

Gulf Coast Orchid Society

March 14, 2021



GCOS 2021 Exhibit

Our 2021 show was a huge success; thank you all! Our next meeting will be a celebration of that success; everyone who worked the show and is present will get a free plant! The meeting will be Sunday, March 14, 2021, at the Joe Graham Post 119 American Legion Hall, 12320 Ashley Dr., Gulfport, MS Located east of Highway 49 North. The meeting will start at 2:00. At the break, any remaining plants will be available for sale.



Paphiopedilum haynaldianum 'MBF' awarded at our 2021 show
Chip Lechner photographer

Although our Governor has said we no longer have to wear masks, our Board voted to require masks at the March meeting. **Masks, properly worn, are required.** We will review our decision for the April meeting.

PROGRAM: March 14, 2021: Robert Stanton will give a talk on Paphiopedilums (Paphs). As most of you know Robert is our resident AOS accredited orchid judge. He's a great speaker so please come and learn about Paphs. Robert will talk about Paphiopedilum culture in our area and do a demo to show how easy repotting Paphs is.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: We are still working on programs for 2021. Right now, we are discussing a mini potting camp this summer.

April 11 Larry Hennessey of New Orleans will talk on Bulbophyllums and bring plants to sell.

May 16 Third Sunday because Mother's Day is second Sunday. Annual covered dish luncheon and Orchid Auction.



*Judy Harris' Wilsonara
Russiker Tiger*

FEBRUARY MEETING: Twenty-three members, one guest and one new member attended our Feb. 14 meeting. There were 11 plants on the show and tell table with Judy Harris's Wilsonara Russiker Tiger winning best plant. The door prize was won by Patrice Ferguson. Three plants were submitted for auction two from the Ladnier collection Cattleya Earl 'Imperialis' FCC/AOS won by Denny Haase for \$75.00, Clty Spring Fragrance 'Hawaii' won by Sydney Dyche for \$25.00 and a Phal donated by Anita Applebee won by Marilyn Ladnier for \$15.00. The meeting was a work session in preparation for the Feb show.

NEW MEMBERS: If you are a new member and we owe you a plant or if you plan to join at the March meeting please respond to this newsletter so we can be sure to have your new member's plant available for you.

OUR MONTHLY AUCTION: SPECIAL MARCH AUCTION: At our 2019 May covered dish and plant auction a division of Dendrobium

spectabile 'Dirty Old Man' CCM/AOS went for an outstanding figure. We have one last division of that plant and it is in bud. This is one of the ugliest most loved flowers, hence the name Dirty Old Man, you gotta love em! This plant was awarded at the 2014 Pensacola Orchid Show and the picture was taken by Jason Mills.



*The Dendrobium to be
auctioned*

Whenever we have something special blooming we try to auction it at our monthly meetings. Sometimes members bring in plants to donate to the society for auction. We appreciate this and thank you all sincerely for your donations. Last month our auctioneer made a huge mistake! Someone donated a plant that had a label inside the pot. Thinking the plant was a named plant one of our members bid much more than an unnamed plant is

worth. Please, if you donate any plants to the society for auction, they must have genuine AOS/RHS approved names or tell us it doesn't. Also please make sure any plants you bring to our meetings for show and tell, raffle or auctions are critter free!



*AOS award photo of Den
spectabile 'Dirty Old Man'
CCM/AOS*

SHOW NOTES: The show was small; only three other societies participated, Mobile, New Orleans and Calcasieu. Three of our vendors did exhibits; plus, we had five plants on the open table. The flowers in the exhibits were stunning and the variety was outstanding. Our Facebook ads, the road signs and the TV spots brought the people in. Gracelynn's clay flowers were amazing. They were so lifelike! The vendors did well and if you could not get your wish list filled at the show remember there's next year and preorder!

That's the best way to assure the purchase of the best plants. We'll talk about the show at the meeting; Sydney Dyche and Judy Harris who worked the raffle table will report of that, Sydney will report on the



*Gracelynn's Clay Flowers
exhibit*

exhibit and give a report on who won what! Andra Mladinich will report on the hospitality.

If we owe you money for something you bought for our show. Please bring Marilyn your bill. If it's multiple receipts, please make a summary sheet with the receipts attached. If its food related have Andra sign the bill, all other bills must be signed by Jo Ann.

