

Galveston Bay Orchid Society Newsletter

July 2019

The next meeting of the GBOS will be at 7 PM on Monday, July 15th at
Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, 17503 El Camino Real, Houston 77058

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

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

July Meeting Presenter

The speaker at our July meeting will be Rick Hepler, President of the Houston Orchid Society. He will be sharing information on successfully growing Paphs in the Houston area.

NOGG Meeting (Novice Orchid Growers Group)

Our next meeting will be on the third Sunday of July, the 21st, at 2PM. GBOS members Jane and David Malin will be hosting. Their address is 1610 Wavecrest Lane, Houston, TX 77062. For more information you can contact Katherine Brown at 318-243-3416 or email ksbrown208@hotmail.com

Musings by Larry Baker

Olympia Orchids formerly was a Phalaenopsis growing and breeding company with its green house and owner just off Hwy 528 in Friendswood. Their potting mix was described as the "Can't Fail Mix" and was composed of 2 parts large perlite, 2 parts large charcoal, and 1 part Sunshine Mix, wet and use. This is written on the storage container I use for potting Phalaenopsis, Catasetums, and Cymbidiums. This mix provides airy room around the roots but keeps their fleshy roots moist with the required watering frequency. Any ground peat can probably be used in place of the Sunshine Mix.

Olympia sold many years ago and stock was moved to New York if my less than perfect memory holds. --- I wonder what happened to the greenhouse. I wish I had such a fabulous one!!! It was large with a high roof of glass and aluminum. Concrete floor with a separate large flasking area with storage and office space. Olympia's hybrid phalaenopsis were flasked and grown there. And a nice house to go with the greenhouse. Someone should go look for it.

I have wondered if dedicated orchid growers should buy greenhouses and be happy with the houses that come with them. Oh wait! Our spouses have opinions too!

June Orchid Presentation Winners

hybrid winner - *Dendrobium Thongchai Gold 'Viroj'* grown by Caroly Lavender



specie winner - unknown *Clowesia* grown by Larry Baker

Upcoming SWROGA Show

The GBOS fall show is fast approaching. Our show will be on September 13/14/15 at the Nasa Bay Hilton. Be sure to keep these dates open and to sign up to assist in making our show successful. A banquet and auction will take place on the evening of Saturday, the 14th. Tickets for this event are \$35. Members can sign up for this on the GBOS website.

If you have items or information you would like to see in the newsletter let me know at sk164@hotmail.com
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