



Mike Bernard Acadiana Chapter American Hibiscus Society



**Join us Tuesday, February 5th at 6:00pm
at the Ira Nelson Horticultural Center
to kick off our 2013 Hibiscus Season**



It is time to kick off our 2013 Hibiscus Year. Please plan to join us Tuesday Night as we gather to plan for the year ahead. This is your chapter. Have an idea for a meeting topic, a project, an event...suggestions are welcome.

Our calendar project has been deemed a success and we are planning to start the compilation of our 2014 calendar at the February meeting, so please bring 2 of your favorite hibiscus photos for the January and February photo contests.

We still have a few calendars from the second printing. If you haven't had a chance to get one, please contact Carolyn, Lata, Buddy, or Ann. We will also have them available for purchase at the meeting.

We have added a couple of new segments to the newsletter this year.

- **Member News** will be the area for you to share personal news with the chapter. Please email your news to Ann by the last Monday of the month.
- **Blooms on Parade** will be the area for you to share bloom photos. Please email your photos to Ann by the last Monday of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.



Member News

Welcome to the newest addition to our Chapter

Vincent Eugene Chiarulli

January 25th ~ 8 lb. 5 oz



Congratulations Tiffany & Eugene!

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mignon Arton during her time of recovery.

Have news you would like to share with the chapter?
Please send an email to Ann by the last Monday of the month.

Our weather this "winter" has been unusual even by Louisiana standards and it is evident that our hibiscus are as confused as we are. I have hibiscus in greenhouses, on the patio, on the carport, and in the ground in a flowerbed. In each of the protected areas, I see some plants too dry, some too wet, and some thriving and blooming like we are in the middle of spring. It is important that we give each plant individual attention and adjust the care accordingly. I am amazed that the happiest plants seem to be the ones in the flowerbed that I have not covered or protected at all. See you Tuesday! Ann

***AHS National Convention
June 20th thru 23rd
Boca Raton, Florida***

You have waited, You have anticipated, The time is here....

Annual Dupont Nursery Visit

The Mike Bernard Acadiana Hibiscus Chapter along with the Red Stick Chapter in Baton Rouge and the New Orleans Chapter have once again been invited to visit the magnificent greenhouses of Dupont Nurseries in Plaquemine, La. The date of our official visit is Saturday February 23rd. Participants are asked to arrive around 10AM and to park in the nursery parking lot. All visitors will be required to immediately check in at the office. (see below for a detailed email from Robert Dupont concerning our visit) It is imperative that everyone go out of their way to adhere to the rules laid out. No exceptions period!!!! We are indeed privileged to have this opportunity.

"The visit to the nursery is set for Saturday, February 23rd. All visitors must check in at the front office and all cars must be parked in the office parking lot. Only plants with designated signs will be allowed to be purchased. All plants will be placed on carts and brought to the check out area in the shipping warehouse where they will be inspected before they are allowed to be loaded into vehicles. We are asking everyone kindly not to move plants from one area to another while shopping. If someone picks out a plant and decides it is not one they wish to buy, it must be returned to the exact location from which it was taken. Anyone caught with a plant taken from an area other than the designated benches will be asked to leave the premises. Only hibiscus will be allowed to be purchased and all other plants in the nursery are off limits. Browsing is acceptable but we ask that no one bring plants other than hibiscus to the check out area. Your 20% discount applies and lunch will be served. Abiding by these rules and the outcome of this sale will determine future visits. Robert

Since lunch will be served it is important that you RSVP your intentions to Buddy by phone at **232-2446** or by email to Buddy at buddy@shortfinancialgroup.com or to Ann at ann@acadianahibiscus.com. It is critical and courteous that an accurate count be given.



Anyone desiring to ride together will assemble in the parking lot of Target at the I-10/ Louisiana Ave. Exit. Departure is 8:30 AM sharp. Be early. Buddy will have donuts and milk. Please let us know you are coming.....

Directions from Lafayette are simple should you care to drive over yourself.....

Take I-10 toward Baton Rouge. At the Mississippi River Bridge you will exit right on Hwy 1 to Plaquemine. You will drive through Plaquemine until you see Hwy 75 on your right. (there is a McDonald's on the corner) Turn right on Hwy 75 and go until it dead ends at the Bayou. (about 7 miles) Turn left and go about 1-1/2 miles and you should see a Dupont sign on your left. Turn onto the gravel road and the nursery will be directly ahead.



Burnt Saffron
grown by Theresa & Mark Goare



Peach Memories x Eva Paloni
grown by Jennie Marcantel



Beau Vie
grown by Buddy Short



Rocketman
grown by Ann Peltier



Upcoming Events

MBAC Meeting - February 5th

Dupont Nursery Visit - February 23rd

MBAC Meeting - March 5th

MBAC Meeting - April 2nd

Space City Show - April 21st

Lone Star Show - April 28th

Red Stick Show - May 5th

MBAC Meeting - May 7th

MBAC Show - May 19th

New Orleans Show - May 26th



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invites all to its 13th annual

Hibiscus Show & Sale **Sunday, May 19, 2013**



"Pride of Acadiana"

Bloom Entry: 8:00am-11:30am

Plant Sale: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Cathedral Carmel Gym
Corner of St. John & Versailles
Lafayette, Louisiana

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

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