



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

March 13, 2011

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, March 13, 2011**, 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 New Growers meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month's New Grower's topic will be "Air Circulation and Orchids".

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker scheduled for this month has cancelled. Instead we will show a CD on "Native Orchids of the Lower 48 States". This is one of the newer programs offered by the American Orchid Society and should be very informative. Glen Ladnier will lead the discussion.



REFRESHMENTS:

John and Paula Lewis and Earl Young will provide March's refreshments. John and Janet Bridges will bring April's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or to change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054.

SHOW REPORT: The Mobile show was outstanding!

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated! Andra Mladinich will give a complete report at the March meeting.



Encyclia cochleata above left *Cuitlauzina (Osmoglossum) egertonii* above right

We will be doing a display at the Baton Rouge Orchid Society's SWROGA show April 1 through April 3 at the Baton Rouge Holiday Inn South. This will be a **BIG** show with special speakers on Saturday April 2. Charles Wilson and Thomas Mirenda, Museum Specialist for the Orchid Collection at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. will be the speakers.

Andra and Becky will be doing a 50' exhibit. They will need people to help on Friday and again to help take down on Sunday. If you are going to the show and will be there either Friday or Sunday, please contact Becky 228-474-2500 and volunteer to help set up take tawon or just tote plants and equipment to and from the show.

SWROGA?: SWROGA stands for Southwest Regional Orchid growers Association. It is similar to the Mid American Orchid Congress that our society belongs to. These are regional groups formed to help people grow and exhibit orchids in their areas. SWROGA is the oldest grower's group officially affiliated with the American Orchid Society. The first SWROGA show was held in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1960. The Baton Rouge show will be SWROGA's 100th show. Here is a list of other orchid shows in the south for the next few months:

March 25-27 - Heart of Dixie Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn, 5903 University Dr., Huntsville, AL. Contact: Jean Dussault, 2110 Shannonhouse Rd., Huntsville, AL 35803; (256) 883-2512; ejd247@aol.com.

April 15-17 - Houston Orchid Society Show, Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., Houston, TX. Contact: John Stubbings, 3701 Coral Reef Dr., Seabrook, TX 77586; jdstubbings@comcast.com

April 16-17 - Tallahassee Orchid Society Show, Doyle Conner Bldg, 3125 Doyle Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, FL. Contact: Pam Stevens, 1923 Atapha Nene, Tallahassee, FL 32301; (850) 510-5528; pamstevens08@comcast.net.

April 27 - May 1 Shreveport Orchid Society Show & AOS Members Meeting, Shreveport Convention Center, LA. Contact: Lena Parker, 8602 W. Wilderness Way, Shreveport, LA 71106; (318) 868-4568.

May 20-22 - Memphis Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Select, I-240 & Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN. Contact: Charles G. Wilson, 1775 Keenlan Dr., Hernando, MS 38632; (901) 268-1445; memphisorchids@gmail.com.

June 3-5 - New Orleans Orchid Society Show, Lakeside Shopping Center Mall, Metairie, LA. Contact: Molly Prokop, 9117 Roasedawn Pl., River ridge, LA 70123; (504) 738-5835; mhprokop@cox.net

June 10-12 - Acadian Orchid Society Show, Ira Nelson Ag Center, 2206 Johnson St., Lafayette, LA. Contact: Pat Huval, 1211-A Grand Anse Hwy, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517-7051; (337) 667-6821; orchidsplus@centurytel.net

July 8-10 - Terrebonne Orchid Society Show, Southland Mall, Houma, LA. Contact: Sandy Trahan, 208 Rhona St., Chauvin, LA 70344; (985) 637-4479; sbtpepe@yahoo.com

APRIL PROGRAM: Our April 10, meeting will be a big plant sale. Yes, we have plants for sale all most every month but this will be different. Our bigger growers will be selling divisions of their plants for very reasonable prices. 10% of the sales go to the Speaker's fund. Each grower will give a short talk (5 to 10) minutes at the most on one of the orchid types they will sell.

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

May 15, Covered dish lunch and plant auction.

June 12, Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids will speak on Phalaenopsis – media room

July 10 or 17 (unsure of date) Bobby Chauvin, ABC Orchids General Orchid Care.

August 14, Robert Fuchs from RF Orchids, Miami Fl will speak on Vandas – media room

Sept. 11, tentative program on Epidendrums and Encyclias special speaker - cafeteria

Oct 9, open - we'll take orders for wholesale plant order - cafeteria

Nov. 13, open -Plant distribution from wholesale plant order.

Dec. 11 orchid bingo and covered dish luncheon- cafeteria

SHOW AND TELL: Last month someone entered three plants for show and tell and did not put their name. The plants are Den. Andree Millar, Den. Palolo Sunshine and Lc. Angel Love x C. skinneri. Please contact Jo Ann if these are your plants.

