



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

September 9, 2012

Our September meeting will be held **Sunday, September 9, at 2:00** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the cafeteria meeting room and move to the smaller meeting room for the program. There will be a short (15 minutes) New Growers meeting at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month's topic will be a continuation of last month's program on "Water Quality". **More about New**

**Growers later in this issue.**



Ashley Matherene

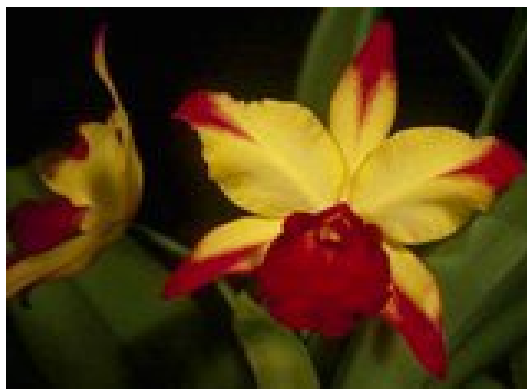
**PROGRAM:** Ashley Matherne of Orchid Retreat from Bourg, La will speak on Growing Cattleyas and will be selling divisions of his plants. These are plants from his personal collection. Many are award winners. They have won over 45 AOS awards since 1997! Ashley and Beverly are one of our show vendors and great folks. He is President of the Terrebonne Orchid Society and she is Treasurer. They will be staying with Glen and Marilyn Ladnier. Glen says he will have our guests at the school around 12:30 to unload and set up. Plants will be available for purchase immediately.

Ashley says that if any of you want a specific plant or type of plant to email him and he will bring it for you; his email is [abmatherne@hotmail.com](mailto:abmatherne@hotmail.com) his phone is 985-954-4050.

Since the Mathernes will arrive early, if you want first pick you need to be there early too. While you are there early, consider checking out New Growers; it will be short session and those that haven't attended these classes in the past might find them educational and fun!



Den Crystal Pink 'Rhon-Ron' HCC/AOS awarded at our show



B/c Dora Louise Capen 'Lea'



LC Lilac Dream 'Symmetry' AM/AOS awarded at our show



Kirchara Tropical Jewel



LC Bryan Wheeler 'Grandson' CCM/AOS



Epi Annelie Wans 'Lisa Marie'

**NEW GROWER'S:** From Glen Ladnier: "Due to the fact that the new growers meeting has drawn members of vastly different levels of experience, it has been decided to change the name to 'Orchids 101'. We continue to welcome all growers to our meeting, regardless of expertise, without the stigma of it being only for beginning growers. As I have told my group, when I go to the New Orleans meetings, I always attend their 'Basic Orchid' meeting. I never miss an opportunity to learn something new. For our September meeting, we will have a short meeting to allow me to finish the program on 'Water Quality'."

**LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM:** Thanks to Walter Taylor for the great plants he donated. Everyone got some outstanding plants for minimal prices. The society made \$570.00!

**REFRESHMENTS:** Glen and Marilyn Ladnier will provide September's refreshments. Andra Mladinich will provide October's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or if you have to change your date; call Andra at 228-388-5054.

**OCTOBER PROGRAM:** We'll take orders for the wholesale plant order and discuss the plants on the list. There were several plants on last month's Show and Tell table from prior years' wholesale order. One of our members won an AOS award for one of these plants. This will be your chance to get great blooming size plants at wholesale prices.



**ORCHID TIP:** Janet Olier tells us she's found a new way to reuse old labels. "I was going through old labels about to finally throw them in the trash when I saw that a couple were written in sharpie. I knew I could use a magic eraser on sharpie to clean them. So, went and got one and it took it right off, worked well on pencil also. Then, just to see I tried it on the preprinted ones. It took it right off!! Perfect labels to use as that second label in a pot!!" This is a great way to salvage something from a lost plant. We all know how hard it is to get labels and two labels for one plant is a great idea. If one breaks or gets lost you'll always have another!

