



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

March 10, 2019

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, March 10, 2019** at 2:00 pm at **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. For those with GPS the address of the school is 2226 Switzer Rd., Gulfport, MS 39507.



GCOS Mobile Area Orchid Society exhibit

The **Orchids 101 meeting**, led by Glen Ladnier, will start prior to the regular meeting at 1:30 pm. The topic 'My thoughts on the Mobile Show.'

PROGRAM: March 10: Frank Zachariah, a dear friend of the society, orchid Judge and member of the Baton Rouge Society will be our special guest speaker. His topic is: ***Paphiopedilums: An Easy Way to Tell Which Slipper Orchid You Should Grow***. Frank says: "The Paphiopedilums (Paphs) are one of the weirdest Alliances in the Orchid Family. They don't look like any of the other orchids. Some scientists say that they are so different that they deserve their own family! They are divided into seven Sections. All the members of one Section have only one flower per plant and only get a few inches tall. (Perfect for a windowsill.) Another can get 3 ft with several inflorescences and multiple flowers on each. Each Section is unique and has specific cultural requirements. There is a very simple way to tell which Section your Paph belongs in. Then you can know what to expect from it. We'll do a hands-on demonstration. And I'll bring some Paphs to sell."

Frank asks that we bring in our Paphs even if they are not in bloom so we can do some ID's on them.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: We are still working on more great programs with special speakers. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

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



Glen's Den. Lucky Bird



Judy's Paph. Macabre in Pink

UPCOMING SHOWS:

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

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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

May 31 – June 2, 2019 New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeside Shopping Center 3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metairie, LA. V

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 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.

2019 MOBILE AREA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW RESULTS: We did very well at the Mobile Show. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and take down and brought plants. Sydney Dyche assisted by Trey Thigpen, Richard Crespin and John Tate put up a beautiful winning exhibit. Sydney brought home another Silver Certificate and AOS Show Trophy! Many of our members won trophies for their plants they entered in the GCOS exhibit. Four plants from our exhibit were pulled for AOS consideration; but none were awarded.

Thanks to Andra Mladinich who kept track of all the plants and made the name tags and entry

tags. Special thanks to Cynthia Oetker who traveled from Biloxi to the show in bad weather to bring home other people's plants who couldn't come to the show. Congratulations to Glen Ladnier on his AOS award for his Dendrobium Lucky Bird 'Memory' AM/AOS which was in the Hattiesburg exhibit and to Judy Rush for her AOS award for Paph. Macabre in Pink 'Just Judy' which was in the Mobile exhibit. Sydney will give a full recap at our meeting.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 29 members and two guests present at last month's meeting. There were 37 plants on the show and Tell table with Cynthia Oetker's Zygonaria Adelaide Meadows winning best plant. Cynthia also won the door prize. Jo Ann did a quick talk on staking plants. Our President, Becky Jolly-Wood appointed Gayle Greene-Aquirre, Andra Mladinich and Jo Ann to the nominating committee for officers. Cynthia spoke about a field trip to the greenhouses of Audubon Gardens in New Orleans. Every member who worked the show got a free plant and the extra plants were sold bringing in over \$500.00 for the society. After the expense of some plants, we cleared about \$200.00!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: We elect officers for two years with the term starting at our May covered dish dinner and

orchid auction. We've been very fortunate to have a great group of officers that do their jobs well. This year most of our officers are willing to continue with their jobs. We have two very valuable, dear, officers who are stepping down – somewhat – due to health concerns. Our President Becky Jolly-Wood has served as our leader since May of 2006, Becky's Mother is very ill, so Becky is stepping down as president but not stepping away. Becky will take over Dave Perry's position as Vice-President. Dave and wife, Vicki, are both dealing with multiple health issues. Please keep all our officers in your prayers. Gayle Greene-Aquirre will be



Cynthia's Zygonaria Adelaide Meadows



Pelican Greenhouse

President. The full slate of elected officers is: President Gayle Green-Aquirre, Vice-President Becky Jolly-Wood, Treasurer Marilyn Ladnier, Recording Secretary Sydney Dyche, Corresponding Secretary Jo Ann Vaz, Elected Board Members Andra Mladinich, Janet Olier and Robert Stanton.

We will take a few minutes at our April meeting to do an official vote on our new and returning officers.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time.

FIELD TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS: Ms. Frieda Palmgren has offered the Gulf Coast Orchid Society a guided tour of the New Orleans City Park Orchid Greenhouse (Pelican House).

The tour is scheduled for 10:30 am on Monday April 1,

2019. Freda has asked for a number of how many people will be attending. **Please contact Cynthia Oetker at 228-313-4873 no later than March 15, 2019** if you will be attending. We will be planning an informal Dutch treat lunch after the tour. The location is yet to be determined. Directions to the Greenhouse are: Take I-10 West to 610. Exit on Canal Blvd. then left to Navarre,

take a quick left onto Marconi, travel underneath the overpass then turn right on Zachary Taylor. You will be driving alongside the Interstate. Go right under the interstate and the Green House is on the left. Hope to see you there.



John, far right, selling orchids to members of our society and holding a free class!



John, far right in white shirt, judging one of our shows

JOHN STUBBINGS: The orchid world lost a good friend. John Stubbings, of Clown Alley Orchids passed away Sunday night while watching the Oscars with his family. He went suddenly at a happy time. Just the Friday before John and Sandy watched their daughter, Beth Moses, become the first passenger of a Virgin Galactic space flight, she was onboard as a crew member along with two pilots.

John and his wife, Sandy, were part of our show family. Sandy was always ready and willing to bring children's activities for our shows and John judged our shows. Both he and Sandy sold orchids. It's not clear when

they first became part of our shows, sometime after Katrina. The last Gulf Coast Orchid Society show they participated in was our 2017 show. We have missed them.

John's body was donated to science and at this time there are no plans for a service. The family requests donations made to the Houston Orchid Society in John's name. The address is Houston Orchid Society, Winnie Yap, 4618 Sunshine Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77479.

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.