



Gulf Coast Orchid Society

February 9, 2020

Our 2020 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, February 9, 2020** 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.

The **Orchids 101** class led by Glen Ladnier will **precede the regular meeting at 1:30**. Glen's topic is 'Breeding Trends in Orchids'. Orchids 101 is a free 30-minute session led by one of our best growers, Glen Ladnier. It's very informal and guests are welcome.



Our 2020 exhibit, led by Sydney Dyche photo by Larry Hennessey

PROGRAM: Thank you meeting for show workers and an introduction to the Orchid Society for new members. All those who helped with the show and are present at the meeting get a free plant. This is always a fun meeting, the show and tell table will be loaded with blooming plants, everyone will want to show off their new purchases and talk about all the things they learned!

FUTURE PROGRAMS: October and November's programs have changed.

March 8, Richard Crespín will teach a hands-on class on repotting of Catasetinae type plants.

April 19 Third Sunday because Easter is the 2nd Sunday - Larry Hennessey of New Orleans will talk on Bulbophyllums and bring plants to sell.

May 17 Third Sunday due to Mother's Day. Annual covered dish luncheon and Orchid Auction

June 14 Second Sunday the start of our summer learning session – Hard Cane Dendrobiums. Plants will be available for sale.

July 19 Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge show. Continuing with summer learning session – Maxillarias and Their Friends. Plants will be available for sale.

August 9 A lot of you asked for more programs on Vandas. We'll explore other types of Vandaceous Plants, especially the small growing ones that will grow inside! Plants will be for sale.

September 13 Test time - We'll have another easy test and free plants to win. All questions will be gleaned from our three summer learning sessions.

October 18 Third Sunday Glen Ladnier will explore the various plants on our Show and Tell table and show us how to judge plants.

November 8 Special Speaker - Denny Haase – Spring Texas Will give a hands-on demonstration on “Acclimating Your Orchids – What to do when Buying Plants that are not Grown in Your Area to Make Sure They Survive”.

December 13 Annual covered dish luncheon and Orchid Bingo

SHOW REPORT: If you attended the show you know that, although small, the show was great! With less vendors and exhibitors, we had more room to move around; judging was complete well before noon. We'll talk about the show at the meeting; Sydney Dyché and Judy Harris who worked both the raffle table and the exhibit will give complete reports along with who won what!

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 or Richard 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 Jo Ann or put them in a drop box and let me know the link. Thanks

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Feb. 28- March 1, 2020 Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale, Bellingrath Gardens. This is their 43rd annual show and sale.

Mar 13-15 Calcasieu Orchid Society Show, City Hall Lake Charles, LA 337-368-1456

March 28-29 Terrebonne Orchid Society Show

April 25-26 Acadian Orchid Society Show

May 1-3 Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale, Memphis Botanic Gardens 750 Cherry Rd., Memphis

May 29-31 New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeside Mall, Metairie, LA

July 11-12 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show and Sale; Burden Conference Center, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge.



**Trey and Kourtnie's Epidendrum
stamfordianum**

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 24 members present at the January meeting. There were 34 plants on the show and tell table. Trey and Kourtnie Thigpen's Epi. stamfordianum won best plant. The program was preparation for our show.

PLANTS AVAILABLE AT FEBRUARY MEETING: Jo Ann will bring over 100 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 credit cards. Most plants will be blooming size, the prices will be from \$7.00 to \$15.00. Very few 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.

We'll have some of Jo Ann's cattleyas and some of the cattleyas we recovered from Secret Garden Rare Plants after

they were demolished by the storm. We'll also have about 15 Cymbidiums in various sizes from Secret Gardens too. From Jo Ann's plants we'll have about 16 Encyclia species, prismatocarpum, tampense var. alba and radiata, plus some nice Eria species and a few Oncidiums. There will be something for everyone, even some warm growing, summer blooming Phalaenopsis!

For those who don't want Jo Ann's stuff, we have a nice assortment of our Christmas bingo plants in 4" pots and some plants in 2" pots.



WE NEED SOME JUNK/TREASURE: Last year after the New Orleans show we misplaced half of our plant stands. We don't know what happened; they were not in the locker and we had to borrow plant stands. If anyone has some plant stands like the one at left, they don't use please bring them in and donate them to the society. We would like to try using a piece of AstroTurf on the floor for our exhibits. If anyone has an old piece of astro turf in black or dark gray that we can borrow to test, the size needed would be 9' x 6'. Finally, Jo Ann needs old flowerpots. If anyone has a stack of plastic pots, preferably the square 4" ones at left, they aren't using please bring them to the meeting. Please leave all roaches and snakes behind! Thanks!

MOBILE SHOW: We have signed up for a 10' exhibit space at the Mobile Show, February 28-March 1 at Bellingrath. Sydney will be heading up the exhibit and Andra will do the plant tags. Set up will be Friday Morning. Get your plants there by 10:00. The Mobile Flyer is attached to this newsletter.



Janet Olier's granddaughter, Kyler, and her first orchid.
This is how future starts!

On my mind: a message from your president By Gayle Greene-Aguirre

I hope that everyone has "recovered" and re-energized after last weekend's whirlwind show. The theme of our 40th Annual Orchid Show "Our Circle of Friendship: Honoring Our Past-Embracing Our Future" was a perfect fit for this dynamic event. During the years we have spent putting on this floral extravaganza we have made so many friends, some now gone, but many still honor our efforts by attending this event every year. By re-connecting with our orchid buddies, new and old, we share our love of these enigmatic flowers. Every year we attract more enthusiasts, as we awe and educate the public. People are mesmerized by the beauty of the flowers and displays.

This splendor could not be possible without the tireless efforts of our entire society. This is the time where we all come together to showcase our flowers and our enthusiasm for all things Orchid. I personally want to thank everyone who was part of our group effort because to put on a Show of

this magnitude takes the cooperation of our entire society. While walking around the venue for three days and speaking with vendors, judges, guests and our visiting public I heard many lovely

comments. Judges like David Mellard, from Atlanta told me that he appreciated our professionalism and dedication to detail as well as the wonderful quality of the flowers. Judges were impressed with the clerking teams and decried that they always gained at least 5 pounds when they visited because of all the fine food they were served. Vendors like Jodie, Mark, Sheila and Kent and Mr. Hicks all did extremely well with their sales as they educated the public about their plants and products. There were many visitors both local and out of state snowbirds who said that they liked our show better than others because of our outstanding hospitality and the friendliness of our “staff”.

So once again I thank each and every one who participated in a large or small way to make this show a huge success. Special hugs and kudos to Jo Ann who has been the backbone as well as the heart and soul of this event for years and to Trey and Kourtne for stepping up to learn about the process as we “Embrace Our Future”. May we continue as a vibrant, connected society for 40 more years.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES: Dues were due at our January 2020 meeting with the grace period for renewals ending with the March meeting. Dues are \$10.00 per single membership, 15 for double membership and then \$5.00 for each extra person living at the same location. New memberships get a free plant, one plant per membership only. If you cannot attend the meeting send your check to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532. After renewal time, dues will be \$15.00 per person.

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn 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 shirt.

NEW LOGO: You may have noticed a new logo on this newsletter. It’s the original logo used when we first became a society. Then as now, we had members from all coastal states. I thought it might be nice to use it on the newsletter for a few months. It’s nice to see an old friend.

OTHER SHOW PICS:



Above - Best Purple in Show C. Martha Stewart owned by Kent Daniel, Sheila's Orchids



At top left – Gayle’s Award Winning Educational exhibit.

At bottom left - Baton Rouge exhibit which won the People’s Choice Award