

Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

December 12, 2021

Merry Christmas Everyone!



Cattleya Mae Hawkins (Naomi Kerns x Anzac), one of our bingo plants. This one was in the plants we purchased from Jodi Shumaker after Hurricane Michael.

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, December 12 at 1:00** at the **Joe Graham Post 119 American Legion Hall, 12320 Ashley Dr., Gulfport, MS.** Located east of Highway 49 North.

There will be no **Show and Tell, raffle or Rick's Tips**, because we need the room for great eats and bingo plants!

This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo, playing until everyone wins a plant. So don't clear your card when someone wins! We will provide a ham, drinks, and paper products. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Those who bring a guest can **buy** a bingo card for their guest for \$15.00 per card; one card per member/guest. **Meeting starts at 1:00 sharp!**

We expect a nice sized crowd, Judy and Andra will have a load this month. Paper products, drinks, table covers all the usual stuff plus more! The bingo plants will arrive at the legion around 12:30. **Please offer everyone a hand bringing stuff in.**

If you're on the trophy list to supply a trophy for our upcoming show, please bring that trophy to the December meeting.



The plants from the 2020 bingo all supplied by Glen Ladnier

SHOW AND TELL RESULTS: We will award plants to the top three-point winners for the year from our display table. This year we have a tie for most "best plants"; two members will get a free plant. We will then draw three names from the list of members who brought in plants during the year and if they are present, they can select a plant.

We keep track of the points throughout the year. When you bring in a plant you get one point, if it wins a third-place ribbon it gets another point, if it wins second place it gets two points and if it wins first place it gets three points. If you only brought in one plant during the year you will be eligible for the drawing if you are present.

AWARD PLANTS: The bingo and award plants are ready, while not as big as last years, they look great. We'll offer a wide selection. The plants this year are some we purchased from Denny Haase when he came to talk with us in October. Some are originally from Island Sun and grown on in the Vaz greenhouse and others are divisions of some of the Vaz plants. You'll see some pictures of the plants throughout the newsletter and a list will be attached. All pictures came from **the American Orchid Society (AOS)**. Join the AOS and you can have access to these pics too! Go to AOS.org for more information.

DECEMBER AUCTION: To help cover the expenses of the December meeting we will offer two very nice plants for auction. Some have asked for weird and big so Jo Ann will donate a division of her

plant *Oncidium ensatum* 'Thank You Val Keller' CCM/AOS 86 pts. The award description reads "374 flowers and 913 buds on 11 inflorescences to 137 cm long". Guys that's big, but the plant itself out of bloom is very manageable! The division already has 4 or 5 low spikes. Jo Ann is watching some other



Oncidium ensatum 'Thank You, Val Keller' award photo

plants for the second plant. She is looking for something just beginning to open and ready to help decorate someone's home for Christmas. A note about the name of Sunday's auction plant. This plant was collected in Belize when Tony and Jo Ann Vaz accompanied Val Keller and others on a collecting trip to Belize. After Katrina, Val generously replaced the plant the Vazes lost with one of his. To repay his generosity, when it was awarded, they named it after him.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: We are working on programs for 2022, If you have any ideas or requests please see our program chair, Janet Olier, at the meeting.

January 9, 2022, Show Prep: Our 2022 show is scheduled for January 28-30 with set up January 27.

February 13, 2022, thank you party for members who worked our show. Those show workers **present** get a free plant of their choice. Left over

plants will be sold at break to all members.



Coelogyne rouchussenii

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: At our November meeting there were 24 members present, including new member Adam Jablenowski, of Pass Christian, MS.

The program was a talk by Jo Ann Vaz, assisted by Janet Olier, Sydney Dyche and Robert Stanton on preparing and entering plants in shows and on our show and tell table.

There were 26 plants on the show and tell table. Robert Stanton judged and talked about the winners. Jo Ann's *Coelogyne rouchussenii* won best plant. Cynthia Oetker won the door prize.

Thanks to Cynthia also for donating two plants to our raffle.

