



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

July 21, 2019

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, July 21 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 on the north side of the school off Runnymede. For those with GPS the address of the school is 2226 Switzer Rd., Gulfport, MS 39507.



The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. This is a well-timed must-see program on "Orchid Potting/Repotting". If your plants look like the one at left, its past time to repot!!

**PROGRAM: July 21**, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show.

Continuing with our summer education series, we will see another AOS program on "**Orchid Pests and Diseases**". This power point program is designed to help you identify common pests and diseases of orchids so you can get them before they get you and so, make your orchid-growing hobby that much more enjoyable. We'll follow with an open discussion on what we do here on the coast to keep our orchids strong and well. If you have a special 'treatment' for bugs, fungus or bacterial infections. Please speak up and let us know. Our members need to know what works here on the coast with our hot summers.



**That powdery white stuff is scale, it's already ruined the primary bud and is attacking the roots.**

In our ongoing effort to create interest in our summer programs we have a special surprise. Jo Ann will bring in some wonderful Paphiopedilums (Paphs) which will be on sale during the break only. More about Paphs later in this newsletter. Some will be divisions of Jo Ann's own plants and some will be from our dear friend Graham Wood at Lehua Orchids.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

**August 11**, Second Sunday. We'll end our summer education series with a final AOS program on "Today's Strap-leaf Vanda Hybrids". Since Vandas grow very well here and should be very happy in our August weather we felt this program would be appropriate. We'll see lots of great pics and study the influence of *Vanda sanderiana* and *Vanda coerulea* in modern hybrids. Half of this program is devoted to all aspects of Vanda culture. One of our members got a great deal from Motes Orchids on Vanda seedlings. She will have some of these available for sale at the August meeting.

**September 8**, Second Sunday We will use this meeting to prepare for our October speaker, Fred Clark. Hopefully we will work on our group order from Fred's orchid company, Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO). We will review his plants lists and prepare our orders.

**October 13**, Second Sunday – We have an agreement with Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids to speak and sell plants.

**November 10**, Second Sunday. We'll have a fun program this month. We'll play **Name That Orchid**. All the pictures you'll see will be featured orchids from the June, July, August and October programs. Come to those meetings and pay attention – it may win you a free plant!

**December 8**, Second Sunday Orchid Bingo; every member wins a plant! Christmas potluck

### UPCOMING SHOWS:

**July 12-14, 2019** Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show; Burden Museum and Gardens, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA Fri-Sat 8 till 5, Sunday 9 till 4

**September 13-15, 2019** The Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress held jointly with the Wisconsin Orchid Society Fall Show the "Show Dome" of the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**October 16 -20**, East Everglades Orchid Society show in conjunction with the AOS Fall Members Meeting. R.F. Orchids gardens 28100 SW 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Homestead, FL

**Dec. 7** Acadian Orchid Society Short Course Hilton Garden Inn, 2350 W. Congress St., Lafayette, LA

**Jan 24-26, 2020** Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center.



**Richard's Phalaenopsis Lioulin Pretty Lip 'Gene and Jeanette' HCC/AOS.**

**BATON ROUGE SHOW:** Trey and Kourtne Thigpen and Richard Crespin will do the Baton Rouge Show, July 12-14 Burden Museum and Gardens, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA. We have signed up for a 5 x 10' exhibit space. We need your plants. Email Jo Ann your lists ASAP! [joannvaz@bellsouth.net](mailto:joannvaz@bellsouth.net).

Even if you don't exhibit, go to the show. The Baton Rouge site is at the LSU gardens which are free to view plus you will see orchids like you've never seen before. Plants that are so large and well grown they'll fill a wash tub, weird stuff and flowers that are so beautiful, it will take your breath away! The vendors will be LA Orchid Connection, Spring Orchids, Florida Star Nursery, Orchid Konnection and Sheila's Orchids.

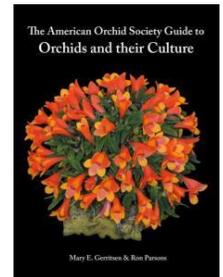
**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** There were 27 members at our June meeting. The program was an American Orchid Society (AOS) slide presentation narrated by Robert Stanton entitled "What Are Orchids?" We raised \$1,618.00 from the May plant auction and Richard Crespin donated \$16.00 from his fertilizer sales. We had 28 plants on the show and tell table with Richard Crespin's newly awarded Phalaenopsis winning Best Plant. The door prize was won by Chip Lechner.

**PAPHS:** For those who think they might like to try a Paph. We reached out to our friend, Frank Zachariah for some tips on growing Paphs. He sent a checklist which will be attached to this newsletter and he also said this regarding Paph culture: "There are some things you can change, like potting media or amount of sunlight. And there are some you cannot. The most critical is night

*temperature. If a plant requires a night temperature of 65 to stay healthy and you can only go to 75, both you and the plant are going to be unhappy.*

*(It is like those fuchsias I bring -- or pansies.) There are thousands of orchids that love our climate and there are thousands that struggle to stay alive.*

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A BOOK?** We have 3 of these books left at the \$14.00 price. More will be available at our show for \$20.00 each.



**Our 2018 Baton Rouge exhibit**

### **TIME FOR A CHAT WITH GAYLE, Notes from our President:**

It certainly is clique, but the weeks have just flown by since we launched the “show season” with our annual Gulf Coast Orchid Show extravaganza. This spring our members have presented the judges with a myriad of fantastic plants and award-winning exhibits. Each one a stunning creation to admire. Show visitors have been delighted and wowed by the quality and variety of our lovely plants. We continue to strive for excellence in producing the highest quality specimens that we can and at the same time educating the public about our rare beauties.

As the Baton Rouge Show date approaches, I hope that we will all remember how much we love orchids and why we became involved with this often-contentious hobby/vocation in the first place. We all enjoy winning that ribbon or receiving recognition with an AOS Award or consideration.

However, let’s embrace our wonderful membership who strive so hard to promote these plants. If one or any of our members get awarded that is a win-win for everyone in our society because it reflects the dedication that we all have to these enigmatic plants.

So, let’s get our best plants ready and get our game face on. Best of luck to Trey, Kourtne, Richard and others who will be transporting plants and setting up our exhibit in Baton Rouge. As many of you can attest, this is no small feat and we should applaud these folks for their efforts. Many other members will be exhibitors. Good luck to all and kindly remember that in final reflection we are all winners just for keeping the light shining on our passion.

**VANDAS:** Recently Motes Orchids had a wonderful sale: bareroot Vanda seedlings from Thailand for \$5.00 plus shipping. Our society inquired and Motes was very kind, but our board could not decide to buy them now or wait for something better in August. One of our board members did buy some and will have them to sell at the August meeting. Please check out the Motes Orchids website. Right now, they have 25% all their made in USA orchids. Sign up for their news alerts. When buying from orchid growers please remember to be polite, don’t be pushy or picky and don’t try to get a cheaper price if the item is a special deal! NEVER say you represent the society unless you really do!

**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.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERSHIP – By Gayle Green- Aguirre**



**Janet Olier with some of her orchids**

Summer has arrived and the sun and our spotlight shine on long time Board Member Janet Olier who also is celebrating her birthday this month. Originally from Port Sulphur Louisiana, Janet has lived in Gretna and Bogalusa before coming to Ocean Springs where she currently works at the US Postal Services Plant. She and her husband Dave have one daughter and one granddaughter. In addition to her duties as a Board Member Janet was the chief designer of annual GCOS show exhibit three times since she joined the Society back in 2002.

She was first introduced to the world of orchids when her sister bought her a lovely orchid for her birthday at the New Orleans Orchid Show and she promptly killed it. (I think we have all been there with

her!) After that Janet set out to learn more about her special favorites: Vandas, Cattleyas, and Dendrobiums. She has attended orchid shows in New Orleans, Mobile and Pensacola (when they had them) in her quest to perfect her growing skills, and right now she is trying to get more Species type orchids to add to her collection.



**Janet's greenhouse**

Janet has also had a plant pulled for AOS award consideration. Now I must say that this author is envious because Janet has a husband who built her first greenhouse from wood and corrugated panels and then went on to frame it up and attach ultraviolet poly sheeting. He also does most of the watering and helps to repot and mount orchids in Janet's collection. Dave even goes to shows with Janet, and he took her to the famous Robert Fuchs Orchids in Homestead, Florida where he really enjoyed himself. **Gentlemen,**

**take notice as we ladies know this guy is a true role model. Very special breed!**

Janet gets her orchids at local shows, at society meetings, and she also orders online. In addition to her orchids, Janet grows all sorts of plants of the tropical variety such as bromeliads. She devotes **LOTS** of time to her collection and works with them before work daily and on weekends, and states that the key to her success is patience. Janet has dedicated herself to attaining excellence in orchid culture, and she will keep growing, collecting and sharing in the future.



**Dave Olier enjoying himself at Fuchs Orchid Nursery in Florida**