

Mobile Area Orchid Society

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Ophrys Speculum
Glen Ladnier



Mark and his vanda from the 2013 orchid show.

Meeting Location is Christ United Methodist Church 6101 Grelot Rd. Mobile room A201 April 10th at 6:30PM. See last page for link to map and directions.

Up coming orchid shows

Memphis Orchid Society “Orchids in Legend and Love”

May 16 thru 18 2014

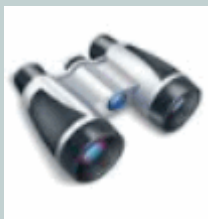
Memphis Botanic Gardens, 750 Cherry Rd. Memphis, Tn.

New Orleans Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

May 31 thru June 01 2014

Lakeside Shopping Center 3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metairie, La.

The Mobile Area Orchid Society will have an exhibit at the New Orleans show.



We are looking into the possibility of a new location for our 2015 orchid show so everyone please assist in the search. The building needs to be at least 2100 square feet (this is the size of the building at the Mobile Botanical Gardens) or slightly larger and the new location needs to be centrally located. If you know of a location please contact Beverly at 645-9039.

Don't forget to send me pictures of your orchids or favorite article for our website and newsletter.

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The election of officers for 2014 will be held at the May 2014 meeting. So it is time for the nominating committee to begin their work. If asked to serve on the committee or as an officer please accept. We need your input and ideas. We will vote on officers at the May meeting and the new officers will be installed at the June picnic and auction.

Spring Cleaning

Spring is in the air and in the greenhouse. Now that temps are warming it is a good time to clean out your greenhouse.



1. Remove any blooms that have expired from the plant and from the floor.
2. Scrub any mold or algae from the doors, sides and top of the greenhouse. Be sure to remove any orchids that are in the way. Rinse well.
3. Clean and sterilize your tools and your old pots. Old pots can be soaked in bleach water and tools can be dipped in alcohol.
4. Make sure your potting bench is clean and ready for repotting.
5. Check your orchids and make sure they are free of pests and rot.
6. If you floor is ground cover, scrub it with bleach water and rinse well. Make sure you have good drainage.
7. Remember to protect your orchids, your hands and eyes and lungs.

When is it safe to move my orchids out of the greenhouse and under trees or under the shade house?

That is a good question that everyone asks themselves each year. My uncle who was a well known horticulturist always said he did not feel safe from frost until after Easter and I mostly go along with that. Beverly and I recently added on to our shade house and added new benches. We have already moved our cymbidiums outside and some of our dendrobiums, but we are ready to either cover them or bring them back into the greenhouse if needed.

The St. Augustine Orchid Society has a terrific web site with temps that orchids can withstand. [Please click on this link for their article.](#) It may help you decide when to move your orchids outside.

Christ United Methodist Church [6101 Grelot Rd](#) map

Click [here](#) for a larger campus map of Christ United Methodist Church. Room A201 directly behind the Sanctuary on the second floor. You may be able to enter the building behind the Sanctuary.

10 April at 6:30PM

