

# Mobile Area Orchid Society

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Meeting Location is Christ United Methodist Church 6101 Grelot Rd. Mobile room A201 at 6:30PM 14 Aug. See last page for link to map and directions.

## Up coming orchid shows

Alabama Orchid Society Show and Sale September 19—21 2014

Birmingham Botanical Gardens 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, Al.

This is a great show and it makes a good road trip; only 4 short hours away.



## From the President's Desk

Whew, it's been a long hot summer, and it's only half over! Not only is it the time to keep our orchids cool, breezy and humid (as if this were not enough), but also time to watch for predators.

I'm sure that Harry and I aren't the only ones to have problems this season with insects. I hope that you have attended your collection more carefully and prevented damage. Some of us are slow learners and some of us spend a lifetime trying to learn! We are here to help each other learn to enjoy growing so I will share some things that we have encountered this year. We have battled scale and finally gotten it under control with products containing imidacloprid. We found red spider mites and are continuing the process of treating with products using permethrin (miticides).

With the thought of 'viruses' in the air I had convinced Harry that almost every plant we had was diseased. We went crazy researching with no concrete answers. Our plants have had twisting with streaked and mottled leaves and brown rot. Well, while reading everything I could find on viruses, I stumbled upon something that I learned last year, concerning calcium and magnesium deficiencies. Continued page 2

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I believe we will be seeing pleasant changes in our orchids as well as our attitudes in the next few weeks!

Orchid growers sell new plants each day to fill the place of the ones we kill but why not make every effort to keep them alive and thriving? I encourage/urge you to research/Google any questions you have , and by all means use the info provided by some of the larger societies' websites.

Happy Growing! See you at the meeting.

*Bev.*

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

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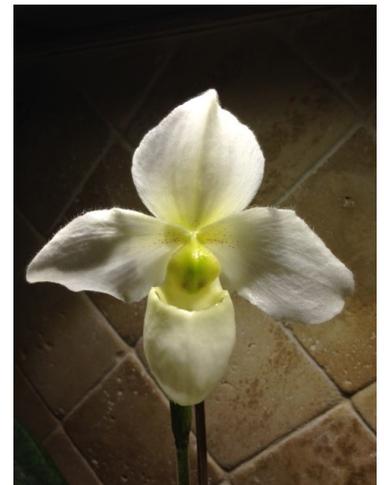
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## Program

The program for this month's meeting is on how to read a label, or making sense out of all of the words and quotation marks on the little plastic label included with the orchid. Be sure to bring paper and pen for taking notes.

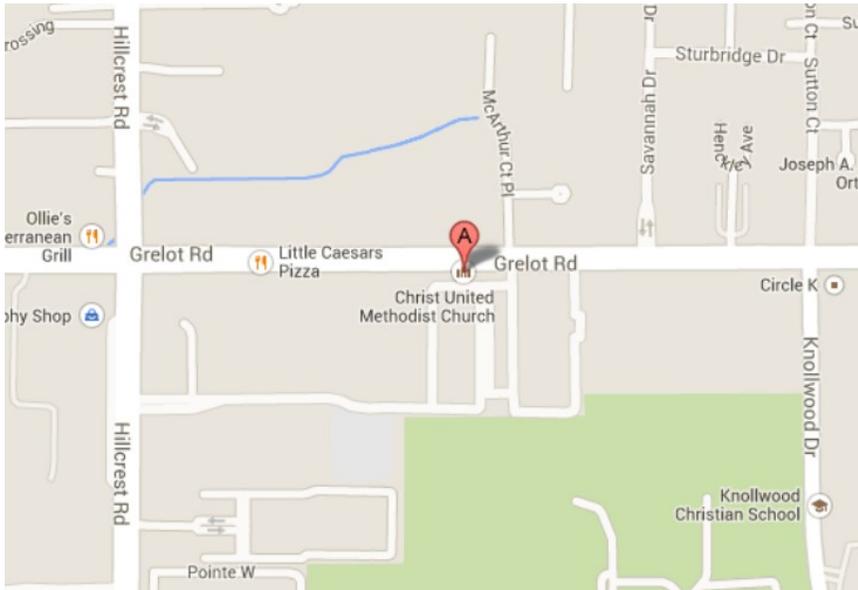
The Paph on the right is Moon Stone sent to me by Charles and Judy Rush.



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## Christ United Methodist Church map

Church Room A201 directly behind the Sanctuary. You may be able to enter the building at the end opposite the Sanctuary. This is where Beverly and I entered last time we were here in room A204.



Click [here](#) for a link to the Christ United Methodist Church web page.

