



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

January 14, 2018

**Happy New Year Everyone!** Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, January 14, 2018** 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 which is on the north side of the college facing Runnymede**. The Orchids 101 class led by Glen Ladnier will precede the

regular meeting at 1:30. The topic will be '**Nobile Dendrobiums**'. Guests are welcome.

**PROGRAM:** This is our planning meeting for our 2018 show, January 26- 28, with set up Thursday afternoon, January 25 from 1:00 pm until. This is a very important meeting. Our show is a little more than a week away from this meeting. With your help we hope to finalize all plans. Your input at the meeting is very valuable.

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

**February 11**, Second Sunday - Thank you meeting; everyone who works the show gets a free plant.

**March 11**, Second Sunday Richard Crespin will show us how to grow Catasetums so we can grow awarding winning plants like his.

**April 15**, Third Sunday - Special Speaker- Courtney Hackney- Growing and Flowering Better Cattleyas.

**May 20**, Third Sunday Banquet and Auction

**June 10**, Second Sunday – Glen Ladnier will tell us about raising orchids from seed.

**July 15**, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show; Robert Stanton Open Show and Tell.

**August 12**, Second Sunday open

**September 9**, Second Sunday open

**October 14**, Second Sunday “How to be a Great Ribbon Judge or Clerk at our 2019 Show”

**November 11**, Second Sunday Sydney Dyche “How to Keep Track of your Orchids”

**December 9**, Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck



Sarah Tringle's winning Nobile Dendrobium from our 2010 show



December 2017 bingo plants

**REFRESHMENTS:** Diane Seidemann and Jo Ann Vaz will bring January's refreshments. The list for the rest of the fiscal year are: February 2018 – Sydney Dyche and Judy Harris; March 2018 –Janet Bridges and Becky Jolly-Wood; April 2018 – Joy and Grady Holt. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** Forty-

three members and one guest attended our Christmas covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo. We played bingo till everyone won an orchid plant! The food was excellent and so were our bingo plants.



**Richard Crespín and his award plant for most improved grower.**

Thanks Glen for finding such great plants, most in bud or bloom. This year he bought a combination of genera from our usual wholesale dealer, Island Sun Orchids. Thanks to our bingo caller supreme, Lexie Mitchell, who did an outstanding job even though she was suffering with a cold. A special thank you goes to Andra who supervised the luncheon and brought in all those drinks and accessories and thank you to all the great cooks who brought in such wonderful food!

Glen Ladnier awarded his most improved grower of the year award plant, a beautiful white cattleya, to Richard Crespín. We had thirty-one different members bring in at least one plant to show and tell during 2017. Our top winner with 135 points was Cynthia Oetker, we had a tie for second place with both John Bridges and Richard Crespín earning 109 points each. Third place was also a tie with

Gayle Greene-Aquirre and Trey Thigpen both earning 87 points. John Bridges had 4 best plant wins and won best plant of the year. All winners received a gift plant. We then drew names for three more plants from the names of those who had brought in show and tell plants throughout the year.

Thanks also to Becky Jolly-Wood who brought everyone a poinsettia plant and to John Tate who brought in lots of tasty grapefruit!



**Becky Jolly-Wood, Valerie Scurria and Joy Lorens working on our 2017 exhibit**

**SHOW NOTES:** Right now the most important thing we need is you! Your help moving tables and marking floors on Thursday afternoon; your help cooking and serving Friday and Saturday and your help clerking and assisting the judges on Saturday morning. Especially we need you to bring in clean, healthy plants for

our exhibit. Becky Jolly-Wood has her team ready to do another award-winning exhibit; we need those great plants that we see each month on the show and tell tables. We also need greenery to use to soften the exhibit and hide staging.

One other very important thing you can do is simply tell your friends, both by word of mouth and through facebook and other cyber connections. Chip has made some gorgeous flyers and they are on facebook and the website in the events section please share them with everyone!

We've had good news; Morton Engleberg is improving and possibly Riverbend will sell at our 2019 show. We will miss them this year, but we are glad to see Pat Huval, our dear friend from Orchids Plus,



**Andra Mladinich setting up judge's luncheon for our 2017 show.**

come back for this one year to fill in Riverbend's the spot.