WHAT'S FOR SALE THIS MONTH? : We ordered some species seedlings from Oak Hill. These are small plants, most in 2 – 2.5" pots some are mounted; most are two to three years from blooming. The plus to these seedlings is that they are plants not readily available elsewhere. Below is a list of what is available: "n.b.s" stands for near blooming size.



Aerides quinquevulnera pot size 2 1/4", leaf span 2 1/2-3" \$4.00-sticky **fragrant** white w/lavender spots! Grow like a Vanda 3 plants avail. Photo at left

Angraecum eburneum v. giryamae pot size 3 1/2", leaf span 7-9" \$6.50 - super **fragrant** at night; long inflorescence with many upside down green blooms w/huge white lip and long spur! Grow like a Vanda. 4 plants available

Brassavola nodosa 2 1/2" pot size , leaf span 4-5" (n.b.s.) \$6.00 "Lady of the Night" - easy to grow summer bloomer - spicy **fragrance** Bright light

loves to be mounted - 3 plants available



Brassavola ovaliformis (chacoensis) mounted 3-5" (n.b.s.) \$9.00 **fragrant** at night; terete-leaved collector's item; has a unique "ribbed" heart-shaped lip bright light lots of water in summer 2 plants available

Christensonia vietnamica mounted 3-4" \$9.00 small yellow flowers in the Vanda family 1 plant available

Cirrhea dependens 2 1/2" pot size , leaf span 4-5" \$4.00 **fragrant** relative of Gongora puts out an inflorescence that looks like a flock of birds in flight light shade 2 plants available

Coelogyne cristata 3 1/2" pot size, leaf span 7-10" \$8.50 -*fragrant* white with fuzzy lip; very showy! Light shade grow in a basket 2 plants available photo above

Coryanthes fieldingii 3" pot size, leaf span 4-5" \$4.00 -*fragrant* bucket orchid; bronze/orange/yellow with lavender spots - spectacular! 1 plant available

Cuitlauzina (Osmoglossum) egertonii 2 1/4" pot size, leaf span 4-6" \$4.00 -very interesting; erect inflorescence of triangular *fragrant* white blooms with yellow center 3 plants available

Encyclia cochleata 2 1/4" pot size, leaf span 3" \$4.50 -ever popular "black orchid" has green petals/sepals and a very dark purple cockleshell lip. Easy to grow. 3 plants available

Epidendrum paniculatum 2 1/2" pot size, leaf span 2 1/2-3" \$3.50 -interesting clusters of *fragrant* green flowers; weird extended white lip with lavender markings 2 plants available

Gomesa crispa 2 1/4-2 1/2" pot size, leaf span 3" \$4.50 -curly green clusters of *fragrant* flowers adorn this Brazilian species 2 plants available



Kegeliella atropilosa 2 1/4-2 1/2" pot size, leaf span 2 1/2-3" \$4.50 -unusual miniature Nicaraguan species with tiger stripes with a bright yellow lip, reddish colored leaves! 1 plant available

Paraphalaenopsis serpentilingua Pot Size -1.75" Plant Height /Leafspan - 2" \$5.00 -miniature terete-leaf novelty; wavy white petals with yellow/brown spotted, bird-shaped lip! 3 plants available photo at left

Phalaenopsis bellina pot size 2 1/4", leaf span 2 1/2" \$6.00 -formerly known as violacea v. Borneo, this super *fragrant*, glossy leaved favorite blooms in summer 1 plants available



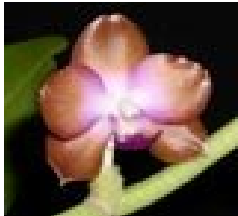
Phalaenopsis equestris pot size 2 1/4", leaf span 3" \$4.00 -lavender stars; easy to grow miniature Phal species; very popular among beginners 3 plants available photo at left

Phalaenopsis javanica pot size 2 1/4-2 1/2", leaf span 3-4" (n.b.s.) \$5.00 -hard to find species; has a triangular shape; glossy white blooms with lavender spots 2 available

Rhynchostylis gigantea alba, pot size 2 1/2", leaf span 3-4" \$4.00 -*fragrant*, white form of this vandaceous, winter-blooming beauty. 3 available

Vanda coerulea bare root 3 1/2", leaf span 8-10" \$6.50 -winter blooming blue w/tessellation! 3 available

Vanda luzonica pot size 2 1/4-2 1/2", leaf span 4" \$4.00 -*fragrant* white with pink markings and pink lip These are nice sized plants 2 available



Vandopsis parishii v. *Mariottiana* pot size 2 1/4", leaf span 2-2 1/2" \$4.00 -*fragrant* beauty. Much nicer color variety than the standard parishii. This plant is NOT a hybrid between a Vanda and a Phal. It is a genus all on its own. Grow like a Vanda hot bright lots of water. These plants are small. 3 available photo at left



Rhynchostylis gigantea alba