



Gulf Coast Orchid Society

June 13, 2010

Our June meeting will be held Sunday, June 13, 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 **media room, G121**, which is south east of the cafeteria on the other side of the fountain.

PROGRAM: Earl Bailey from ORCHIDbabies will speak on the care and culture of Paphiopedilums. He and his wife, Phyllis, are from Brierfield, AL where they breed and grow award winning Paphs and Phrags. They will show several photos of some of their paphs and bring plants to sell.



Paph. sanderianum

You can also preorder plants from their website. Why preorder? If you preorder Earl will select a plant for you and save it for you; you won't have to fight everyone at the sales table. The cut off date for preorders is Monday, June 7. In the last few months they have given us several special offers that are repeated on the last page. These prices are better than those listed on their website and are good for the plants delivered to the June meeting only. So if you haven't preordered yet; call Earl or Phyllis at 205-665-5650. If you have a computer check out www.orchidbabies.com.

We are planning to take the Baileys out to supper after the meeting to the High Cotton Grill in D'Iberville. If you would like to attend, Dutch treat, please call Marilyn at 228-392-0919 so she can make reservations.

REFRESHMENTS: Jo Ann Vaz will provide refreshments for June. Marilyn Ladnier will provide July's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments one month or if you have to change your date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054. Please do not bring in refreshments without first checking with Andra.

JULY PROGRAM: Our July meeting will be the third Sunday, July 18, due to the Baton Rouge Orchid Society show. We are planning a program on Cymbidium orchids. Jo Ann will show you how to hack a cymbidium to pieces with a butcher knife and get it to win the best flowering plant in the entire show two years later!

AUGUST PROGRAM: Our August program will be August 8, we may have a guest speaker but if not we will substitute something fun and different. Mark your calendars and save all these dates. You really don't want to miss any of our summer programs.

SHOW REPORT: Glen and Marilyn Ladnier are doing the New Orleans Show June 4 – 6 at Lakeside Mall in Metairie on the corner of Causeway and Veterans. You'll probably get this newsletter too late to send plants but hopefully you'll be able to attend. Marilyn and Glen will do the Baton Rouge Show July 9 - 11.

Glen and Marilyn would like to retire from doing the society's exhibits. If you'd like to learn how and do a few away-exhibits please talk to Glen so he and Marilyn can show you 'the ropes'.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR: At our April meeting members voted for the member of the year. This award is given by popular vote to the member that represents the best of the GCOS. If you did not vote in April; see Becky Jolly-Wood at the June meeting for a ballot. We will announce the winner at the end of the meeting.

GPOS AUCTION: Some of our members seemed to enjoy the competition of our May orchid auction; if you'd like to attend another orchid auction; the Greater Pensacola Orchid Society is having their auction Saturday, June 26 at 1:00. Like our auction, it's a covered dish and they will have plenty of plants too. It will be held at the Spanish Cove Clubhouse in Lillian Al. at 2079 Clubhouse Dr.; see Glen for more directions.

MORE ABOUT PAPHS: *The following is from the AOS website:* paphipedilums, the lady's slipper orchids, originate in the jungles of the Far East including Indonesia. They are semi-terrestrial, growing in humus and other material on the forest floor, or on cliffs in pockets of humus and occasionally in trees. They are easy to grow in the home, under lights or in the greenhouse.



Paph. Lady Isabel

ORCHIDBABIES PREORDER DEALS:



Phrag. Cahaba Morning Mist ((Hanne Popow 'White' x Lutz Rollke 'Emily' AM/AOS). One of theirs was awarded in Cincinnati; they are offering blooming size plants for \$35.00. This is a fairly small stature windowsill plant, pale yellow with a pink blush.

Paph. sanderianum for \$125 Lush, big plants ready to bloom, they are in 4.5" pots and have an 21-22" leaf span. The Bailey's have only a

few of these, so first come, first served. This is a RARE plant if you can find them they are small!

Paph Lady Isabel (rothschildianum x stonei), in bud for \$45 (from Orchid Inn) 18" leaf span and 4.5" pots.

Paph. Via George at right (Pinocchio x concolor) for \$35 in bud.



Paph. Honey, (below) in bud for \$25.00 Their breeding of this older cross with a philippinense alba, giving a different look. The other parent, primulinum, has intense yellow, and a larger than normal bloom. Being the pod parent, its beauty is enhanced by the alba form of the philippinense. The philippinense 'alba' was dominant and the twisted petals really enhance this version the Paph Honey.



COMPUTER CONNECTIONS: Don't forget our website www.gcorchids.org. April Skeels and Glen Ladnier have done a great job of setting it up and keeping it running. Janet Olier runs our Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com and search for Gulf Coast Orchid Society.

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY: From time to time we've featured articles copied from the AOS website. There is so much information available there. The website is www.aos.org. If you don't already get the AOS on line newsletter check it out. When you're at the AOS home page click on 'free newsletters' found at the bottom of the right column.

MIRANDA ORCHIDS: Some of you may remember Francisco Miranda who spoke to our group last August. He tells us he has added a lot of stuff to his list, mainly selected cattleyas and laelias with a lot of rare and unusual color forms, so check out his website, www.mirandaorchids.com.