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Please let us know if there is a topic you wish us to cover  
Nov. 11, Work Session for our 2013 show. Plant distribution from wholesale plant order.  
Dec. 9 Orchid bingo and covered dish luncheon  
Jan. 13, 2013 Planning meeting for our Jan. 25-27 show  
Feb. 10, 2013 Thank you party for show participants

**DATES to REMEMBER:** For more information see JoAnn at the meeting.  
September 21-23 Alabama Orchid Society Show, Birmingham, AL. Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
October 27-28 Kansas City Orchid Show and Mid-America Orchid Congress Fall Meeting  
Registered attendees will enjoy lectures by Dr. Ed de Vogel, Dr. Mary Gerritsen, and Tom Miranda. Hilton Garden Inn, Independence MO.  
October 26-28 Shreveport, La. SWROGA meetings and Show hosted by Shreveport Orchid Society  
November 13-14 AOS Members Meeting hosted by Portland OS  
December 1 Lafayette La., Acadian Orchid Society Short Course

**AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY AND WHY YOU SHOULD BE A MEMBER:** There are two groups that support our society, the American Orchid Society (AOS) and the Mid- America Orchid Congress (MAOC).

MAOC is a regional non-profit organization composed of members from orchid societies affiliated with the American Orchid Society. Most of our show judges are from the MAOC; all are members of the AOS and are AOS accredited judges. MAOC cooperates with the AOS in training orchid judges, supporting the judging centers, and providing information to individuals who grow and show orchids.

Quoting from their bylaws "*The Congress promotes the improvement of orchids by cultivation, hybridization, exhibitions, publications, lectures and seminars; supports the conservation of all orchids; supports awards in the form of certificates, medals or ribbons for excellence in the*

*development and/or culture of orchids; and generally promotes the knowledge, production, use and appreciation of orchids of all kinds."* We use a MAOC show schedule for our show as it is written for our region with plants we grow here. Our society pays dues to the MAOC.

The Society is also a member of the AOS. They back our show by posting it in their magazine schedule of events and on their website. They also sell us show and meeting insurance at a great savings. We pay a fee to have an AOS backed show which also includes the AOS show trophy and all the AOS awards that are given during our show.

Members of the society are encouraged to join the AOS. Dues are \$65.00 a year or \$125.00 for two years. Some say the fee is too much to pay for just a magazine but it is such a special magazine. The color photographs are outstanding, there's a question and answer column for anyone that has questions about orchid care, a show calendar and wonderful articles about orchids and related things. Members also get a special supplement, this year it is on the genus *Cycnoches*, its species and hybrids. More importantly if you subscribe for two years you get a free coupon worth \$30.00 off from many orchid vendors. Some vendors give AOS members various discounts at all times. Buy enough orchids and you'll easily get your money back.

With your membership you'll also get free use of the AOS website. This is the best orchid website on the internet. Check out; [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org).



**2013 SHOW NEWS:** Many of you contribute a trophy for our show. If you still want to donate a trophy or want to donate a new trophy or change the reading of the trophy you already donate please see Jo Ann at the meeting. It's not too early to start shopping for those trophies. At left is a sample of some of the trophies we give out. We ask that you get something tasteful and appropriate for an orchid show. It must look like it costs a million bucks or at least \$15.00. We don't care how much you spend. If you would like to donate \$15.00 to the Society, we will provide the trophy. Some of our members are handy and make trophies; you might talk to Sara Tringle or Judy Chinsee.

**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 at the meeting.

It's very important to wear your shirt or name tag. One of our board members has recommended that we give out a second door prize limited to members who either are wearing their shirts or name tags! We may start this on a random month basis so be prepared!

**GCOS WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK:** Our webmaster, Chip Lechner, has updated the website, [gcorchids.org](http://gcorchids.org) also you can always find us on face book.

**MORE PHOTOS of ORCHID RETREAT'S AWARDED PLANTS:** All orchid photos in this newsletter supplied by AQPlus. Thanks to the TOS website for the photo of Ashley Matherne.



Catyclia El Hatillo 'Pinta' CCM/AOS



Blc Roman Holiday 'Beverly's Bliss' AM/AOS



Elc. Charlie Brown 'Andrea Guidry' CCM/AOS