regular operating expenses, storage locker



Den Burana Fancy 'Lakeview'

fees and Christmas plants to purchase. Our January show is approaching and we'll have bills from that. Along the way the Society makes donations to the American Orchid Society (AOS) to honor people. We recently got a thank you note from the AOS for our donation in memory of Art Moore. For those who get the AOS magazine, acknowledgement of our donation will be in the July issue. Art was a dear friend of the society. As an Orchid judge he came very often to our shows to help with our judging.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

July 7-9, 2017 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show and Sale; Burden Museum and Gardens

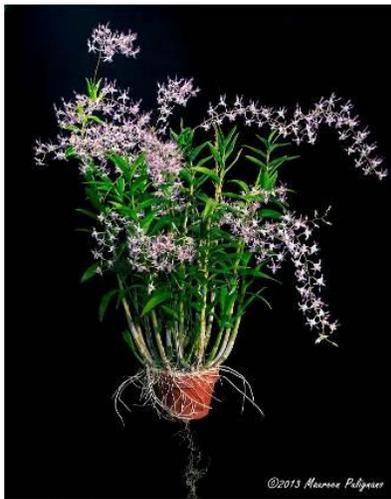
September 8-9, 2017 Central Louisiana Orchid Society Show and Sale; Kees Park in Pineville, LA

Oct. 20-23, 2017 Fall Mid America Orchid Congress and Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show and Sale Krohn Conservatory

Jan 26-28, 2018 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center,

MAOC AFFILIATED SOCIETIES MEETING: For those with internet, attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Mid American Orchid Congress Affiliated Societies Breakfast Meeting. In it are some great ideas on how to make our society better. We already do some of the things listed. If you think there are topics mentioned that would help us and you'd like to undertake the job. Please talk to Becky or Dave at the July meeting.

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn Ladnier at the meeting. If you want a GCOS shirt see Chip Lechner. The fee is \$15.00 and \$3.00 for your name. You supply a clean shirt.



Den Blue Seas 'Mr. Tony'

These Dendrobiums will rebloom on old canes with each cane producing many flower spikes over several seasons. Some of the flowers will resemble Dendrobium phalaenopsis or members of the 'Antelope' Dendrobium section or will be hybrids of both.

CULTURE TIP: This is the season for hard cane Dendrobiums. They love heat and really bright light. The grower in Hawaii says to keep them on the dry side. The following instructions were for the ones for sale but will fit just about any hard cane Dendrobium you already have. They are bred to bloom so don't let old flower spikes stay on the plant. Many of the plants will need repotting, use whatever type pot or potting media you prefer but make sure the potting media dries out quickly. The white and green varieties can grow tall; all make long flower spikes when mature so use a heavy pot to keep the plants from tipping over from the weight of the blooms.

THANKS: Some of the photos used in this newsletter were taken from the outstanding files of Orchids Plus, sponsored by the AOS. We use it as an easy, up to date method of finding the parents of certain orchids or finding out if the plant has been named or awarded. The award descriptions are very helpful in determining if a plant is award quality. There are over 67,000 award images and oftentimes it will list the family tree of a plant with pictures of its ancestors. There is an online and off line version with multiple updates each year; all for \$58.00 a year!



Den Baby Doll 'Magnifico'

ORCHID PLUS FACTS ABOUT US: Here is some interesting data gleaned from Orchids Plus. Since our first show on January 24, 1981 the AOS awarded 111 plants at our shows; the first plant awarded was Dendrobium Baby Doll 'Magnifico' (canaliculatum x affine) exhibited by Ralph Levy from Memphis. The description said it had 768 flowers on 32 inflorescences sepals and petals white; lip white with two delicate purple lines; flower intermediate between parents.