

# *Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter*

**June 13, 2021**

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 at the **Joe Graham Post 119 American Legion Hall, 12320 Ashley Dr., Gulfport, MS.** Located east of Highway 49 North. Guests are invited.

**PROGRAM:** This will be our first in a series of three summer potting meetings. We will repot Phalaenopsis orchids this month, Cattleyas in July and in August every member present will get a free plant and the materials needed to mount their new plant at the meeting. **The June meeting is limited to Phalaenopsis only. Your plant must have a growth habit resembling the line drawing below.**



If you have any hesitations at all about ripping your precious Phalaenopsis orchids out of their pots, cutting off old roots then stuffing them in new pots please join us. We'll have two members show us how they do it and then another member will show us how to train our flower spikes for the best presentation. Then you will do your plants yourself with the help of our presenters and experienced growers.

We ask that our more experienced growers please come to assist those that are hesitant.

**From our Vice President and Program Director, Janet Olier:**

Reminder to everyone! This month is our phalaenopsis repotting meeting. We will have a couple of our members demonstrate and then, we hope each member will bring a phalaenopsis of their own that needs repotting and we will begin repotting!! Some members will assist each other as needed or necessary. We hope this will be a fun and interactive meeting. Bring in any Phalaenopsis plant you want to repot. Problem plants are welcome with no judgements!!! Please bring all the supplies you think you will need and include:

Pruners or shears for trimming

Gloves if you prefer

Clean pots

Potting media

Labels

A container to put your old orchid bark into

We ask that you water your plants to be repotted well the morning before, this makes the plants easier to slip out of the pot and they don't seem to suffer as much from the potting process. They should be moist not dripping wet! We will supply a spray bottle with insecticide which may be needed if you have spider mites, scale, mealy bugs or some other pest and a sanitizing agent for tools and hands.

Please be aware that we must clean up after ourselves.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Janet Olier has arranged a great slate of programs. This summer we will focus on potting. Here's our list for the rest of the year.



**Bc Tigrinodosa**



**Rlc. Inspiration 'Coral'**



**Dendrobium Kaila Quintal 'Nancy Marie'**

**July 11, Second Sunday.** Continuing with our potting series we'll pot Cattleyas. Currently, we are not sure whether we'll do a demo only or actually help you re-pot your plants.

**August 8, Second Sunday.** We'll end our summer potting series with a treat for all those who participated in the June and July programs. We'll do a program on mounting orchids and those that participated in the prior month's programs will get a free mount and a small growing orchid to mount. We'll walk you through the process and you'll bring home a freshly mounted orchid, all you'll need to bring is some newspaper to keep your work area clean and a pair of pliers!

**September 12, Second Sunday.** Our President, Sydney Dyché, will do a program on Orchid Abbreviations.

**October 10, Second Sunday** Denny Haase of Spring Orchids to speak and sell plants. Denny's topic will be "How to Acclimate Your New Orchids." Denny is one of our long time show vendors and grows and sells wonderful plants.

**November 14, Second Sunday.** Tricks on Presenting Orchids. How to get Best Grown Plant and win Trophies at Shows!

**December 12, Second Sunday** Orchid Bingo; every member wins a plant! Christmas potluck

**January 9, 2022** Show Prep:

**February 13, 2022,** Thank you party for members who worked our show. Those show workers present get a free plant of their choice. Others will be sold at break to all members.

**UPCOMING SHOWS:**

**June 12, 2021,** MAOC Atlanta Region AOS judging 1:00 Mershon Hall Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

**September 17-19** Alabama Orchid Society Show and Sale in conjunction with the Huntsville and NE Alabama Orchid Societies; Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

**November 19 -21, 2021** Atlanta Orchid Society Show and Sale, Atlanta Botanical Gardens

**March 25-27, 2022, Calcasieu Orchid Society**

**Show and Sale** Historic City Hall down Lake Charles.



**Paph. Macabre Mothra 'Louisiana'**



**Paph. Wosner Black Wings 'Louisiana'**

to Andra. While there was no show and tell from lack of space, we did have a door prize won by John Wlodarczk. Janet Olier reminded us about the Phalaenopsis potting meeting in June and gave a short demo and a list of things members need to bring along with their plants: clean pots, potting media, clippers, labels and a big tray or solid box to dump old pots and potting media.

