



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

February 8, 2015

**We've worked hard and earned a party!** Our next meeting will be just that! It will be held **Sunday, February 8, 2015** 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 Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. The topic will be 'Understanding the New Orchid Names'. For those who noticed the same plant in several exhibits with different names and wondered what's that about; Glen will explain.



GCOS 2015 exhibit



**GCOS exhibit during ribbon judging**

are not corralled in a box or crate. Make checks out to GCOS and no, we don't take credit cards. Please don't ask for a list as you know who is exhausted and too tired to make one.

Chip Lechner is planning another great photo presentation of the plants and people that made up our show. Our President, Becky Jolly-Wood will lead a critique of what worked and what didn't.

The winner of the dessert bake off will be announced. They will get free first pick of all our plants!



Winning art entry by Judy Chinsee

divided into different types of plants with mostly similar needs. We'll meet the major types of orchids and talk a little about their needs.

**ORCHIDS 101:** This session is not mandatory. It's for those who wish to know more about orchids. The class was originally called New Growers so if you hear that term, that is what we are referring to. These FREE classes are led by Glen Ladnier. He is a long time member of the society serving many years as Vice-President, President and Show Chairman. He is active in most of the orchid societies in the region. Orchids 101 has a different topic each month, sometimes they make group orders for plants. If you have a few extra minutes join the group, you may learn something.

**PROGRAM:** Thank you meeting for those who helped with our January Show. Everyone who worked our show gets a free plant and there will be more for sale later! We have 48 plants from the Christmas bingo, twelve blooming size plants of various genera from Carmela's Orchids and all the divisions in the Vaz greenhouse will be carted up to the Jr. College just for you! This is our way of thanking our workers for their efforts. At break members and guests can buy whatever they choose. There will be lots of plants all priced very reasonably. 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

We also need to plan for the Mobile show which is the last weekend in February.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Dave and Vicki Perry will supply February's refreshments. Janet Bridges and Valerie Scurria will bring March's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640. As this is a new year, we need to remind you that for us refreshment means 'a light snack'.

**MARCH MEETING: March 8, 2015** Getting Back to Basics, hopefully we'll have some new members and friends who need to know orchid basics; what makes an orchid an orchid and how the orchid family is

## FUTURE PROGRAMS:



Members taking a break in the sewing room

If there is a speaker or topic you'd like to hear please let Jo Ann know.

**April 12, 2015** open – we hope to have a guest speaker for April.

**May 3, 2015** This is the first Sunday as many of our members are going on the Redlands trip. This is our annual covered dish banquet, orchid auction and installation of officers.

**June 14, 2015** This will be another fun meeting. Nine of our members are going to the Redlands Orchid Show. **We are asking that these members do a show and tell of their trip.**

**UPCOMING SHOWS:** Here's a list of local shows

**February 27 – March 1, 2015** Mobile Area Orchid Society Show, Bellingrath Gardens, Theodore, AL We will exhibit in this show please note the orchid show is free to the public but you must pay to view the grounds.

**March 20-22, 2015 Orchids in Rhythm Tennessee Capital Orchid Show and Sale – Mid American Orchid Congress** Marriott Cool Springs Franklin Tenn. [www.orchidsinrhythm.org](http://www.orchidsinrhythm.org)

**April 10-12** Houston Orchid Society Show Sale Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr.

**May 29-31** New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeside Shopping Center, Metairie, LA contact: Marian Prigmore 504-810-9832

**DUES ARE DUE:** Dues are due. You can pay at the meeting or 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.



Members at the raffle desk

bring them up at the meeting.

**THE SHOW:** Thanks to Beryl Davis and Janis Zuleeg who headed up the raffle and thank you to all the ones who worked the raffle table. Most of the vendors say they did well and all want to come back next year. Our hours need to be tweaked and the layout needs a little changing – the exhibits were way too crowded. The hospitality was amazing. Sydney and her crew did an outstanding job with the guidance of Andra Mladinich. Our exhibit won an 87 point Silver Certificate! Thank you Becky and all her hard working crew for their efforts with the exhibit. This is Becky's second silver certificate. In the 35 years of our doing a show, no one else in our society has won one for the society exhibit! If any of you have any suggestions please

There were 314 plant entries and 12 exhibit entries. Our members won a total of seven tricolors and eleven trophies in the society exhibit. Jo Ann will recite the complete list at the meeting.

**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.

**DO WE OWE YOU MONEY?** Some of you may have bills for show expenses. If you do remember these two things; we reimburse only for items that we asked you to provide or were preapproved and food bills must be initialed by Andra or Sydney. All other bills should be initialed by Becky. Don't bring in a bunch of receipts, write a note with an explanation of items and a total and attach receipts.

**DISPLAY TABLE:** For our new members and guests. We normally have a huge show and tell table full of awesome orchid plants. We have so many that we limit each member to no more than five plants each month. All are welcome to bring plants for judging. January was the start of the year for acquiring points on our plant table. Each time you bring in a plant for the display table you get one point. Depending on the

ribbons you win you get more points. At the Christmas meeting the top three point winners get blooming size plants, then we draw from the names of those who brought in plants during the year and are present at the Christmas meeting for more blooming size plants.

We also vote on the best grown and flowered plant on the display table. You'll get a small paper ballot. Each plant is numbered. Write the number of your favorite Best Grown plant on the ballot and turn it in to Tina Torguson.

**CULTURE TIP:** The best culture tip anyone can give is to learn, learn about your plants: how their ancestors grew in nature and how they grow for other people in your area with your conditions. Joining your local orchid society is a good step. You'll meet new growers, with one or two plants and big growers with huge greenhouses full of orchids, and you'll meet plenty of people just like you. At the Gulf Coast Orchid Society, all the members you'll meet that have one thing in common – a love of orchids! At first we'll look like strangers but in a few short months you'll realize that you've found a new family – an orchid family. Come to our meetings when you can, you don't have to join. Don't be shy, ask us how we grow our orchids. Come visit our growing areas. We'll all love to help.

**SUNDAY'S PLANTS:** The plant pictured at left is *Coelogyne rochussenii* as photographed in Jo Ann's



greenhouse in 2013. Earl Young gave Jo Ann a small piece in a 4" pot in 2008, last year it was overgrowing a 12" basket. It has since been divided; three of those divisions will be available at Sunday's meeting. It prefers bright filtered light, water once a week and it will grow like crazy for you. Best of all it blooms in January. Since the flowers are pendant put it in a hanging basket.

The flower below left is an *Encyclia (Prosthechea) cochleata* which is native to Central America. Hopefully we'll have some bare root pieces for the plant sale. It prefers warm bright light but not full sun. Don't cut the flower spikes if they are still green it's a continuous bloomer.



The flower below right is *Cymbidium Starbright 'Centauri'*. One of these *Cymbidiums* in bloom will be available on Sunday. Janet Olier's plant won the blue ribbon for small flowered upright *Cymbidiums*. *Cymbidiums* grow like weeds here on the Coast. Bright filtered light all summer with lots of water. Bring them in when the temps get in the high 30's. Do not let them freeze! They grow in just about anything and like lots of fertilizer. There will be one other *Cymbidium* in bloom also.

**ORCHID PHOTOS:** Becky says that Fred Hutchings

at [futchings@gmail.com](mailto:futchings@gmail.com) takes pictures of orchids. He has a gallery of orchid pics at 140223rd Ave in Gulfport if someone would like to see or purchase pictures. You may also contact him to take pictures of your orchids.



*Encyclia cochleata*



*Cymbidium Starbright 'Centauri'*