



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**November 12, 2017**

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 2:00** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. **We will meet in a new building and room. Go to G121.** A map is attached to this newsletter. Wear good shoes as this will be a walk. This building is diagonally across the fountain from our usual meeting room in the

cafeteria. You can turn left off Debuys across from the new Hospitality and Resort Management building and park in the closest parking lot or park where you've always parked at the cafeteria and continue walking across the fountain area to room G121. We will try to put some signage out.

Orchids 101 lead by Glen Ladnier will precede the regular meeting at 1:30. The topic will be "Choosing Your Fertilizer Based on Your Water Quality". **We will try to hold Orchids 101 in the social studies area adjacent to G121.**



April 2017 Show and Tell Table

**PROGRAM:** This is the last month to make points for show and tell. We'll spend some time talking about our show and tell process. We'll show you how to make your plant the most striking plant on the table and some tricks for getting the most points. We'd like to hear your thoughts on show and tell. We've always thought that members like to see the plants and that the competition may be one of the things that gets our members to the meetings but is it? We want to know how we can improve.

**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.

**December 10** Second Sunday – Orchid bingo Christmas pot luck luncheon

**January 14, 2018** Second Sunday - Final work session for show.

**February 11, 2018** Second Sunday - Thank you meeting for show. Everyone who worked the show gets a free plant.

**March 11, 2018** Second Sunday – An Introduction to Orchids

**April 15, 2018** Third Sunday - Special Speaker- Courtney Hackney- Growing and Flowering Better Cattleyas.

**May 20, 2018** Third Sunday Banquet Auction

**June 10, 2018** Second Sunday – Glen Ladnier will tell us about raising orchids from seed.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Janet Olier and Sarah Tringle will bring November's refreshments. December's meeting will be a covered dish luncheon, so we will all bring the refreshments! Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions. **We have been advised that there is a sink that we can use in the social studies area adjacent to room G121.**



November's Scary Refreshments

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:**

There were 28 members and one guest present for our October meeting. Thanks to Valerie Scurria and Andra Mladinich for the wonderfully scary refreshments. We had an interesting discussion on winterizing our growing areas. There were 37 plants on the show and tell table. Armand Scurria's Oncidium Sharry Baby won best plant. Grady Holt won the door prize.



Armand and Val Scurria's Onc. Sharry Baby

**DID YOU SIGN UP TO DONATE A TROPHY?** Last month Joy Lorens, our Show Trophy Chair, asked those members who signed up to donate a trophy to **please bring them to the November meeting.** If you prefer that the society provide your trophy; please bring \$20.00 to pay for the trophy. We need this information ASAP for the show schedule and signage for the show. This is a great way to honor someone; many of our members give their trophy in honor or in memory of loved ones. The signage appears in the exhibit, on the trophy card and in the show schedule.

**SHOW NOTES:** Invitations to all the local societies have been sent out. We will start soliciting AOS judges and ribbon judges soon. We are talking with one of our members about making thank you gifts for the judges. We recently went to the Gautier Convention Center to check on any changes and everything is the same. We will spend some time at Sunday's meeting discussing what to do with some of the extra lobby space and what to do on Saturday morning to



Judges and Clerks at our 2017 Show during Ribbon Judging

entertain guests who are waiting for the ribbon judging to end so they can view the exhibits. We will listen to all ideas.

**UPCOMING SHOWS:**

**December 2, 2017** Acadian Orchid Society "57th Annual Short Course", Wyndham Garden Lafayette, 1801 West Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA. Contact Barbara Alexander, 337-208-2026 [alexanderb4094@gmail.com](mailto:alexanderb4094@gmail.com)

**Jan 12-14, 2018** Second World Slipper Orchid Conference, Hilo Hawaii

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



**WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE NO-NAME VANDACEOUS PLANT THAT HAS NEVER BLOOMED?**

Last month Jo Ann brought in a few plants to sell. While putting her plants away for the winter she's found a few more that she'll bring in to sell during the break. She'll also have a very nicely grown lost tag plant that has never bloomed for her to give to the first member who has a place for it and wants it. Just simply call 601-530-8778 or email her. The plant makes spikes every year, but they get no more than an inch high and stop growing. It bloomed for the person who gave it to her many years ago. If you want it and have a warm place for it, you can have it. Jo Ann just could not throw it out but if it doesn't bloom for you then it's ok to toss it.

**DECEMBER MEETING:** Our Christmas covered dish luncheon and Orchid bingo will be Sunday, December 10. Get your recipes ready this is always a fun event. We will play bingo for some nice orchid plants. Every member present will win a plant! We will move the meeting time up to 1:00. P.M. There will be no show and tell or Orchids 101 for the December meeting.

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

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK:** Please do all you can to promote the society by telling all your facebook friends about our January Show. We will have a face book friendly flyer out soon.