If you took pictures of people at the show, vendors, workers, exhibitors or guests could you please send a copy to joannvaz@bellsouth.net. Thanks

PLANTS AVAILABLE AT MARCH MEETING: Jo Ann will bring a van full of plants to the meeting. That means our workers that are present will get one free plant and at the break everyone can buy as many plants as they like. ***Please pay cash or check. Make checks out to GCOS.*** We do not take



Bulbophyllum Lovely Elizabeth 'Wendy' AOS photo

credit cards. No plants will be in bud or bloom. Most have been potted in the last year so place them securely in a hard-bottomed container and steady them with crumpled newspaper. Please do not mention credit cards, we are a small volunteer group. If you want a plant, go to your ATM, and get cash or bring a check. A list of the plants available is attached to this newsletter.

What is a worker? Someone who came to the show and did work. If you brought a dish, toted trays of plants or supplies, helped with take down or set up, assisted in any way. Those that donated trophies are also considered workers. Just coming to the show does not qualify. To get a better idea of what a 'worker' is look at the photos at the end of this newsletter.

APRIL 11 PROGRAM GUEST SPEAKER: Larry Hennessey will talk to us about Bulbophyllums and bring plenty to sell. He was scheduled to speak with us April 2020 but due to the pandemic it got pushed back one year. We are more than ready to learn more about this amazing family of



Andy Braun's LC Santa Barbara Sunset awarded at our recent show.

Orchids. Stealing the description of the Bulbophyllum family from Internet Orchid Species ***"The largest genus of orchids with over 1500 species is also the most geographically diverse. It is found in all tropical areas on earth and is quite diverse in its flower morphology as well. The flowers have the foot of the column which is hinged, attached to the labellum so the flower has a moving part which bobs, weaves, jiggles or jumps in the slightest breeze. The petals have various shapes and sizes but are always much smaller than the dorsal sepal. The column is short, often with 2 erect horns, winged or not, base produced to a long-curved foot and 4 collateral, naked pollina. They have sympodial pseudobulbs with one to two leaves, closely or far spaced on the rhizome. Most bulbos like wooden slat baskets with some tree fern and sphagnum***

as potting media." Mark your calendars for April 11 at 2:00 to see and buy some of these unusual orchids. Guests are welcome.



Dendrobium Lucky Charms owned by Mark Reinke, Marble Branch Farms

AOS AWARDS: There were 8 plants pulled for consideration of an American Orchid Society (AOS) award. Three plants were awarded. Congratulations to Andy Braun of the Mobile Society for his Laeliacattleya Santa Barbara Sunset (L anceps x Ic Ancibarina) and to Mark Reinke of Marble Branch Farms on his double win for Paphiopedilum haynaldianum, a species and his Dendrobium Lucky Charms (Peter Shen x Roy Tokunaga).

MEMBERSHIP NOTES: All member's dues were due at our January 2021 meeting whether you joined in the fall or any time during the year. We do not prorate our dues because of the cost of the free plants that all our members can get at Christmas and after shows. Dues are \$15.00 per person. New memberships get a free plant, one plant per family. If you cannot attend the meeting send your check to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.

2022 SHOW NEWS: Save the DATE: We have tentatively scheduled our 2022 show for January 28-30, 2022. Doing a show starts early; first, we must write a letter to the Jackson County Board of Supervisors asking for a reduced rate, then we must secure 4 judges to agree to judge our show on that date. Then we apply to our MAOC regional head for approval of the date and send a check and application to the AOS for approval for an AOS judged show on that date. Our Board and Show Chair work all year on our shows. Our By Laws say; "The Show Chairperson has responsibility for the entire show with approval of the Board on the time, place, theme, budget and general nature of the show." Jo Ann Vaz is/was show chair, she has all this responsibility plus a lot more She must come early, stay late, or arrange for someone to do so. She arranges the different aspects of the show in workable time periods, if something goes wrong, she gets the blame. This year some participants were not very nice and did not cooperate. If having a show is important to you, please work with our Show Chair, not against her or whoever becomes Chair in the future. If you want to learn the ins and outs of chairing our show, please volunteer. Jo Ann says she can continue to do the paperwork but needs someone to work the afternoons.



Photos below supplied by Chip Lechner and Andra Mladinich.

L-R Tony Vaz, Janet Olier, Vicki Sells, Joe Richardson, John Tate, Frank Zachariah, Andy Braun and Robert Stanton all working!



L-R Joy Lorens, Cynthia Oetker and Sydney Dyche setting up the display



L-R Marilyn Ladnier and Andra Mladinich



Judy Harris and Sydney Dyche working raffle Desk, Judy also puts up our signs.



Eddie Sells and Chip Lechner entering class codes.