



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

February 10, 2019

Our 2019 show was a huge success and it's all because of you!

Our next meeting will be a celebration of that success; everyone who worked the show will get a free plant! The meeting will be held **Sunday, February 19, 2019** 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 on the north side of the school off Runnymede.



GCOS 2019 Exhibit

Photo by Chip Lechner

The **Orchids 101 meeting** will be presented by Glen Ladnier who will continue with the second part of "**How to Become a Better Grower**". This is a power point program held in the smaller meeting room attached to the cafeteria.

We hope to have guests at this meeting so please wear your name tags or your society shirts.

ORCHIDS 101: This class is not mandatory. It's for those who wish to know more about orchids. The class was originally called New Growers. These are FREE classes. Orchids 101 has a different topic each month. If you have a few extra minutes join the group, it's a very informative, fun class!

PROGRAM: February 10: We know our workers are all anxious to get their free plant, but we will have a short program led by Jo Ann on '**How and Why to Stake Your Plants**' It saddens us when a beautiful orchid cannot be used in our display because it isn't presenting its flowers well. Jo Ann will tell us just how easy it is to get this done timely and correctly. Then we'll go over the show; what went well and what didn't. Your input is very important. This was your show all of you made it special!

Everyone who worked our show gets a free plant. We have an unusual group of plants this year, some from Jo Ann's greenhouse, some Vandas from earlier in the year, plants left over from raffle and many plants from the society's deal with Jodie Schumaker.

After each of our workers selects their plant and we break for refreshments, members and guests can buy whatever they choose. There will be lots of plants all reasonably priced. Please bring a box with your name on it for your new plants. Our meetings get hectic; it is very easy to lose orchids if they are not corralled in a box or crate. Make checks out to GCOS; cash or checks only. **If you spill potting material pick it up. We must leave the cafeteria clean!**

We also need to plan for the Mobile show which is February 16-18 at Bellingrath Gardens.



One of our judging/clerking teams left to right John Wlodarczk, Patricia Schmidt, Lowell Jacks, Armand Scurria and Frank Zachariah. Picture courtesy of Chip Lechner

Unusual Items to Plant Orchids in that Work!

May 19, Third Sunday Covered Dish Banquet and Orchid Auction

June 9, Second Sunday open

July 21, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show open

August 11, Second Sunday open

September 8, Second Sunday open

October 13, Second Sunday – We have an agreement with Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids to speak and sell plants.

November 10, Second Sunday open

December 8, Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

UPCOMING SHOWS:

March 1-3 Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale, Bellingrath Gardens

March 20-24 AOS Spring Member's Meeting/San Diego county Orchid Society Annual Show, Hilton Mission Valley/Scottish Rite Event Center www.aos.org

April 12-14, 2019 Acadian Orchid Society Orchid Show, Ira Nelson Ctr. Lafayette, LA

April 12-14, 2019 Central Louisiana Orchid Society Spring Show Kees Park Community Center 2450 Highway 28E Pineville, LA

July 12-14, 2019 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show

Jan 24-26, 2020 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center.

DUES ARE DUE: Dues are due. You can mail them to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532. Dues are \$10 for single and an additional \$5.00 for each additional member living at the same

FUTURE PROGRAMS: We have two potential speakers that aren't on the roster yet. We hope to have Denny Haase from Spring Orchids talk in the late summer and sell plants. We also still working on getting Larry Hennessey from New Orleans to talk on Bulbophyllums and sell plants. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

March 10, Second Sunday – Orchid Judge and great friend of the society, Frank Zachariah, will speak on Paphiopedilums; "An Easy Way to Tell Which Slipper Orchid You Should Grow" He will bring plants to sell.

April 14, Second Sunday – Janet Olier will lead the group in a demonstration of "Weird Pots!"

address. First time members get only one free plant per address; not one per person. There is no free plant for renewals. Dues can be paid at the meeting.



Another Judging/clerking team left to right: Randy Johnson, Barney Garrison, Kent Daniel, David Medus, Glen Ladnier and Joy Lorens



Setting up the exhibit left to right: Trey Thigpen, John Tate, Tina Torguson, Sydney Dyche and Joy Lorens.



Gayle's award-winning educational exhibit

2019 SHOW RESULTS: Thanks to every one of you, the show was a success! Your hard work was awesome! There were several members who stayed in motels for the show, some members endured long drives all four days to get to and from the show. We held one of the biggest events in Jackson County and one of the best shows on the coast. You guys are the best!

The publicity really brought the people in. A lot of the advertising came from Marilyn Ladnier who with some of you, set up all the magazine, newspaper and television ads. TV stations were at the show both Friday and Saturday! Your Facebook ads made a big difference. Everyone who passed on their ad sent more people our way. Thank you all!