We had two plants for auction a division of *Laelia rubescens* and *Lc Sylvan Sprite* which was won by Sydney for \$30.00 and a division on

Cattlianthe Wendlandii (*Cattleya warscewiczii* x *Guaranthe bowringiana*) in bloom which was won by Anita Applebee for \$30.00. This is a division of a plant Janet bought from Pat Huval this summer. Another, smaller division of *Cattlianthe Wendlandii* will be available as a bingo plant.

Richard Crespin presented a very informative Rick's Tip program. He showed us how he manages his potting tools and gave many great ideas.

SHOW NEWS: Plans for the show are proceeding. (January 28-30 with early set up Thursday afternoon, January 27) We need to begin to focus on our work. If you sponsored a trophy last year, we

Cattlianthe Wendlandii

need to know if you will sponsor it again. We will expect payment \$20.00 or a gift to be used as a trophy by our December meeting.



We have 5 vendors this year. Florida Star Nurseries, Spring Orchids, Marble Branch Farms, Sheila's Orchids and Hicks Orchids and Supplies. A sales flyer from **Mark at Marble Branch** is attached. **Jodie from Florida Star** has some interesting jewel orchids he will take preorders on. Ludisa discolor 'Alba' (far left) and Ludochilus Sea Turtle (Ludisa discolor x Anoectochilus roxburghii) (near left). Each is \$20.00 and you may contact Jodie at jodishu@gmail.com. **Kent Daniel of Sheila's Orchids** says he will be bringing orchids but also some Cajun Hibiscus which is an LSU



product. Every plant he sells is a top quality, patented hibiscus in a one-gallon pot. These are tropical in nature and must be protected from freezes, but these aren't your average tropical hibiscus. Google them and fall in love!

Ken Hicks from Hicks Orchids and Supplies, hickksj0430@bellsouth.net 407-733-1887, hicksorchidsandsupplies.simdif.com has supplies in stock: plenty of fir bark and the fir bark mixes, coconut chips and fiber, wooden baskets, cork bark and wire products. He may not have them later so call. The good sphagnum moss is on order so call early to reserve your stuff. He will bring it to our show at no extra charge and you pay him when you pick up your order!

So far, we haven't had many confirmations from societies or judges. We will make some contacts early in January once everyone knows the status of the pandemic and also what flowers will be blooming.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

January 28-30, 2022, Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show and Sale, Gautier Convention Center, 2012 Library Lane, Gautier, Miss.

March 25-27, 2022, Calcasieu Orchid Society Show and Sale Historic City Hall down Lake Charles.

March 25-27, 2022, Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale Bellingrath Gardens.

NOTES FROM OUR JUDGING CENTERS: We are lucky to be within a 5-to-6-hour drive to a judging center. Visitors are welcome; bring your best plants for judging.

The **Atlanta Judging Center** - Chair Doug Hartong reports that the Atlanta Judging Center for November in conjunction with the Atlanta Show and Sale. They gave out 7 AOS awards and the AOS Show Trophy. We hope to bring pictures of the show in next month's newsletter.



Paph Perfectly Superb 'Dude' HCC 76 points owned by Mary Mancini



Phrag Beresford 'Catahoula' HCC 79 points owned by Eron Borne



Vanda 'Catahoula Wine' Am 84 points owned by Eron Borne

The **Louisiana Judging Center**, sponsored by the Central Louisiana Orchid Society in Alexandria Louisiana met on November 27 at the Westside Regional Library 5416 Provine Pl, Alexandria. Leader of the group, **Dr. Wilton Guillory Jr.** reports that they had gave out three awards, one is provisional. See the captions of the photos above for the award information. Susan Hathorn was the photographer. The next meeting will be December 18. Guests are welcome. The January meeting will be a Tri-Center meeting with guest speaker Fred Clarke (in person) topics will be judging the Catasetum Alliance and Judging Mimi Cattleyas.

More photos of our Bingo Plants



Den tangerinum



Cattleya Kiritsubo



Dendrobium hancockii



Dendrobium antennatum



Rlc Memoria Gladys Figueroa



Spathoglottis kimbalina



Oncidium twinkle



Dendrobium phalaenopsis



Rlc Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle'