



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

April 15, 2018

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, April 15, 2018** at 2:00 in the **cafeteria meeting room** at **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. The cafeteria is on the north side of the school off Runnymede. There will be no **Orchids 101 meeting**, as we will have a special speaker selling plants during that time. Our next Orchids 101 class will be in June.



Ble Murray Spencer 'ArmRoy's Dark Star' FCC/AOS one of the best purple cattleyas the FCC verifies it.

PROGRAM: April 15, Third Sunday - Special Speaker- Courtney Hackney- Growing and Flowering Better Cattleyas. He will bring plants to sell. He has also sent out a preorder list. If you get email you should have already received your preorder list. However, one will be attached to this newsletter. You can email your orders to Courtney at [Hackneau@comcast.net]. Last day for preorders in April 8th. Please tell him that your order is for the Gulf Coast Orchid Society order. Courtney will be on a speaking circuit talking to seven societies in one week. He'll be carrying around a lot of plants, so he has to know which society your order belongs to in order to keep all of one society's plants together. You can pay him when you get your plants either cash or check – NO CREDIT CARDS!

You will like Courtney and his wife, Rose, they live in Jacksonville, Florida. She is an artist and he is Emeritus Professor of Biology and the former Director of Coastal Biology at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. He has won a lot of AOS awards testifying to his growing ability. He makes his own crosses and has had so much success growing and breeding Cattleyas that he's written a wonderful book entitled 'American Cattleyas'. When you email him to place your preorder inquire about his book. After the meeting we will take them to Capt'n Al's everyone is welcome to attend, Dutch treat of course.

Some of the photos in this newsletter are pictures of the plants on his preorder list. Thanks to Orchids Plus for these great photos. Orchids Plus is available to everyone for less than \$60.00 year. Go to AOS.org and check it out!

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

May 20, Third Sunday Banquet and Auction

June 10, Second Sunday – Glen Ladnier will tell us about raising orchids from seed.

July 15, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show; Robert Stanton Open Show and Tell.

August 12, Second Sunday open

September 9, Second Sunday open

October 14, Second Sunday "How to be a Great Ribbon Judge or Clerk at our 2019 Show"

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

December 9, Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

CAUTION: The weekend of our April meeting is also a very big spring break weekend on the Biloxi Beach. It's been reported that two lanes on Highway 90 will be closed. Hopefully most of the young people will be on their way home after our meeting but please avoid highway 90 on your way to the April meeting.



Richard's outstanding Cattleya

was very informative and hopefully we'll start seeing lots of members of the Catasetum tribe on our show and tell table. Thanks to Janet Bridges and Becky Jolly-Wood for the great refreshments. Richard Crespin won best plant for his striking yellow cattleya, showing all of us that he grows everything very well. Cheryl Bradley won the door prize.

REFRESHMENTS: Joy and Grady Holt will bring April's refreshments. May is a pot luck lunch and auction so everyone will bring May's refreshments. Our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich will be passing out a sign-up sheet for our new fiscal year, June through April. Because we are such a big group, it will help if you can find another member to share a month, so please find a friend and sign up. Each month even though we bring in a lot of refreshments there seems to be very little left over. Someone is eating the refreshments, yet few want to sign up to bring their share. Please, if you eat the food, find a friend to share responsibilities for bringing in the refreshments for one month and sign up. There are only 10 months a year that require refreshments and our average attendance is around 36 to 38 members. Do the math someone isn't doing their share! Call Andra at 228-365-0640 if you have questions.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 26 members present. Please welcome new member Patricia Schmidt who is from Hammond, La., but has a home here on the Coast. Richard Crespin gave an outstanding program on Catasetums. He showed us when and how to repot them and when to stop watering for the year and when to start watering for the year. It



Glen's Dendrobium nobile 'Woodlands'

RAFFLE PLANTS: Many of you may have noticed the awesome nobile type Dendrobium on our May Show and Tell Table. That was Glen Ladnier's plant, Dendrobium nobile 'Woodland'. This is a wonderful species plant. Glen is donating a nice piece of this plant to April's raffle.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

April 7-8, 2018 Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette, LA

April 27-29 Mid-America Orchid Congress spring meeting will be in Strongsville, Ohio. Visit the West Shore Orchid Society website at <http://www.westshoreorchidsociety.org/> for all the details.

June 1-3, 2018 New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeview Mall

July 13-15, 2018 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Burden Conference Center, 4560 Essen Lane

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

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



Cattleya Mary Ann McKenzie 'Nature's Masterpiece'
AM/AOS available through our speaker.



Prosrhyncholeya Orchidom Green Glade 'Shungetsu'
AM/AOS available from our speaker

cross of two famous plants' Waikiki Gold and Memoria Helen Brown. The other parent is Rhynchothechea Jim Wallace, a cross between Prosthechea (used to be Epidendrum) mariae and Rhyncholaelia digbyana. Andra must do this type of research on most of the plant names you send her on your lists of plants you want to enter in our show. It's a lot of work!

EXCERPTS FROM THE AOS NEWSLETTER:

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. Our Instagram Administrator, Candace Hollinger, sends her appreciation to you all. It's wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please remind your members that we would love pictures of how they grow, what's blooming now or anything they love about orchids. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

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!

DO WE OWE YOU MONEY? The end of our fiscal year is approaching. Our Treasurer needs to tie up all the books for the 2017 year. If you have any outstanding bills, please bring them to Marilyn at the April meeting.

WHAT THE HECK IS A PROSRHYNCHOLEYA?

A Prosrhyncholeya is a cross between Cattleya, Prosthechea and Rhyncholaelia. In this particular plant's parentage it is a cross between Rhyncholaeliacattleya Victor Umi Peltier, a



Cattleya Wolteriana