

Galveston Bay Orchid Society Newsletter

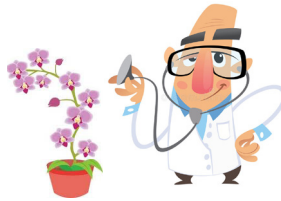
August 2017

**The next meeting of the GBOS will be at 7pm on Monday, August 21 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)

The program for August is a “ Plant Clinic”. Bring your struggling Orchid plants to our panel of experts for analysis and tips on how to help them thrive.

Fr. Ted, Harriet and Jane and David Malin agreed to be the Clinic Panel of experts.



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

Orchid Tip of the Month

HEAVEN - We live on such an incredible planet. There are outrageous marvels in every country and incredible potential in each of us. No matter what your faith, political or social persuasion, I have always felt that we can, and should, create our own heavens here on earth. Look around you! No matter where you may be living, there are probably orchids to admire within just a few miles. Here in North America, there are many orchids, both native species (such as platantheras and spiranthes) and cultivated hybrids (such as many cattleyas and guarianthes) that are preparing to bloom this month and will be in their full glory in the autumn as temperatures cool off. I urge you to get out there and experience as much of the totality of our earth, with open eyes and hearts. At a time when humanity is in such turmoil and the world and its biodiversity needs so much protection, only our connections to the earth can provide solace and healing. Enjoy the totality.

by Thomas Mirenda, a long-time contributor to Orchids magazine and an accredited AOS judge, is the coauthor of the Book of Orchids: A Life-Size Guide to Six Hundred Species From Around the World.

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.

Paphiopedilum (paff-ee-oh-PED-ih-lum)

Pelexia (pell-EKS-ee-ah)

phaeantha (fay-AN-tha)

Phalaenopsis (fail-en-OP-sis)

Phragmipedium (frag-mih-PEED-ee-um)

Platanthera (plah-TAN-ther-ah)



July Winning Hybrid:
V. Gordon Dillon x V.
Gua Chai Long grown by
Nancy Daniocek



July Winning Specie:
Catasetum laminatum
grown by Larry Baker

September Meeting: 7:00 pm, Monday, September 18, 2017.

Program will be “Growing Orchids from Flasks” presented by Katherine Brown.

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