It was a huge show, we had 13 plant exhibits with 298 entries. We had our first educational exhibit done by Gayle Green-Aquirre, which won an AOS Education Trophy. Our exhibit, led by Sydney Dyche, won the AOS show trophy, best exhibit in its class and the People's Choice award. Seven members won plant trophies. Patricia Schmidt won the orchid art trophy. Cynthia Oetker won the orchids in use trophy. Armond Scurria's

Phalaenopsis and Richard Crespin's Cattleya were both pulled for AOS consideration. Glen Ladnier had two plants pulled for AOS consideration. No plants in our exhibit were awarded but 8 plants in our show were awarded. Thanks to our clerking teams. Special credit to Karl Schmidt who stepped up and did an outstanding job.

Our hospitality team lead by Andra Mladinich and Richard Crespin were amazing. Thanks to everyone who brought in food and helped in so many ways. Sydney, Judy Harris and their

team did an outstanding job with our raffle. Thanks to Judy Harris for putting out and taking in the signs. Our data processing team did a great job as did our entry tag crew. Try counting 65 tickets while everyone is talking. So many people like Joy and Rob Lorens were there doing whatever was needed. We even had non-member, Karen Nelson, who really worked hard.

There were so many others of you who did so much, you all need to know you are appreciated. Thanks!



LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 31 members present at last month's meeting. Welcome back returning member, Henry Buyny of Biloxi. There were 31 plants on the show and Tell table with Trey Thigpen's Paphiopedilum Wayne Booth x moquetteanum (pictured at left) winning best plant. Jo Ann did a quick talk on what to look for when buying plants and then the members discussed show preparations. The door prize was won by Sydney Dyche and the raffle was held.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: This is an elections year. Officers are elected for two-year terms. If you are an officer and want to be relieved of your duties or if you would like to be an officer, please talk to our President, Becky Jolly-Wood, at the meeting. Other officers are Vice- President Dave Perry, Treasurer Marilyn Ladnier, Reporting Secretary Sydney Dyche and Corresponding Secretary Jo Ann Vaz. We also have some board members who are elected and will need to be voted on. They are: Janet Olier, Andra Mladinich and Robert Stanton. Other Board members are Gayle Green-Aquirre, appointed to fill the position of our past President, and Joy Lorens, AOS Rep., Cynthia Oetker who is community organizer, and Chip Lechner, webmaster.

VENDOR MEMBERS: The society has provided in its Bylaws for a class of members called honorary members. Honorary members pay no dues, cannot vote and cannot hold office. They are elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board from persons distinguished in the orchid world, or from persons who have rendered outstanding service to the society. Recently the Board voted to extend honorary membership to our show vendors. You may see something on your next membership list labeled Vendor Members. Those names listed are some of our show vendors.



Cymbidium Vanna White

SPECIAL PLANTS: As many of you know, one of our Vendors, Jodie Shumaker of Secret Garden, Rare Plants, in Marianna Fl lost almost all his plants in hurricane Michael. What he didn't lose was ravaged by the elements due to massive greenhouse and tree loss. The society made a deal with Jodie to purchase these damaged plants. During the show we took possession of 166 orchid plants; 80 3" pots of Oncidiums, 47 4" and 6" pots of Cattleyas and 39 Cymbidiums. Most have labels and Jodie says the ones that don't, he can identify when they bloom.

The plan was for these plants to be grown on awhile and then we would sell them to make money for our guest speakers. Many of you have asked for a chance to buy the plants now so we will bring in the best plants for you to buy. All will show leaf damage, but

they all are showing new growth and two are in heavy bud. The Cattleyas and Cymbidiums will be priced at \$7.00 each while the Oncidiums will be \$5.00 each or three for \$12.00.

Some of the plants available are:

Cym. Vanna White Mana

Cym, Ming 'Emperor'

Blc. Aloha Mermaid 'NN'

C. Mac Holmes 'NewBerry'

Rhyncattleanthe Burana Beauty 'Burana'

Rlc. Paul Phillips

Rth. Big Kiss '15'

Rlc. Phet Wangnamkeaw 'Guava Red'

Rlc. Rhode Island Red

Onc. Heaven Scent 'Rainbow'

Arthurara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'

Cym. Valerie Absolonova (Golden Elf x Peter Pan)

Rlc. Edisto 'Carol'

Rlc. Krull's Dragon Fire

C. Sheila Lauterbach 'Equilab' FCC/AOS

Cattleychea Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash'

Iwan. Appleblossom

C. Mae Hawkins 'Newberry'

Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Paradise'

Rlc. John Davis

Onc. Sharry Baby 'Red Fantasy'

Mclra Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol'



Mary Roberts and Robert Stanton enjoying a laugh during Saturday's judging

okayed by Sydney or Jo Ann. Write a note with an explanation of items, total and attach receipts.

PICTURES: If you took photographs of the show, we would like a copy for future use. Please contact Jo Ann to find out how to get the pics to her joannvaz@bellsouth.net. Thanks!

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn Ladnier 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. Please know that name tags and shirts with your name on it are not required. It just makes it easier on everyone if you have some type of easy to read identification. You can make your own!



Some of our AOS judges Saturday Morning



Angraecum Crestwood awarded a CCM at our show owner is James Jeansome