



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

March 10, 2013

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, March 10, 2013**, at 2:00 at **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the large **cafeteria meeting room**. Due to the Terrebonne show, **there will be no Orchids 101 meeting**.

**PROGRAM:** Our special speaker for March, Dr. Doug Martin was involved in an automobile accident and will not be able to make the trip down from Kansas City. Please remember Doug and his wife, Beth, in your prayers. We are trying to find a program on hardy orchids that has a narrative that we can present in lieu of Dr. Martin's talk. If we can't Robert Stanton has agreed to preside over an open show and tell.

We had planned to hold a plant sale at the meeting to pay for Dr. Martin's expenses. We still will only we'll keep the money for other things. Glen Ladnier ordered some great blooming size or near blooming size orchids that we will sell to members and guests for \$10.00 each. There is no limit and you can buy them as soon as we get them in the building. Make checks out to GCOS. Check out the attachment to this email for a list with photos.



Above are three of the plants that will be offered for sale from left to right: Lc. Nice Holiday 'Suntopia' HCC/AOS; Phal. Brother Peptide 'Carmela' and Blc. Everything Nice 'Showtime'

**REFRESHMENTS:** Dave and Vicki Perry will provide March's refreshments. Janet Bridges and Valerie Scurria will bring April's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-0640.



**Armand and Valerie Scurria and Joy Lorens in front of the GCOS exhibit at the Mobile show**

over 25'. Glen won a trophy for Best Cymbidium and Earl got a trophy for Best Small Flowered Cattleya. Jo Ann did a private exhibit and got a trophy for Best Dendrobium, Best Phalaenopsis and Best Vanda. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated!

**SHOW REPORT:** The Mobile show was outstanding! Our exhibit crew worked very hard and it paid off. The Society's exhibit won the trophy for Best Society exhibit in its size and the AOS Show Trophy. Two plants from our exhibit won AOS awards. Armand and Valerie Scurria won an 82 point Award of Merit for their Paphiopedilum Astarte 'Andrea Scurria'. Joy Lorens won an 81 point Award of Merit for her Sc. Memoria Alvin Begeman 'Poem'. The Scurria's Paph. also won the trophy for Best Cypripedium in the show. The exhibit won five Tricolor ribbons, 11 first place ribbons, 10 second place ribbons and 5 third place ribbons. Glen, Earl Young and Marilyn Ladnier did a private exhibit and won the trophy for Best Amateur Exhibit

**2014 SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT:** Its official, we were told "There will be no place for the GCOS at the mall next year." Now we just have to find a place. We are looking for something with a minimum of 5,000 sq ft, 50 tables

and at least 75 chairs, and we need to be able to have food. Good parking and walk in customers would be icing on the cake.



**Paph. Astarte 'Andrea'**  
AM/AOS

#### **OTHER SHOWS IN OUR AREA:**

March 8-10 Terrebonne Orchid Society Show, Southland Mall, Houma, LA

April 5-7 Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society Show, Monroe, LA

May 31 – June 2 New Orleans Orchid Society Show, Lakeside Shopping Ctr., Metairie,

July 12-14 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA

**GAUTIER PILGRIMAGE:** We will be at St. Pierre's Episcopal Church on Gautier Van Cleave Rd right across from the Country Gentleman restaurant on March 17 from 1pm till 4pm. The church is supplying us with four tables. We'll have an orchid display similar to our show and tell and offer some very nice blooming plants for sale. At 2pm and 3pm or thereabouts Jo Ann will give a quick demo on potting a Phalaenopsis orchid.



**2013 Mobile exhibit with ribbons - photo by Armand Scurreia**



**The Exhibit Crew**

not one per person. There is no free plant for renewals. New members must pay dues at the meeting, returning members can mail them to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. Chip Lechner's Mom can machine embroider an orchid, the society's name and the member's name on shirts that members supply. The fee is \$15.00 and \$3.00 for your name. Find a shirt that you'd like to have embroidered, wash it, and bring the

**APRIL PROGRAM:** Our April meeting will be April 14. Jo Ann will talk about plant labels and we'll get her redneck version of what all that stuff written on the label really means. This is pretty boring but necessary stuff.

Our more "prolific" growers are invited to bring in plants for sale at the April meeting, the society gets 10%.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Please let us know if there is a topic you wish us to cover.

