



Gulf Coast Orchid Society

November 8, 2009

Our November meeting will be held on the **second Sunday, November 8**, 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 room behind the cafeteria. Go north past the college and turn left.

PROGRAM: Our Vice President, Tony Vaz, will lead us in a tricks and gadgets meeting. Several members will show us how to make our own wire pot clips, hangars and supports, how to make our own labels and explain one of the best gadgets to use when applying fertilizer.

PLANT SALES: Our November meeting is a good time for members to bring in plants to sell. Paragraph 16 of our Operating Instructions suggests:

“The only auctions held will be for the Society's benefit. Members are free to bring plants in to sell at regular monthly meetings as long as they pay the society 10% of their gross. Private member plant sales are not to compete in any way with the sale of plants by the Society or its guests. There will be no member plant sales allowed during meetings in which the society sells or auctions plants or when the society has a special speaker who brings plants to sell at the meeting. The Society is not liable in any way for plants lost, damaged or stolen. All plants brought in to sell must be priced and labeled with the seller's name. The Seller will be in charge of collecting monies and it should be done in a quiet and orderly fashion. If the member selling plants disrupts the meeting with his plants sales the board may not allow that member to sell plants at meetings again.”

REFRESHMENTS/TIDINESS: We have noticed that the same few members stay after the meetings to clean up. Please let's all stay an extra five or ten minutes to tidy up the area after our meetings. If everyone would be responsible for their own area it would lighten everyone's load.

DECEMBER MEETING: Second Sunday, December 13; this is our covered dish and orchid bingo. Every member gets to bingo until they win an orchid. When planning your dish for our luncheon; please try to bring something that isn't too messy.

ORCHID SHOWS: Glen and Marilyn Ladnier did the Society's exhibit at the Orchid Society of Jefferson show in Metairie this past weekend along with John Tate and John and Janet Bridges. Other shows coming up are:

January 29-31 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show, Singing River Mall, Gautier, MS.

April 16-18 Pensacola Show

April 30-May2 Terrebonne Show

June 4-6, New Orleans Show

ACADIAN ORCHID SOCIETY SHORT COURSE: On Saturday, December 5, 2010, the Acadian Orchid Society will have a table top orchid show and short course at the Ramada Inn in Lafayette, LA. Featured speakers will be Greg Butler from Oak Hill Gardens and Francisco Miranda from Miranda Orchids. Cost of the session is \$35.00 pre-registration or \$40.00 at the door. Contact Glen or Jo Ann for more information.

BATON ROUGE ORCHID SOCIETY: On Saturday, November 7 at 3:00 P.M. Mr. Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids will speak to the Baton Rouge Group. He is the hybridizer of the famous black orchid Fredclarkeara “After Dark”, a catasetum hybrid. Check out www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com; he is accepting advance orders and giving a 10% discount and not charging shipping. For more info call 225.317-0933. At left is Clowesia Jemm's Dragon Tears.

CATASETINAIE CULTURE: Catasetinae have a distinctive growth and rest period (dormancy).



For best plant growth it is important to understand and respect these growth phases. When the plants are in active growth maintain constant root zone moisture and fertilize regularly. This is essential to optimizing the development of new growth. When the plants are dormant little or no water is needed as the pseudobulbs store enough moisture and nutrients to survive the dormancy. The onset of dormancy is caused by several factors, the maturity of the pseudobulb, shorter day length, cooler day/night temperatures and a reduction of root zone moisture. In most of the country dormancy occurs naturally however when the plants are cultivated in warm growing areas such as in South Texas, Florida, Hawaii, or in the home or under lights sometimes dormancy needs to be encouraged. Stopping watering in early January regardless of the number of green leaves will trigger the dormancy. Watering during dormancy should only be done if the plant shrivels severely. Usually a single irrigation is sufficient to restore the bulbs. For more culture information check out the website. At left is Cyc. Cooperi.

LIBRARY NOTES: If you didn't purchase Dr. Motes' Florida *Orchid Growing Month by Month*, \$15.00, you missed a chance to get one of the best, easy to read, straightforward books on orchid culture available. While south Florida's climate is a bit more tropical than ours and we can't plant

orchids in our yards; his advice is right on in many other areas. Our library now has a copy of this book and Dr. Motes' other book, *Vandas: Their Botany History and Culture*. Call Glen Ladnier if you'd like to check out a copy of either book. 228-392-0919. Martin and Mary have new email address you may contact them at MartinMotes@gmail.com or MaryMotes@gmail.com. Check out her blog at www.notjustorchids.blogspot.com.

SHOW REPORT: Our Show Chairman, John Lewis, reports that we will have a theme for our 2010 show, "The Coast Reborn". This is the fifth show since Katrina and our 30th annual show. We celebrate 30 years of shows and the rebirth of so many things that makes the Mississippi Gulf Coast and our Society great. John has some great new ideas for our show. He'll tell us more at the meeting.

TROPHIES: If you have signed up to donate a trophy for our show; remember you must give Janet Olier \$15.00 for each trophy or bring her a purchased trophy by our December meeting. If you haven't signed up to donate a trophy and would like to; below is a list of available trophies. Trophies may be donated in memory or in honor of someone. Call or email Jo Ann Vaz with the wording you prefer for your donation; 601-947-8777. Bring in your purchased trophies packed safely so they will not break. We would prefer a padded box or bag that they can be kept in until they get to the homes of the persons that win them.

Group A Open Competition – Best exhibit set up by commercial exhibitors

Group F1-B Vanda Alliance, Best Plant

Group F2-B Phalaenopsis - Best Plant

Group G2 Oncidium Alliance – Best plant

Group I2 Dendrobium Alliance- Best plant

Group J2 Miscellaneous Genera –Plants blooming for first time, miniatures, and specimen plants.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Orchids make excellent Christmas gifts. Here are some great deals for Santa. Some of you can get together and place one order to take advantage of the savings.

Lehua Orchids, www.lehuaorchids.com PO Box 1379 Kurtistown HI 96760-1379, 1 808 968 8898. Graham at Lehua is responsible for naming an orchid in memory of Barbara Duncan, Paph. Memoria Barbara Duncan. He received the Official registration form from the Royal Horticultural Society on



October 12. Lehua is a wholesale dealer, but all you have to do is order a minimum of thirty plants. You don't need a wholesaler's license just order thirty plants. Call or email him and he can pick you a nice selection of plants in bud for \$8.95 each and that includes shipping! At those prices you can get a few presents for yourself too! Please remember the time change if you call him.

At left is Paph. Petula's Mystery, one of the parents of Paph. Memoria Barbara Duncan

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