**FOR SALE THIS MONTH:** Over the years our society has been blessed to have some great friends and benefactors. One of the very best is Glen Lадnier. Most of you know that Glen suffered a real loss after our last 2020 storm. He is also facing knee replacement surgery. In preparation for the surgery, he and Marilyn have been donating a lot of stuff to the society, plants, pots, potting materials; everything that we need to continue our efforts as orchidists. This month we have a box of almost 500 6" brand new plastic pots that we will offer to the members for \$0.25 each, 4/\$1.00! Get our special; buy 50 6" pots for \$10.00. We also have some 8" plastic pots that we will sell for 2/\$1.00. These are new pots too, but they were not clean, they have been scrubbed and bleached and are ready for potting. Plastic pots are the best pot choice for Phalaenopsis as they like to stay slightly moist; plastic pots retain moisture longer.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** There were 23 members and five guests present at our May meeting which was our annual covered dish and orchid auction. Thanks to Richard Crespin, Anita Applebee and Jo Ann Vaz for donating plants for sale April meeting. Fifty-two plants were auctioned off for over \$1200.00! The two plants that were sold for the most money were members of the Cypripedium family which tells us we need to make more available to our members. Gayle Green-Aguirre did an outstanding job as auctioneer! The food was awesome! Thanks to our new president, Sydney Dyche, for bringing in the drinks supplies and paper products because our Hospitality Chair, Andra Mladinich hurt her back. Our prayers go out

**WHAT'S BLOOMING:** If you have a plant that just screams "Take me to a show!", and there are no shows you may consider taking your plant to a local (sort of) judging center. There are two centers within a 5-hour drive from the coast. The Atlanta Judging Center which is part of the Mid-American Orchid Congress of which our society is a member now meets in person once a month at the Mershon Hall in the Atlanta Botanic Gardens. June meeting is at 1:00pm on June 12. There is no educational program planned. Hopes are for an educational program for the July meeting and if so, the program will start at noon. Last Month the judges awarded two plants. The first was Rlc. Inspiration 'Coral' (Rlc Goldenzelle x Mahalo Jack) which won an 80 AM/AOS. It is owned and grown by Doug Hartong. The second is Bc Tigrinodosa (c. tigrina x v nodosa) which won an HCC of 77 points this plant is owned and grown by Jon Crate and Firelli Alonso. Doug Hartong is Chair of the Atlanta Region and a good friend of the society.



**Sarcochilus (Maria x Kulnura Awesome)  
'Catahoula Charm'**

The other judging center you may consider is the Louisiana Judging Center of the American Orchid Society which is sponsored by the Central Louisiana Orchid Society in Alexandria Louisiana. Judges from this center support our shows. They meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month with the possible exceptions of November and December. Because of COVID they cannot meet at their regular meeting place. For June the meeting is June 26 at the Region's Chair, Wilton Guillory's, home. Training starts at 11:00 am followed by lunch with judging starting at 1:00. At their April meeting four plants were given AOS awards: Sarcochilus (Maria x Kulnura Awesome) 'Catahoula Charm' HCC/AOS 79pts, exhibited by Eron Borne; Paph. Macabre Mothra 'Louisiana', AM/AOS 80 pts. Exhibited by Al Taylor; Paph. Wosner Black Wings 'Louisiana; AM/AOS 82 pts, exhibited by Al Taylor and Dendrobium Kaila Quintal 'Nancy Marie', HCC/AOS 75 pts, exhibited by Nancy Dempsey.

If you're interested, you can find contact information for both judging centers on the AOS website. Simply go to AOS.org. Click on Orchid Awards and Judging and then click on AOS judging Centers on the left.

**One last note about the June Meeting!** The intent of the meeting is to get those needing help repotting Phalaenopsis orchids started by helping them repot one or two plants at the meeting. It is not intended for us to repot your collection! We will show you how and help you so you can finish at home. If needed you can continue to pot your plants during the break and the rest of the meeting. If you did not get potting mix from Hicks at our show. We may have some available at the meeting but just in case you can purchase a hobby bag of orchid mix from Lowes.

**PHOTOS:** Sorry we do not have a lot of photos of our May meeting, for this month. One person can only do so much! The photos you do see in this newsletter are of the recently awarded plants at the two judging centers mentioned earlier in the newsletter. The Atlanta region photos were taken by Charles Wilson. I am not sure who took the Louisiana Region photos. Thanks to both regions for supplying the photos and the information.