



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

December 11, 2016

**Merry Christmas Everyone!** The December Christmas luncheon and orchid bingo will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room. There will be **no Show and Tell, raffle or Orchids 101.**

There will be no Show and Tell because the show and tell tables will be full of great eats (as in the photo below left) and bingo plants!



Last year we had 41 members and guests attend our luncheon, 2015 we had 46! We expect as many if not more this year. We will do our best to accommodate everyone, please make every seat available for our members and guests.

This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo, playing until everyone wins a plant. Do not clear your cards; we do not start a new game after every win! We will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Those who bring a guest can **buy** a bingo card for their guest for \$10.00 per card; one card per member/guest. This is our cost; you can't buy a plant of this quality that cheap anywhere around here. Guests are welcome; we look forward to meeting your families and friends. Please let us know if you plan on bringing a guest(s) so we can bring enough plants. **You cannot pay dues for 2017 for your guests and expect them to get a bingo card for our 2016 Christmas bingo.** We are not being mean or hard; membership for a family of four would be \$25.00; the plants they would win cost us a little more than \$40.00.



**ABOUT THE PLANTS** The plants are exceptional this year; Glen Ladnier ordered them from our Hawaiian friend, Island Sun Orchids. He got some outstanding plants; a good variety of Vandas, Cattleyas, Oncidiums and Dendrobiums. He also got some great Paphs from Graham at Lehua Orchids. There will be something for everyone. Two of our members have won AOS awards on Graham's Paphs. With our show next month you might too! At left is Andra Mladinich's award winning Paph. Lady Petula 'Andra's Belle' HCC/AOS. There are more photos of some of the bingo plants throughout

this newsletter. Most of the orchid photos in this newsletter are of awarded plants like the ones we will receive. Photos courtesy of the American Orchid Society; Orchids Plus.



Vanda Pakchong Blue

**AWARD PLANTS:** We will award plants to the top three point winners for the year from our display table, and award a plant to the member who brought in the most "best plants". This year the winner is a remarkable three way tie! We will then draw names from the list of members who brought in plants during the year and they'll get a plant. This is our way of thanking those who went to the trouble of bringing in plants for the display table. You must be present to win.

**JANUARY MEETING:** January 8, 2017, Planning meeting for our 2017 show, January 27- 29. This is a very important meeting. This meeting is about three weeks before our 2017 show. We will finalize all plans and talk about preparing your plants for the show.

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

Some of you suggested a special speaker on Paphs or Phags. Circuit speaker chair, Randy Johnson, of Baton Rouge reports he's working on getting something set up.



**Cymbidium Sweetheart**

**February 12, 2017:** Thank you meeting – everyone that worked the show will get a free plant!

**March 12, 2017** Second Sunday - For our new members; we'll have an open discussion led by Jo Ann on basic orchid care.

**April 9,** Second Sunday - open

**May 21,** Third Sunday - Banquet installation of officers and orchid auction

**June 11,** Second Sunday - open

**July 16,** Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show – open

**August 13,** Second Sunday – open

**September 10,** Second Sunday - open

**October 15,** Third Sunday - Hopefully a speaker from the speaker's circuit.

**November 12,** Second Sunday – Open- work meeting for show

**December 10** Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

**REFRESHMENTS:** We'll all bring refreshments this month; Diane Seidemann and Jo Ann Vaz will bring January's. The list for the rest of the fiscal year are: February 2017 - Dave and Vicki Perry; March 2017 –Judy and Charles Rush; April 2017 - Janet Bridges and Becky Jolly-Wood. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions.



**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** We had 28 members present including two new members, Grady and Joy Holt, from Mobile. Gayle Greene-Aquirre and John Tate provided some great refreshments. Judy Rush won the door prize. There were 27 plants on the show and tell table with Armand Scurria's Phragmipedium Lucy Robbins winning best plant. The picture at left is of another Phrag. Lucy Robbins; Armand's was much better.

Our own Chip Lechner gave a great program on taking pictures with our cell phones. He suggested several great apps we can get, many free, that will help us take better pictures. One of the main things he stressed is simply get closer to the target before you shoot and showed several examples of this point.



**MEMBER SHOT:** The photo at left is from Judy Harris; it's of a Dendrobium she got at one of our summer meetings and it's blooming already! Good job Judy!

**UPCOMING SHOWS: Dec 3, 2016 Acadian Orchid Society Short Course Workshop,** Wyndham Garden Lafayette, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette: Dennis Wollard [Wollard@louisiana.edu](mailto:Wollard@louisiana.edu)

**Jan 27-29, 2017** Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center, Gautier,

**February 17-19, 2017** Mobile Area Orchid Society Show; Bellingraph Gardens.

**April 21-23, 2017** Calcasieu Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Good Shephard Episcopal Church, 715 Kirkman, Lake Charles, LA.

**June 2-4, 2017** New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeview Mall

**July 7-8, 2017** Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show

**2017 SHOW: Jan. 27-29:** The American Orchid Society has approved our show dates. We will be listed on the events calendar in the January issue and we are already on their website; AOS.org.

During the January meeting we'll be soliciting your help in all the functions of the show. Because many of the committees are listed on page two of our schedule, Jo Ann will be talking to all of last year's committee heads to see if they will continue on in the 2017 show so she can finalize the schedule and get them printed. Please help us out and volunteer!

**TROPHIES** - If you have agreed to purchase a trophy from the Society, please give Joy Lorens your check for \$20.00 made out to GCOS at the meeting. If you are providing your own trophy please bring it to the December meeting. Put your name on the box and pack your trophy in a sturdy box with some sort of packing such as bubble wrap or lots of tissue. In past years some trophies were only placed in gift bags and they broke. We have to move these trophies around a lot, please pack them carefully. **Joy must have all trophies or checks no later than the December meeting;** if you can't do so please tell Joy.

**ORCHID COLLECTIBLES:** Don't forget Gayle Green-Aquirre is collecting anything orchid related from jewelry, books, placemats, photos, art, porcelain/china flowers, silk arrangements etc. for the Orchid Collectibles sales table. Bring these items to Sunday's meeting.

**SHOW ADVERTISING:** Several members offered to help Marilyn with the advertising. Richard Crespino will do Jackson County; Cynthia Oetker will do Harrison County. If you have an 'in' with any type of local media please see Marilyn at the meeting. We can use all the advertising we can get.

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. If you want a GCOS shirt for our January show you must bring a new, recently washed shirt to Chip Lechner at the December meeting. Your shirt will be available at the show. The fee is \$15.00 and \$3.00 for your name.

**PARTIAL LIST OF BINGO PLANTS:**

Cymbidium Sweetheart  
 Brassolaeliacattleya Prada Green  
 Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance no 19  
 Brassolaelia Yellow Bird  
 Brassavola Grand Stars  
 Dendrobium aggregatum  
 Dendrobium Mini Snowflake x  
 aberrans  
 Dendrobium Lutin Blanc  
 Dendrobium Tiny Bubbles

Dendrobium Little Green Apples  
 Laeliocattleya Gold Digger  
 Encyclia radiata  
 Oncidium Chian-Tzy Chiou-Ping  
 Brassocattleya Punakea 'Lee'  
 Yamadaara Orchidom Gleen Glade  
 Brassolaeliacattleya Toshie Aoki  
 Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows  
 Vanda Pakchong Blue



**Brassolaelia Yellow Bird**



**Brassocattleya Punakea**



**Laeliocattleya Gold Digger**



**Brassavola Grand Stars**



**Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows**



**Dendrobium aggregatum**



**Dendrobium Little Green Apples**