



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

June 12, 2016

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, June 12, 2016 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. The cafeteria is north of the college off Runnymede. 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 "**Semi-Hydroponics**".



It's not often we start the newsletter with a photo of a movie star, in this case Kirsten Dunst, but her choice of ear adornment suites this month's program. Those are real orchids shipped in from Los Angeles just for her! If she can do that; think about what you can do with a few of your orchids!

PROGRAM: Frank Zachariah of the Baton Rouge Society an accredited orchid judge will be our guest speaker. "**Arrangements -- Not Just For Shows.**" It is a how, why, and for whom can we make a small two flower arrangement; hands on demonstration. Everyone practices several arrangements that you can take home. These small arrangements last forever and are just the thing to brighten someone's day.

Frank has sent a list of what you may need to really enjoy this program:

-  Cattleya or Dendrobium flowers or other orchid flowers (2 to 3 flowers per arrangement) can have a couple more if you want. If everyone brings in a few flowers we can try different arrangements.
-  Small vases. Very small - baby food size. We can use small jelly jars, small mustard jars, etc.
-  Filler: fern, small sprigs of boxwood, small caladium leaves, sprigs of coleus, etc. No big flowers like zinnias or hibiscus. **This is an orchid arrangement.**
-  Dried flowers, other stuff. Statice, sprayed poppy pods, small ribbons, colored tissue paper, lots of things from around our houses.

The society will bring in some extra Cattleya and Dendrobium flowers and fern. Those that have small containers please bring extra to share. **Bring a small knife or clippers to cut stems.**

You don't have to bring anything but if you'd like to get into the spirit; try to bring what you have.

The girls from Three Orchid Friends (TOF) will bring plants to sell.

REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS: Jo Ann Vaz will bring June's refreshments. Beverly Stephens will bring July's refreshments. At the April meeting, Andra Mladinich, Hospitality Chairman, passed around a refreshment sign up list. Most months were taken, however August and January are still available. Please think about signing up for those months.

Those that bring refreshments should know that we are only supposed to have light refreshments; what was referred to as a 'cookie' meeting. Large, meal type refreshments are supposed to be catered by the school's cooking class. We push the borders twice a year with our covered dish lunches; let's not provide a meal at our regular meetings. Light refreshment is all that is needed. If we continue to abuse our privilege we could find ourselves with no refreshments at all!

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

July 17, 2016 Third Sunday: Robert Stanton – possibly an open Show and Tell

August 14, 2016: Sydney Dyche “How to Buy Orchid Plants”! If you know Sydney she buys a lot of plants. Learn her tips.

September 11, 2016: Chip Lechner - Orchid Photography geared toward cell phones and organizing your gallery.

Oct. 16, 2016 third Sunday: We hope to have a speaker on Cymbidiums who will bring plants to sell

November 13, 2016: Work meeting for show with a twist.

December 11, 2016: Christmas orchid bingo.

January 15, 2017: Prep meeting for show January 27-29, 2017

February 12, 2017: thank you meeting – everyone that worked the show will get a free plant!



**Angraecum Crestwood
'Tomorrow Star' FCC/CCE/AOS**

SPECIAL PLANT ORDER: The summer wholesale plant order list from our Hawaiian vendor is attached. Send your orders in to me. Last date for orders is July 1. Payment is due when you get your plants. If you can't get them by the July meeting; I don't mind keeping them for a while but please **pay for the plants by the July meeting**. The list is heavy on Vandaceous orchids as that is what she grows. This weekend she won the trophy for the best Vanda in the entire show at the Hilo Orchid show. She tells me the plants are good size to very large. The prices are a little higher than in the past but still very reasonable. For only \$16.00 you can get a piece of the plant at left in a 5" hanging basket. That's Angraecum Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'. It has won the two highest awards the AOS gives out, a First Class Certificate (FCC) for flower quality and a Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE) for culture! If you have any question please email me. Phones don't work well out here.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 31 members at the May meeting including new members, Marty and Liz Jordan of Seminary, MS. We had our annual covered dish lunch and Orchid Auction. The society made \$1142.00. All the plants were donated; thanks to all our donors: TOF, Cynthia Oetker, Glen and Marilyn Ladnier and Jo Ann Vaz. A big thanks to our auctioneers, Glen Ladnier and Dave Perry and their assistant, Lexie Mitchell.

SHOW AND TELL REPORT: There was no show and tell for the May meeting. We will have show and tell plants for the June meeting.

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

June 11-12, 2016 Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette, LA contact Camelia Soprano cwssearches@aol.com

July 9-10, 2016, Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show and sale LSU Burden Conference Center 4560 Essen Lane Contact: plantlover58@bellsouth.net. **NOTE THIS IS A NEW LOCATION!**

Dec 3, 2016 Acadian Orchid Society Short Course Workshop, Wyndham Garden Lafayette, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette: Dennis Wollard Wollard@louisiana.edu

Jan 27-29, 2017 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center, Gautier, Miss.

NEW ORLEANS SHOW: Sydney Dyche did an outstanding job with the society's exhibit. She was assisted by Richard Crespin, Glen Ladnier and Jo Ann Vaz. Andra Mladinich had other obligations and

could not attend the show but she did the plant labels and entry tags. The exhibit had thirty-one plants and won 15 ribbons and three trophies. Thanks to Richard Crespin, Janice Fabo, Gayle Greene Aquirre, Judy Chinsee, Glen Ladnier, Armand Scurria, Earl Young, Lisa Price and Jo Ann Vaz for sending plants. Sydney will give a full report at Sunday's meeting.

SHOW UPDATE: The Atlanta region of the Mid America Orchid Congress (MAOC) has approved out January 27-29, 2017 show dates. They will soon send us the application for the American Orchid Society approval (AOS). We will send the completed application plus a check for \$110.00 and then we'll be ready to proceed. This year we are searching for a new vendor, Pat and Malcolm Huval of Orchids Plus are retiring so if anyone has any ideas on vendors please see Jo Ann at the meeting.

Jo Ann is soliciting help with the shows. Joy Lorens has offered to be in charge of the trophies. In the near future she will get all the lists and notes on how the trophies are usually done. After our 2017 show; Joy will be given free rein to try new things with our trophies. We look forward to some improvements in our trophy system.

Jo Ann is now looking for an assistant with the raffle someone who can take the entire process over and make it their own in future years.

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. This is a good time of the year to order shirts as there is no conflict with football clients.

PHOTOS OF SOME OF THE PLANTS ON OUR WHOLESALE LIST:

The genera on the listing may not match the genera on the internet. That's because lots of geniuses are changing the genus of orchids! If the name matches you've generally got the right plant. You will not receive the plants in the pictures you will get a plant of the same type with the potential to be like the ones in the pictures.



Lc. Canhamiana Var coerulea 'Azure Skies'



Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows 'Eli'



Cattleya bowringiana 'One in a Million'



Ascda Kulwadee Fragrance