



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

January 11, 2015

Happy New Year Everyone! Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, January 11, 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 'Reed-stem Epidendrums'. The photo at right is one of Glen's reed stems that won the best flower trophy at a Baton Rouge show.



PROGRAM: Our January program will be a work/planning session for our show, Jan 30, 31 and Feb 1, 2015. Staging starts on Thursday afternoon, Jan 29. We need your help. Come to Sunday's meeting and see if there's something you can help us with. No matter how small; your help will truly be appreciated.

SHOW LOGO From Jo Ann: Last year's show theme had a pretty logo, a valentine filled with orchids, this year when I went to do the paperwork for this show I missed the pretty logo. Becky Jolly-Wood had given me a painting of three orchids that I scanned with her permission and used this year. It is on the cover of our schedule and on the trophy cards and other places including a coloring page for the kids. If anyone would like to do a line drawing to be used as a future show logo please do.

REFRESHMENTS: Chip Lechner will bring January's refreshments, Dave and Vicki Perry will supply February'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'.



WHAT IS THAT! The Newsletter editor didn't get any pics of the December meeting but she did get a nifty pic from one of our vendors. At left is a Bat Flower or tropical Tacca. If you would like Jodie Shumaker to sell you one of these or something else even more weird and strange email him at jodishu@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Feb. 8, 2015, Thank you meeting for those who helped with our January Show. Everyone who participated in our show gets a free plant and there will be more for sale later in the meeting!

FUTURE PROGRAMS: If there is a speaker or topic you'd like to hear please let us know.
March 8, 2015 Getting Back to Basics
April 12, 2015 open

May 3, 2015 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.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: We almost broke a record for our December 'eatin' meetin'! We had 48 members and guests present. The record is 52. Everyone left with at least one free plant. The food was awesome. Thank you Glen for arranging such wonderful plants and thanks to our hospitality fill-in coordinator, Sydney Dyche, for coordinating all that delicious food. Special thanks go out to everyone who brought in dishes, moved tables, loaded plants, and cleaned up. Every little thing added up to make the meeting wonderful!

SHOW AND TELL DISPLAY TABLE: January is 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. The member with the most Best Plant wins for 2014 was Earl Young with 4 wins and the top point scorer for the year was Armand Scurria with 120 points followed by second place John Bridges with 90 points and Janice Fabo was third place with 74 points.



UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows

February 27 – March 1, 2015 Mobile Area Orchid Society Show, Bellingrath Gardens, Theodore, AL

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

BIFRENARIA ODORATA: That's the plant in the AOS photo above. Jo Ann has a few bare root divisions of this plant she will sell at Sunday's meeting. The money will go towards the gifts for the show judges. It blooms in May and is native to Brazil. Jo Ann's was potted in a coconut fiber lined basket filled with rocks, perlite and charcoal. They do not like to be repotted so pot them in something that dries quickly and doesn't rot. The leaves are thick and waxy and sometimes hide the flowers. Grow them in dappled light and water year round. As the name implies they have no fragrance.

DUES ARE DUE: Dues will be due at the January meeting. 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. No free plant for renewals. Dues can be paid at the meeting. **Please do not pay your dues to our raffle ladies at the show.**

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.



FREE STUFF: At last year's show our raffle table gave out free samples of Osmocote to those who bought several tickets. This year we have a box full of maps and misc. flyers from the local businesses. A member saw an ad on the Repotme.com website about supporting shows. She sent the link and we asked. Repotme.com is sending us stuff to give out this year! If you've not shopped repotme.com please visit their website; www.repotme.com. They offer a variety of orchids and supplies and have daily specials; today's special is a 16oz jug of MSU orchid fertilizer (pictured at left) for only \$8.75. This is the most recommended orchid fertilizer.

DESSERT COOK OFF: The rules are simple; make something **yourself**; bring it to the Convention Center no later than 10:30 Saturday morning. Please mark your dessert 'FOR DESSERT COOK OFF'. Since we have fewer judges this year we will probably widen the voting range, for instance let everyone vote on Saturday between a certain time or ask the vendors and exhibitors to vote. The decision will be made by our Hospitality team.



