



Gulf Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

September 14, 2014

Our September meeting will be held **Sunday, September 14**, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room. The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month's topic will be the second part of last month's class on repotting with reference to the properties of the various ingredients in potting mixes, "Hardcore Repotting Part 2."

PROGRAM: This month we will go over our wholesale price list from Hawaii. There are some great plants available for you. The list is attached; some quantities are limited so first come first served. You can email your lists to me or call me, 601-947-8777. Please note this list was done in a hurry so there may be a few miss-spellings. We'll go over as many as time allows showing photos and telling about their care. We'll also spend a few minutes talking about our upcoming 2015 show.



Cattleya Irene Holguin 'Brown Eyes' AM/AOS 80 pts

PLANTS FOR SALE: Once again for September Walter Taylor is donating between 30 and 40 plants to the society for sale to benefit the speaker's fund. He says the plants are mostly the same as last month; Oncidiums and Dendrobiums. Some are recently repotted others need to be repotted; some are kiekies. As last month many do not have names so they are priced very, very cheap. **These plants will be available for sale before the Orchids 101 class around 1:15; not during the class and if any are left they will be for sale during break.** Sorry we have no lists.

Last month some members complained that the plants were sold out when they got to the meeting shortly before two. Since this is the second month of selling Walter's plants there may be some plants left before the meeting, but it would be wise to come early to get the best pick. Also some members would have bought more but did not want to appear hoggish; if you see a plant you want buy it!



Rhyncholaeliocattleya (B.) glauca 'Crownfox' CCM 87 pts

OCTOBER PROGRAM: October 19: This is the third Sunday as the school will be closed on our regular meeting date. Please plan to attend if you made an order from our Hawaiian Wholesaler. We'll spend some time talking about how to care for new plants. Also the November meeting will be a mock orchid show. This is a novel idea some of our members came up with in the spring. It could be lots of fun. We'll do two orchid exhibits with your show and tell plants, clerks and judges will be assigned just like a real show and you will do entry tags from a modified schedule. We will use

some part of the October meeting to assign roles to members for our November meeting.



Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows 'Eli' HCC/AOS 78 pts

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

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: Robert Stanton led a discussion on how to heat and cool your growing space. The discussion seemed to be very well received with lots of input and questions from our members. Two things we learned is greenhouses lose lots of heat through the roof and heaters must be on separate lines to avoid overloading the circuit. There were 32 members present.

We had 31 plants on the show and Tell table. Sydney Dyche's Gramm. Scriptum var. citrinum won best plant. Thanks to Walter Taylor who donated quite a few plants that were sold to the members, the society made a little over \$200.00 on these plants.

Judy Chinsee donated a wonderful Dendrobium plant with at least eight flower spikes for auction. Cynthia Oetker won the auction and got the Dendrobium for \$35.00. Thank you Judy and Cynthia!



Vanda Pakchong Blue 'Devera' HCC/AOS 77 pts

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows.

Sept. 19-21: Alabama Orchid Society Show and Sale, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 2612 Lane Park Rd., Birmingham, Al., margholder@aol.com.

Oct 31 – Nov. 2 AOS Fall Member's Meeting in conjunction with the 16th International Slipper Orchid Symposium, Sheraton Orlando North, Maitland, Fl. www.aos.org or www.slippersumposium.com

Dec. 6, 2014 Saturday only: Acadian Orchid Society 54th Annual Short Course, Hotel Acadiana, 1801 West Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, La 337-923-4273.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same

November 9, Show Party, we will have a miniature show, more about it later.

December 14, Christmas meeting, this is our orchid bingo and potluck luncheon.

January 11, 2015, planning party for the 2015 Show.

February 8, 2015 Thank you party for those who worked the January show

REFRESHMENTS: Marilyn Ladnier, Janice Fabo and Cynthia Oetker will bring September's refreshments. Andra Mladinich and Jo Ann Vaz

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ORCHID MAGAZINES: Valerie Scurria, our magazine librarian will bring in some magazines again this month. The article featured this month chosen from our magazine library regards scale. The differences between male and female are noted, number of applications needed, and temperature guidelines for oils and soaps. There's lots of information condensed in the highlighted areas.

AOS REP: Joy Lorens, our AOS Rep, may also have some issues of the Society's 'Orchids' magazines available for you.

LIBRARY: Our Librarian, Vicki Perry, is now in possession of all our library books. We have some wonderful books. A complete list will be available at the meeting. To get a book for a month, all you have to do is call Vicki and she will bring the book to the meeting and you will have it for the month till the next meeting.

The book she will feature for September is: Vandas: Their Botany, History and Culture by Martin R. Motes with Photography by Alan L. Hoffman. With 40 years of practical experience, Dr. Motes offers a comprehensive treatment that includes botany, breeding and cultivation of Vandas. Addressing concerns of amateur growers, botanists and professional horticulturists, this is a thorough and accurate look at growing Vandas. He wraps up his study with chapters on culture and troubleshooting. He includes a section of full color photos. Dr. Motes was a guest of GCOS in Oct. 2009.



Zygopetalum Artur Elle 'Trey's Legacy' AM/AOS 81 pts

provides orchid consultation, lectures and teaching, and sales of greenhouses. **Space is limited.** Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/796144778>

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn 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 freshly washed shirt.

BIG THANKS TO AOS AND OTHERS: The photos in this newsletter and in Sunday's program are mainly from AQ Plus. Many of you may not be aware of how much AQ Plus is used by this society. We use it extensively in finding the crosses of plants exhibited in our show and in other shows in which we participate. AOS has a new program which offers all the things contained in AQ Plus and more. It is stored on line. This new system called Orchids Plus is only \$58.50 a year. A few photos were stolen from the internet and if anyone is offended by their use please know it was for a very good cause. The society makes no money from the sale of these plants.

AOS WEBINARS: The latest webinar offered by the AOS is *ROOTS: IT IS ALL ABOUT THE ROOTS!* Saturday, September 27, 2014, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT.

Please join John Salventi as he presents a topic near and dear to every orchid grower: how to take care of those precious roots! Roots are the lifeblood of our orchids. He will discuss all the methodologies for taking care of our orchid root systems. One of the founders and owners of Parkside Orchid Nursery in Pennsylvania, John began as a hobbyist in 1986 and entered the commercial orchid world. John is now part of Salventi-Purviance Enterprises, LLC which