

# Mike Bernard Acadiana Chapter Newsletter

March 2010

## *Renewed Excitement*

Normally this time of the year is a very dull and boring time for me. It probably is for you as well. Football is over, Mardi Gras has come and gone, and the weather is still too unstable to do much outside or to see any progress with our plants. This year however the Saints won the Super Bowl, Mardi Gras day was fantastic, and even the weather lately has been acceptable. All are exciting events but that can only carry you so long. According to the weather station this past cold snap was the coldest temperatures we've experienced in South Louisiana in the last 14 years. Even my daughter reminded me that it has snowed 3 times this year. Truly amazing for us South Louisiana natives. It seemed like I was always looking for my goose down jacket. I haven't put away my coats yet but with the temperatures over the last few weeks I'm starting to feel the excitement that typically carries me until I see a few buds starting to form.

A friendly reminder that our first meeting of the year is the first Tuesday of March. **March 2nd at 6PM** we will gather once again at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center. We want to know how you made out throughout the winter.....good or bad. That's why we are a club.

This is your kickoff newsletter for the hibiscus year 2010. Pay close attention to the excellent comments throughout these few pages. If you follow those words of wisdom you will get off to a great start and your plants will reward you for your thoughtfulness.....call me with any questions.....see you on the 2nd.

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## **Chapter officers for 2010**

Sandra Theall.....President

Debbie Gaspard.....Vice President

Buddy Short.....Secretary/Treasurer/editor

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## **President's Message**



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**Dupont Nursery Trip.....Saturday March 13th.....don't miss it!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Departure time is 8:30 AM from the Ira Nelson Center**

**Plants are available for purchase at our chapter discount.**

Lunch and refreshments will be served so it is mandatory that we have an accurate head count. You can either email me at **buddy@shortfinancialgroup.com**, call me at **232-2446**, or sign up at this upcoming meeting. Your choice but it is imperative that you make your decision quickly so that we can notify Dupont Nursery.

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**Blooms and Things.....the following article was written by our friend and President of the New Orleans hibiscus chapter Father Robert Gerlich. It was featured in their chapter newsletter last week. It is exceptional and should be followed to the tee.**

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of the American Hibiscus Society

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