Show Schedule

In the schedule below we list a lot of work. We need your help to accomplish our show. Remember and keep reminding others that this is a hobby; it's supposed to be fun! Before the show starts there is so much excitement, this is a big event and we are all a part of it. After the show we are all exhausted yet we have a good feeling of accomplishment. If things get too much, take a break and chat with someone in the hospitality room. We are

your orchid family. LAUGH, REST; get something to eat, do like the workers in the above picture from last year.

THURSDAY 1-29-2015 2:00 P.M. We will begin staging the vendor spaces and exhibits. This involves moving tables to the vendor areas, marking them with the vendor's name, moving tables to the hospitality room, the raffle area and the arts and crafts area. We'll mark and label the floor spaces for the exhibits and run cords for

the various lights. We'll set up the hospitality room. With your help, this process should take about 2 hours. After the exhibit spaces are marked exhibitors can begin bringing in materials and start their exhibits. We will work a few hours on the GCOS exhibit, setting up the screens, lights and staging equipment.

Signs need to be put out Thursday afternoon. Some signs will be at Sunday's meeting for you to take home.

FRIDAY 1-30-2015 around 8:00 A.M: Doors open to workers only. First person there makes some coffee.

10:00 A.M. Work begins on the society exhibit; **we will need both orchids and foliage plants at the show before this time.** Members are encouraged to exhibit their plants. If you have plants to exhibit, call Jo Ann, 601-947-8777, (leave a message; she'll call you back) to give her your list or email her joannvaz@bellsouth.net **by Tuesday night January 27.** It is very important that you turn in your list as we need to know how many plants to expect, and we can start making a list from which to make our labels. Each orchid in the exhibit must be properly labeled. We spend hours each year correcting names and finding the parentage for plants. Labeling counts as 10 points toward the overall quality of an exhibit. If you want to find the parentage yourself follow this free link <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/parentageresults.asp>

All orchids and foliage plants must be disease and insect free. Each item used in the exhibit must be labeled with the owner's name. Put your name on the box you bring your plants in; sometimes we use every rigid box or crate we can find in the exhibit. Someone will check plants in Thursday night and Friday morning, and assist anyone needing help with entry tags. All Society entry tags must be in by noon on Friday.

Bring in snacks for the hospitality room for Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be served both days.

The raffle team will start and close the raffle at their convenience all days. The drawing time will be determined by the raffle team headed by Janis Zuleeg and Beryl Davis

The computer/entry tag crew will begin work around **1:00 and work until?**

Doors open to the public at noon and close to the public at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY 1-31- 2015 around 7: 00 A.M.: Bring in food for Judge's breakfast. Judging starts at 8:00 A.M., so clerking teams need to get in by 7:30.

Noon APPROX: Judges Luncheon – all workers are invited. AOS judging and photography afterward. **Do not interrupt or talk loudly around judges while they are working.**

Children's activities are chaired by Tina Torguson and Lexie Mitchell; they will make their own times but the materials and table need to be set up Saturday morning and left out till the doors close that night.



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SUNDAY 2-1-2105: Doors open around 10:45. **Potting class at 11:30** if you attend, please bring a clean pair of clippers. **Basic Orchid Culture class starts at 1:00.** Trophies will be available **after 2:00 P.M.** We will have the raffle drawing at the discretion of the raffle committee. **3:30 take down and go home. Open to the public from 11:00 till 3:30.**

PUBLICITY: The publicity team is doing a wonderful job. They need your help. If you do **Facebook** please send one of the

flyers on our Facebook page out to all your friends. Before our last meeting one flyer was seen by 20 people, after it was seen by 455!! Huge difference!! A flyer is attached to this newsletter; put it on any bulletin board you see. If any of you have an 'In' with any source of advertising please let them know.