



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

August 13, 2017

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, August 13, 2017 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 cafeteria is north of the college on Runnymede. The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. He will talk about the plants on our special order list.



Island Sun's Greenhouses

PROGRAM: August 13, Second Sunday – An open discussion with members showing new techniques they've tried. Starting off will be Janet Olier demonstrating a way to grow kiekies and Vanda seedlings. If you have something you'd like to show us please be ready for our August meeting. We'll go over member's tasks for the Great Unpacking Meeting! Please plan to attend both our Orchids 101 class and our regular meeting.

Some of our members will bring in 'dirt plants' (any type of plants other than orchids) for sale. If you have extra divisions of dirt plants either potted or bare root you are welcome to sell them at our August meeting. Please mark the prices on each plant with your name. Place them on the plastic tablecloths in the main cafeteria. If there are no plastic tablecloths wait until there are.

We originally said that all proceeds would belong to the society but we've changed the rules a little. If you have plants to sell bring them in; the society only asks for 10%; just like we do when someone sells orchid plants. No one asks for money just give the 10% to Marilyn. Please have your plants there early so not to interfere with Orchids 101. Plants will be on sale during the break not before the meeting. Pay the person selling the plants. Remember bring a broom and dustbin; clean up any mess you make.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

September 10, Second Sunday – This is going to be the Great Unpacking Meeting!

October 15, Third Sunday - – Get ready for winter! Open discussion.

November 12, Second Sunday – Open- work meeting for show

December 10 Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

REFRESHMENTS: Irene Lear and Cheryl Bradley will supply refreshments for August. Gayle Greene-Aguirre and John Tate will supply September’s refreshments. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions.

WHOLESALE PLANT ORDER/GREAT UNPACKING MEETING: This will be the first time we’ve unpacked this quantity of plants at a meeting. We have to be very careful not to lose labels or plants and to keep things organized. So we will go over tasks at the August meeting. Even if you don’t order plants; seeing all the different plants is amazing!

Attached to this newsletter is a plant list supplied by our grower in Hawaii, Island Sun Orchids. She has supplied us with a list for the last several years and we’ve literally ordered thousands of dollars worth of plants from her! The list is outstanding this year and so are the prices. These are wholesale prices and your chance to get and grow quality plants. Some of us have won AOS awards on her plants. Simply email your order to me, give it to me at the meeting or call me 601-947-8777.

Cutoff date for all orders is August 20, 2017.

The plants are all large, blooming size plants. Although some will be in bud do not expect that. The first column on the list is the name of the plant; if you have trouble with the names contact me or wait and talk with Glen at Orchids 101. Be aware that the names were entered from plant labels, there may be some typos. Genera names are changing and some of these are listed under the old genera names. To keep everything straight and my sanity, we will continue with the names on the list. All plant names and crosses are registered with the exception of Den. Burana Galaxy.



Den. stratiotes



Lexie's Prra. LeBeau Blue

The second column labeled **qty** is the number of plants that are available for that particular plant. Orders will be kept in the order they are sent in so if the quantity is low get your order in fast. **We will “shop” for our plants at the September meeting in the order that orders were sent in.** Email is preferred. Do not let small quantities deter you. In the past, sometimes she has been able to find extra plants. We will deal with those issues as they come

The next column labeled **pot size** is just that. Sometimes there are hints like Den. stratiotes says 4” Xlrg. This is a tall growing species plant that will quickly fill up a 4” pot. I would expect a big plant for \$12.00. If you have room that’s a bargain! The last column is the price of the plant which includes shipping and handling. There are no taxes and the society will charge no fees. Pay for your plants at

the September meeting. **Anyone who cannot attend the September meeting must make arrangements to pay and pick up their plants before they order.**

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 28 members and one guest present. Thanks to Marty Miller and Jo Ann Vaz who provided wonderful refreshments. Glen Ladnier gave a great program and demonstration on semi-hydroponics. There were 31 plants on the show and tell table. Lexie Mitchell's Prra. LeBeau Blue. Sydney Dyche won the door prize.



Cynthia at a previous program

CHANGE TO BYLAWS: Cynthia Oetker has agreed to be our contact person for society issues in the community. Thank you Cynthia! When someone inquires about our participation in something, she will be our contact and organizing person. The board agreed to name this position **Community Coordinator**. She will handle all community functions outside the realm of our meetings and shows; including our donating plants for some type of charity auction, our setting up a table with a few plants or a full blown display at some big garden club or master gardener type convention, and arranging speakers for any function that contacts

the society for speakers. Any member who is contacted for speakers has the option of speaking themselves or passing the talk on to Cynthia who will make arrangements with other members. Her contact information will be listed on both our website gcorchids.org and our facebook page.

The Community Coordinator will have to work very closely with the board. We need to amend the bylaws so that whoever holds this job has a board position, like AOS Rep and Show Chairman. We have to announce the change in the newsletter then vote on it the following month. We will change the following paragraph to include Community Coordinator to the list of members who are on the board by power of their office.

THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES who shall constitute the whole board shall be nine; the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, and three Trustees, who shall be elected for a two year term, the AOS representative, Web Master and the show chairperson shall be designated members of the board of Trustees by the power of their office.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

September 8-9, 2017 Central Louisiana Orchid Society Show and Sale; Kees Park in Pineville, LA

Oct. 20-23, 2017 Fall Mid America Orchid Congress and Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show and Sale Krohn Conservatory

Jan 26-28, 2018 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center,



SAY A LITTLE PRAYER: Many of you know our long time Treasurer and friend, Marilyn Ladnier, broke her ankle last month. She has since fallen and broke her wrist. Amazingly, she and Glen are still managing to do all their society duties. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers please.

From Left to right: Myrtle Barrios, Irene Lear, Andra Mladinich, Marilyn and Glen Ladnier, and Vicki and Dave Perry