



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

***** October 19, 2014 *** Third Sunday*****



Our October meeting will be held **Sunday, October 19**, at 2:00 PM 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. Orchids 101 led by Glen Ladnier will start at 1:30. For this month's Orchids 101 subject, Glen will pot an orchid or two using the information that he has covered in the first two installments of this series of talks.

PROGRAM: This month members will receive their plants ordered from Hawaii. Twenty-two members took part in the order and with the Mobile Area Orchid Society we ordered almost \$1,800.00 worth of plants. Please pay Jo Ann at the meeting when you get your plants and make the check out to either cash or Jo Ann Vaz. The Vanda at left grown by Andra Mladinich was probably purchased from our Hawaiian vendor in a prior year.

This will be a busy meeting. Glen Ladnier will give a talk on caring for new plants. Then if we have time Chip Lechner will discuss our plans for the November mock show and, if available, Robert Stanton will go over the Mock Orchid Show Plant Schedule.



FUTURE PROGRAMS: Our November 09, 2014 program will be a mock orchid show. This is a novel idea some of our members came up with in the spring. It could be lots of fun. We'll do two orchid exhibits with your show and tell plants, clerks and judges will be assigned just like a real show and you will do entry tags from a modified schedule. The two exhibits will be done by Glen and Jo Ann and they will only have 30 minutes! We will use some part of the October meeting to assign roles to members for our November meeting. The November meeting should be very informative and hopefully

lots of fun. To do two exhibits we'll need lots more plant than what is in the photos above left so please start now grooming your plants for November's meeting. More details at the October meeting and in the November Newsletter.

December 14, Christmas meeting – orchid bingo and pot luck luncheon.

January 11, 2015, Planning meeting for our 2015 show, January 29-Feb. 1.

Feb. 8, 2015, Thank you meeting for those who helped with our January Show

REFRESHMENTS: Andra Mladinich, Becky Jolly-Wood and Jo Ann Vaz will bring October's refreshments. Janet Olier and Sarah Tringle will bring November's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640.

LIBRARY NOTES: From our Librarian, Vicki Perry: Growing and Displaying Orchids; a step by step guide By Wilma Rittershausen, et al. This one clear practical volume covers everything you need to know to get these fascinating plants to bloom and thrive. Ms. Rittershausen first introduces the different types of orchids then moves on to cover the day-to-day tasks involved in growing them. The second section

explored methods of display ranging from a simple corsage to a basket filled with plants. The text is accompanied by clear colorful illustrations.

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows.

Oct 31 – Nov. 2 AOS Fall Member's Meeting in conjunction with the 16th International Slipper Orchid Symposium, Sheraton Orlando North, Maitland, Fl. www.aos.org or www.slippersymposium.com

Dec. 6, 2014 Saturday only: Acadian Orchid Society 54th Annual Short Course, Hotel Acadiana, 1801 West Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, La contact Amelia Soprano 337-923-4273; cwssearches@aol.com.



January 30 – Feb. 1, 2015, Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show, Gautier Convention Center, Gautier, Ms

February 27 – March 1, 2015, Mobile Area Orchid Society Show, Mobile Botanic Gardens. Mobile Al

GULF COAST ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW NEWS: January 30, 31 and

February 1, 2015: If you donated a trophy last year and want to donate one again please let Jo Ann know. If you want to donate a trophy and haven't in the past let Jo Ann know and she will put you on the waiting list. The list of trophies is attached to this e-mail. Please note we will not be giving out the Children's art trophies or the non-member plant trophy this year. Members donating trophies can either buy a trophy or pay the society \$15.00. Please make out a check to GCOS and give it to Jo Ann. We must have all trophies by the Christmas meeting. At left above, is an example of some of our trophies. At left below, is a photo of a trophy made by Sarah Tringle's husband. Some of our other members make their trophies, Judy Chinsee makes some wonderful etched glass and this year Chip Lechner may have an embroidered trophy.



BONSAI EXHIBIT: Sat. Oct. 25, Biloxi Library from 10:00 to 4:00 presented by the Miss Gulf Coast Bonsai Society.

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 clean shirt.

ROAD TRIP: The Baton Rouge Society is sponsoring a bus trip to the Redlands International Orchid Festival, May 15, 16 and 17, 2015 at the Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead, Florida. Guys this is a big show, they usually have over 60 vendors. With that many vendors can you imagine the exhibits? Also the trip coordinator, Lata Johnson, is working with Dr. Martin Motes to arrange a trip to the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, home of the American Orchid Society in Coral Gables, Florida to see the "Million Orchid Project". Seats are still available. For more information call Lata at 225-933-0801 or 225-274-9900. More about the Redlands Orchid Festival later in the newsletter.



MILLION ORCHID PROJECT: More than a century ago, South Florida was a natural orchid paradise. Masses of orchids blanketed every branch of every oak and mahogany tree in the seaside hardwood hammocks of Biscayne Bay. Early South Florida settlers marveled at the intense beauty and fragrance during Miami's springtime orchid flowering season. At left is a Pine bark Orchid, *Bletia purpurata* at Fairchild Botanic Gardens.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens is proposing to propagate millions of native orchids for reintroduction into South Florida's urban landscapes. The new

Micropropagation Laboratory at Fairchild will generate a limitless supply of young native orchid plants. Local school landscapes and urban tree plantings will be the primary recipients of Fairchild's reintroduction initiatives. Our goal is to have the first generation of reestablished orchids blooming throughout South Florida within five years. Throughout the project Fairchild scientists will teach visitors, students, and our local community about the complexity and fragility of natural South Florida environments and the importance of habitat restoration. For more information go to www.fairchildgarden.org/science-conservation/the-million-orchid-project.

REDLANDS INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL: Admission: \$10. A three day event on Friday, May 15, Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17 is the largest annual orchid show in the U.S. featuring over 60 booths of educational exhibits and orchid vendors. An American Orchid Society judged event showcasing various types of orchids, plants, and supplies for sale, as well as lectures by experts, raffles, and international food.

Last year they had 14 different lectures over the course of the weekend on all sorts of orchid related topics all held in an air conditioned auditorium. The exhibits are in an exhibition tent. They even have a fragrance competition! The Fruit and Spice Park itself contains a fabulous number of various fruit and spice trees and plants. Walking tours of the park will be available.

As you can see by the photos below of last year's show; this is an outside activity plan on comfortable shoes and cool clothes.

