



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**June 9, 2019**

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, June 9 at 2:00** 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.

The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. The topic is "Our Native terrestrial Orchids." We **will have** Show and Tell, so bring your 5 best blooming plants.



**The GCOS exhibit in the NOOS Show 2019**

As a special incentive to get people to come to our June meeting and to make a little money, Jo Ann will be selling a few of her better garden type potted plants (Clivia, aka Kafir Lilies and Peacock Gingers). There will be a wide array of bare root orchids. These will be available only during the break not before the meeting. Normally when members sell plants the society asks for 10% of sales but this will be a 50/50 sale with the society getting half the money which will be earmarked for our October speaker.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Some of our summer programs may change, we are trying to get the best programs we can for our meetings.

**July 21**, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show. Continuing with our summer education series, we will see another AOS program on "**Orchid Pests and**

**PROGRAM: June 9**, Second Sunday. Summer learning starts in June with an American Orchid Society (AOS) program entitled "**What are Orchids**". This program, produced by a corresponding member of the AOS Education committee, is one of the best primers on the diverse family of orchids. Even the most hardened orchid specialist will find something to enjoy in this program. To make the program more enjoyable our own Orchid Judge, Robert Stanton, will read the narratives.



**Phalaenopsis Lioulin Pretty Lip 'Gene and Jeanette' HCC/AOS. Richard's Crespin's winning Phal which he named after his aunt and uncle.**

**Diseases**". We'll follow it with an open discussion on what we do here on the coast to keep our orchids strong and well.

**August 11**, Second Sunday. We'll end our summer education series with a final AOS program on "Today's Strap-leaf Vanda Hybrids". Since Vandas grow very well here and should be very happy in our August weather we felt this program would be appropriate. We'll see lots of great pics and study the influence of Vanda sanderiana and Vanda coerulea in modern hybrids. Half of this program is devoted to all aspects of Vanda culture.

**September 8**, Second Sunday We will use this meeting to prepare for our October speaker, Fred Clark. Hopefully we will work on our group order from Fred's orchid company, Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO).

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

**November 10**, Second Sunday. We'll have a fun program this month. We'll play **Name That Orchid**. All the pictures you'll see will be featured orchids from the June, July, August and October programs. Come to those meetings and pay attention – it may win you a free plant!



**Kourtnie and Trey Thigpen facing camera, Joy Lorens working on our exhibit in the background at the NOOS show**

**December 8**, Second Sunday Orchid Bingo; every member wins a plant! Christmas potluck

#### **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

**July 12-14, 2019** Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show; Burden Museum and Gardens, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA

**September 13-15, 2019** The Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress held jointly with the Wisconsin Orchid Society Fall Show the "Show Dome" of the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**October 16 -20**, East Everglades Orchid Society show in conjunction with the AOS Fall Members Meeting. R.F.

Orchids gardens 28100 SW 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Homestead, FL  
**Dec. 7** Acadian Orchid Society Short Course Hilton Garden Inn, 2350 W. Congress St., Lafayette, LA

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

**BATON ROUGE SHOW:** Trey and Kourtnie Thigpen and Richard Crespino will do the Baton Rouge Show, July 12-14 Burden Museum and Gardens, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA. We have signed up for a 5 x 10' exhibit space. Please start grooming your flowers now.

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERSHIP – By Gayle Green- Aguirre**

This month's spotlight will shine on Irene Lear of Diamondhead. Some of you may remember Irene as "the chauffer" for our dear Mrs. Myrtle Barrios who passed away last year. Irene would take Myrtle to our meetings and then out to dinner. The two frequently joined the society group who dined with our special presenters.

Irene was born in Amsterdam, Holland, but has also lived in France before





Irene Lear

moving to America. She was married but is now a widow with four grown children and many grandchildren to keep her busy. Seven years ago, Irene joined our society and began raising her favorite orchids which include Paphiopedilums, Cattleyas, and Vandas. Over the years she has won some ribbons and credits her success to spending time with and talking to her growing orchid family. At last month's auction Irene purchased many fine plants so we expect to see some beauties on the judging table in the future.

When Irene is not working with her orchids you can find her gardening outside or reading and sewing. Additionally, Irene is an artist who loves painting seascapes with oils. Perhaps she will paint one of her favorite orchids and enter it in our 2020 Show.

She strives to be successful in her undertakings and I am sure that she will do well in the coming years as her collection grows and as she

continues to seek out advice from our more experienced growers. Irene is a dedicated member who is always willing to help whether it is manning the Raffle Table at our Show or preparing one of her delicious dishes to keep up our energy when we need it most. That we can depend on!



Auctioneer Glen May 2019 auction

donated the income to the society! Members who graciously donated plants to our auction were;

Karen Nelson, Cynthia Oetker, Earl Young, Glen Ladnier and Jo Ann Vaz. Your donated plants made our auction!

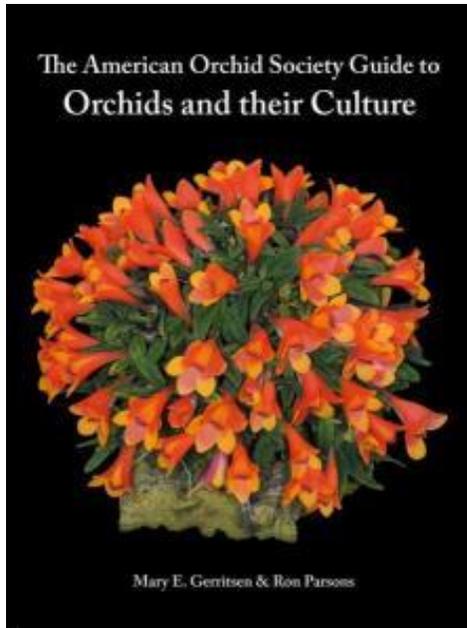
**NEW BOARD MEMBER:** We are very pleased to announce that our President, Gayle Greene-Aguirre, has appointed John Tate to the board to fill a vacant position. John is a very capable member, and a good friend to all. He served as President of the society in the years before Katrina. His calm, practical, non-judgmental temperament combined with years of orchid experience make him a great asset to our board.

**A NEW ORLEANS SHOW:** Sydney Dyche and her crew of Richard Crespin, Trey and Kourtne Thigpen, Joy Lorens, Judy Harris Armand and Val Scurria Cynthia Oetker and Jo Ann Vaz did another award-winning exhibit. We won the Orchid Digest Trophy and lots of ribbons. Richard



Members working on the Hattiesburg Orchid Society exhibit. Left to right: John Tate, Val Scurria and Sara Holloway. Please notice the tight working conditions.

Crespin's Phalaenopsis Lioulin Pretty Lips won an HCC/AOS. Richard named it after his aunt and uncle. Thanks also to Andra Mladinich who did the paperwork from home. The show was huge with lots of vendors who practically sold out. Congratulations to our sister society, Hattiesburg Orchid Society which had an excellent exhibit done by members, Glen Ladnier, John Tate, Sara Holloway and Armand and Val Scurria.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A BOOK?** The American Orchid Society has published the *Guide to Orchids and their Culture* by Mary E. Gerritsen and Ron Parsons. We will have copies available at Sunday's meeting. This is a great book and we are selling them for \$14.00 each. It is available through AOS for \$24.95; you can get it from us for a huge savings!

**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.