So far not one society has signed up to exhibit at our show. We have sent emails out to everyone we know affiliated with our local societies asking them to pass the word along about our show and let us know if they will be exhibiting. So far, we've got one definite no and nothing from anyone else. This speaks volumes about the state of orchid societies in general. No one wants to get involved.



**Mary Roberts preparing for AOS judging**

We have heard from a few judges and hope to hear from more. Hopefully we'll have enough ribbon judges for 4 teams and enough AOS judges for three teams. Coming back this year is dear friend, Mary Roberts, she has participated in all our shows and will be here to AOS judge with two new knees!

**ORCHID RELATED ART:** Don't forget our orchid art section of the show. Entries must be in place by 4:00 pm Friday, January 26. We would like to find someone who does not enter anything in the art competition to handle the Orchids Related Art section of our show completely. This would mean setting up the art tables Thursday night or Friday morning, helping people check in their art on Friday, helping with the art judging Friday night and making sure

all the art goes home Sunday afternoon.

**HOSPITALITY:** Andra Mladinich will chair our Hospitality Room aided by Co-Chair, Richard Crespin again this year. Providing food for all our workers is a large task. Andra will pass around a sign-up sheet for those who would like to bring a dish or help.

### **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

**Jan 26-28, 2018** Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center, Gautier, MS

**February 14-18, 2018** Mobile Area Orchid Show and Sale Bellingrath Gardens

**March 10-11, 2018** Terrebonne Orchid Society Show and Sale. Southland Mall, Houma, LA

**DUES ARE DUE:** Dues will be due at the January meeting. If you'd like to get a head start 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. There is 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.**



### **WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY FLOWERS?**

With the weather dropping into the low 20's this past week many of you may have polka dotted flowers like the one above. Those spots are a fungal disease called botrytis. Botrytis loves cool damp weather and older flowers. Once the flowers are ruined there's nothing you can do but remove them from your growing area right away. Spores grow on older or dead plant material and can move through the air, so keep all plant debris out of your growing area. Cut older flowers and

display them in vases in the warmth of your home. Add an extra fan to improve circulation and never water when it's cold or rainy. This time of year, most orchids can go weeks without a watering. When

you do water do so when its warm in the early morning; watering only the potting media and roots keeping water off the leaves and flowers. Make sure the plants are dry by late afternoon.

**CYMBIDIUMS:** Some members are asking about Cymbidiums; what does an emerging flower bud look like and what does an emerging flower spike look like? Here's some pictures that show the difference. Flower buds are rounded, solid and hard, new growth is tapered and leaf-like.



**Cymbidium flower bud forming**



**Cymbidium new growth**

**FINAL WORDS ABOUT THE SHOW:** Last summer we added a new board position; that of Community Coordinator. That position is held by Cynthia Oetker. If anyone approaches you during the show and asks if we would help them with any type of function, please send them to Cynthia. If she is not at the show at that time just get the person's contact information and pass it on to Cynthia when you can.

We have chair people who are in charge of the various parts of the show. For instance, Andra and Richard are in charge of hospitality. If anything happens in the kitchen or hospitality please tell one of them, Below is a list of all our show committee heads:

Point of Contact	Becky Jolly-Wood, Marilyn Ladnier
Staging Chair	John Tate
Exhibit Chair	Becky Jolly-Wood
Head Judge	Robert Stanton
Head Clerk	Dave Perry
Schedule	Jo Ann Vaz
Entry Tags Chair	Jo Ann Vaz
Raffle Chair	Sydney Dyche, Judy Harris
Trophy Chair	Joy Lorens
Children's Activities	Lexie Mitchel
Signage Chair	Judy Harris
Lecture	Glen Ladnier

Tag numbers:  
 Computer Chair  
 Advertisement Chair  
 Photography  
 Hospitality Chair  
 Hospitality Co-Chair

Janice Fabo  
 Eddie Sells  
 Marilyn Ladnier  
 Chip Lechner  
 Andra Mladinich  
 Richard Crespin