

# Galveston Bay Orchid Society Newsletter

July 2017

**The next meeting of the GBOS will be at 7pm on Monday, July 17 at our NEW location:  
Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, 17503 El Camino Real, Houston 77058.**

(The street you actually turn on is Beacon St. which is off of El Camino Real. Just look for the big Clear Lake City water tower)

Monty McGinnis, GBOS Vice Pres will be the MC for a Family Feud Team Contest on "Orchid History and Facts". Teams will consist of both members and visitors. Orchids will be displayed and raffled and light refreshments will be served. This is a good opportunity for ANYONE to bring their orchids and discuss any orchid problems with the local orchid experts.

Please plan to attend and bring a guest! Refreshments will be potluck.

## Orchid Tip of the Month



### FEELING THE HEAT

July and August can be the toughest and most damaging months to your collection. Many cooler-growing orchids such as masdevallias, lycastes, odontoglossum type oncidiums and even some interme-

mediate species struggle this time of year. Many of them can handle the daytime heat, but the real issues develop when temperatures stay warm all night, as happens frequently in our area. Be sensitive to this fact and be prepared to bring some plants back inside to air-conditioned comfort should you experience two-month-long heat waves. Feel the heat on your leaves by touch. A cool leaf is a good sign; a hot leaf means plant metabolism has shut down, a very bad sign.

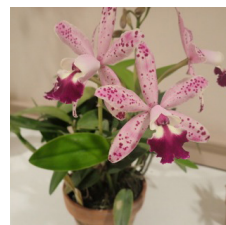
Gentle air movement is one of the best ways to alleviate heat stress in your orchid collection. This keeps leaves from baking and burning if they get exposed even briefly to higher light and excessive heat. If your plants are outside, try to find a spot that has natural air transport; you might be surprised at how variable microclimatic conditions can be even in a smaller yard.



## Pronunciation Guide

Pronunciation of orchid names can be daunting for the novice and experienced grower alike. This simplified pronunciation guide may help for the following orchids.

Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um)  
Epidendrum (ep-ih-DEN-drum)  
Lycaste (lye-KASS-tee)  
macrophyllum (mak-roh-FILL-lum)  
Masdevallia (mass-deh-VAHL-ee-ah)  
Miltonia (mill-TONE-ee-ah)  
Odontoglossum (oh-don-toe-GLOSSsum)  
Oncidium (on-SID-ee-um)



June Winning Hybrid:  
Cattleya Tropical Pointer  
'Cheetah', HCC/AOS  
grown by Larry Baker



June Winning Specie:  
Vanda tricolor (Suavis)  
grown by Larry Baker

August Meeting: 7:00 pm, Monday, August 21, 2017.  
Program to be announced in the August newsletter.

If you have items or information you would like to see in the newsletter let me know at: [joycemcmillan@att.net](mailto:joycemcmillan@att.net)