



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

September 9, 2018

Hopefully none of you suffered any damage due to Mr. Gordon. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 2:00** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the cafeteria meeting room. The cafeteria is north of the college off Runnymede. The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. Glen's topic will be: "What Should I Plant this Orchid In?" Join us at 1:30.



Our Glen Ladnier, at left, serving as a ribbon judge with AOS judges Aileen Garrison and Frank Zachariah (center). Serving as head clerk, our own Bill Torguson, far right.

October 14, Second Sunday: Second part of - "How to be a Great Ribbon Judge or Clerk at our 2019 Show". We will set up a small exhibit and ribbon judge all the plants in the exhibit!

November 11, Second Sunday Sydney Dyche "How to Keep Track of your Orchids"

December 9, Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Sept. 21-23 Alabama Orchid Society Show and Sale, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham,

Oct. 26-28, 2018 Calcasieu Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Good Shephard Episcopal Church, 715 Kirkman, Lake Charles, LA.

Oct. 26-28, 2018 Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting hosted by the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas
<http://www.kcorchidshow.org>

Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2018 The American Orchid Society 2018 Fall Members Meeting is being held in conjunction with the International Slipper Orchid Symposium in Apopka, Florida.

Jan 25-27, 2019 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center.



Cattlianthe Bactia "Grape Wax"
Guarianthe bowringiana x Cattleya
guttata



Dendrobium antennatum var D'albertisii

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 23 members present and one guest who joined. Please welcome new member, Sandy Miller, of Ocean Springs. Sandy is also a member of the society sewing circle. Thanks to Andra Mladinich who gave everyone present a beautiful orchid bookmark. Robert Stanton did his "Open Show and Tell". Robert's talks are always very informative and interesting. Members got to hear the thought process used in determining a blue-ribbon plant as it appears on our show and tell table. For Facebook fans, Chip Lechner explained our Facebook page is a business type page; the format works to stop spam and random nonorchid related input and helps with advertising our shows and events. He announced his creation of an easier page for members to post their orchid pictures; Gulf Coast Orchid Society Group. So, show off your flowers by posting your photos. Richard Crespin finalized plans for our new exhibit lights that he is building. Trey Thigpen won Best Plant for his Dendrobium antennatum var D'albertisii. John Bridges won the door prize.



Robert Stanton leading an open Show and Tell

MASTER GARDENER EXPO: Mark your calendars for the Harrison County Master Gardener Expo, September 15 at the Extension office on Popp's Ferry Rd. We will share a table with the Day Lily Society. Sydney Dyche and Cynthia Oetker will oversee the preparations. Guys this is a big FREE event. Lots of guest speakers and although we won't be selling any orchids there will be lots of other kinds of plants available.

STONE COUNTY FAIR: Board Member, Gayle Green-Aguirre will be doing an Educational Exhibit for the Stone County Fair on Orchids the week of Sept 10-15th at the Stone County Fairgrounds. It will detail basic orchid care and will concentrate on orchids which the everyday citizen can purchase locally. (the infamous Lowes).

OUR 2019 SHOW Jan 25-27, 2019 SHOW CHAIR REPORT:

Thanks to one of our current vendors, Denny Haase of Spring Orchids, for recommending another orchid vendor who said yes right away. Orchids and Tropicals LLC of Santa Fe, Tx will be our 5th vendor this year. Check out their website ORCHIDS.TROPICALS@SBCGLOBAL.NET. We are still looking for a supply type vendor to fill the sixth vendor spot but will settle on just about any type of trade that will fit in with our show.

Our show application is ready. Marilyn will write a check to AOS for our show fees and AOS award and then it will be sent on to Aileen Garrison who will forward it on to the AOS.

MONTHLY RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZE: Thanks to Robert Stanton for donating an awesome division of Cattleya Bactia 'Grape Wax' for our door prize. Thanks to Diane Seidemann for donating

a brand-new sprayer. We always have exceptional raffle plants that Glen and Marilyn Ladnier maintain at their home, some are divisions of their plants and some are purchased. On occasion members bring in extra divisions of their plants to donate to our raffle. We always have 5 plants for the raffle but most times we have many more. Last month we have a wonderfully curious Dendrobium species owned by Janice Fabo on the raffle table. Jo Ann has promised to donate a piece of her similar plant to the raffle for September. See her notes on its culture below.



Dendrobium platycaulon 'Sweetbay'
courtesy of Orchids Plus

In nature they are found growing in dense forests near water in areas such as Borneo and the Philippines. We all got a chance to buy one in a wholesale order from Island Sun several years ago. Mine spends its summers growing in the shade under the Vandas in my shade house. It likes the shady, moist conditions. It spends the winters in the shade in my greenhouse but seems to suffer as I don't water much in the winter; these guys like year-round watering's. If you win this plant put it in a basket so it can lean over. Use a potting mix that retains some moisture but doesn't stay soggy.

DENDROBIUM PLATYCAULON: Den. platycaulon is very closely allied with Den. lamellatum and Den. platigastrom. They have broad very flat stems or canes that eventually lose all leaves. If they are green and healthy, these naked stems, along with the leafed stems will bloom beautifully twice a year in spring and fall. The flower stems emerge from leaf nodes; there are around five 1" blooms per flower stem. The plant I will share has pale yellow flowers.



REFRESHMENTS: We've gotten a lot of good comments about our refreshment change. It seems most everyone didn't like **having** to bring refreshments. Some say they don't mind bringing in stuff when they feel like it or have some leftover sweets but having to bring in enough for everyone in the style we'd become accustomed to was not something most people looked forward to. Let us never get in that "too much mode again". Jo Ann will continue to bring in refreshments for the rest of the year. If anyone would like to take over for 2019 please step forward. It is very easy just stop by Dollar General or the grocery on your way to the meeting and buy some cookies or chips like what we've been having the last few months. Give your bill to Marilyn and she'll write you a check. So far, the bills have been less than \$25.00 each month.

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. If you want a GCOS shirt see Chip Lechner. The fee is \$15.00 and \$3.00 for your name. You supply a clean shirt.