**May 19,** Covered dish lunch and plant auction – cafeteria- starts at 1:00 P.M.

**June 9,** Member Harvey Brenneise will talk on Darwin's Sexy Orchids: *First Case Study on the Origin of species by Means of National Selection.*

**July 21,** Third Sunday due to the Baton Rouge Show Larry Hennessey from New Orleans will talk about bulbophyllums and bring plenty to sell.

**August 11,** Second Sunday- - tentative - Round Table on Greenhouses

The summer months are open because we have not decided what programs you would like. These programs are for you; let us know what you want.

**DUES ARE DUE:** It's time to renew your dues for 2013. 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;

clean shirt to the meeting. **Clearly print** your name as you want it to appear on the shirt on a piece of paper and safety pin it to the shirt. Put your phone number on the paper too, in case there are any questions.



Joy's plant Sc Mem. Alvin Begeman 'Poem' AM/AOS 81  
pts photo by Chip Lechner

**OLD CLAY POTS:** If any of you have a stack of old clay pots you'd like to get rid of please call or email Jo Ann, 601-947-8777.

**THANK YOU:** We got a very nice thank you letter from Aileen Garrison and the Atlanta Judging Center thanking us for the \$50.00 donation we made to thank the judges for judging our show. Aileen has invited "all the members of the Gulf Coast Orchid Society to join them the second Saturday of each month at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, 1345 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309. Plant entry begins at 1:00 PM, judging commences at 2:00 pm, and activities are usually over by 5:00pm."

**JOIN THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY:** So far this year three of our members have won first time AOS awards. That is a pretty awesome feat. We've been ordering great plants from Hawaii like the plants we'll be selling at the March meeting. Many of you are improving your orchid skills so there will surely be more first time AOS awards coming; possibly in June or July at the New Orleans or Baton Rouge shows.

If you don't already belong to the American Orchid Society please consider doing so. I have been told that the AOS is thinking about raising their award rates for non-members plus members get such wonderful benefits as the *Orchids* magazine and access to the AOS website.

#### **CASH FOR BEST ESSAY:**

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on "Travels with Orchids" -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher ([asherdoris@juno.com](mailto:asherdoris@juno.com)) -- winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Dayton, OH, October 20, 2013. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of the Congress's newsletter, The Mid-American.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).

**MASTER GARDENER GARDEN EXPO:** Saturday, March 9, 2013, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center, 1815 Popps Ferry Road. Admission for 1 or 2 adults is 5 cans of nonperishable food items or \$5.00. Children under 12, accompanied by an adult, admitted free. One hour seminars will be held throughout the day in the conference center. The first seminar will begin at 10:30 a.m. "Growing Daylilies" will be presented by Mr. Earl Watts of Suburban Daylilies. At 12:00 p.m., learn about "Blueberries in the Landscape" from Ms. Donna Marshall, USDA-ARS Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory. The final seminar, "Growing Citrus," begins at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Wayne Porter, MSUES Horticulturalist.

Experts in all phases of gardening will be available to answer questions. Learn about Container Gardening, Vegetable Gardening, Basics of Garden Tools, Growing Herbs, Butterfly Gardening, Garden Landscaping and much, much more. A children's area will provide make and take gardening projects and children will be able to take part in the butterfly releases. There will also be a plant sale booth where you can purchase seeds, transplants, cuttings and potted specimens.

**CARTER AND HOLMES IN NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE:** We have this note from Frank Zachariah in Baton Rouge "New Orleans and Baton Rouge will be hosting Gene Crocker in April. NO -- Tues, Apr 16, BR -- Wed, Apr 17. I'm sure I speak for New Orleans when I say we would love to have you come and listen to Mr. Crocker. He will be bringing PRE-SOLD plants from Carter & Holmes. If you would like more information, email Bob Danka: [rdanka@cox.net](mailto:rdanka@cox.net)"

**FROM JO ANN:** Gene Crocker was our first special speaker many years ago. He got lost on the way here and was two hours late! Problems have happened a lot with special speakers. We were so proud of hosting him that we invited the entire world, many of our members and guests left. They missed one of the best programs I have ever heard. They sell great plants; for every 5 plants you order you get another one of their choice free. When Gene came here he gave us a 25% discount on all presold items and no shipping! It's worth a trip to either New Orleans or Baton Rouge.