



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

December 12, 2010

Merry Christmas everyone! The December Christmas luncheon and orchid bingo will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys. We will meet in the room behind the cafeteria. **We will not have Show and**

Tell or New Growers. There will be no show and Tell because the show and tell table will be full of great eats!

This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo, playing until everyone with a bingo card wins a plant. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Those who bring guests can **buy** bingo cards for their guests. One card per member/guest, please pay our Treasurer, Marilyn Ladnier.

ABOUT THE PLANTS: Last year's bingo plants were awesome. All blooming sized plants in 4" or 5" pots. Yet some of you still complained; so this year Glen is trying a different vendor. The plants will be in later this week so we can't give you a full report; but Glen ordered a mixed box of several genera; there should be a plant to fit everyone's growing needs.

AWARD PLANTS: We will award plants to the top three point winners for the year from our display table, and to the member who brought in the most "best plants". We will then draw names from the list of members who brought in plants during the year for more plants. This is our way of thanking those who went to the trouble of bringing in plants for our display table. You must be present to win the drawing.

Ken Miles will be giving away his wonderful silver plated orchid award to the most special member again this year. This is a nice gesture; Ken does this with his own money; it is not sponsored by the society. Ken decides who deserves his award.

2011 SHOW: Our annual orchid show is set for January 28-30 at Singing River Mall in Gautier. Once again we are offering our members the opportunity to donate trophies. If you have agreed to purchase a trophy from the Society, please give Janet Olier your \$15.00. If you are providing your own trophy please bring it to the December meeting.

JANUARY MEETING: Our January meeting will be a planning session for our show. We need everyone's help to have a great show. We will also discuss the proper way to exhibit a plant. This includes how to clean and stake plants and how to prepare an entry tag.



CARTER AND HOLMES: Many of you may remember Gene Crocker, he was our first special speaker. He and his wife got lost on the way to the meeting and were a couple hours late. The talk was well worth the wait. They are retiring in great health and plan on enjoying their free time. Carter and Holmes sends out one of the best orchid catalogs four times a year. They say they will add our members to their mailing list and give the Society a gift certificate if we send them our membership list. All they want is name and address. They promise they will not resale the list. If anyone objects to the Society sending Carter and Holmes their name and address please tell Jo Ann 601-947-8777; leave a message if no one answers. Or reply to this email.

RATS: More and more of our members are complaining about rodents damaging their orchids. Janet Olier says to use "TomCat All-Weather Block Bait. This time I got 16 of them for \$7.98. It says do not expose to children or pets. Apply to locations out of reach to pets and children. We put them up high, so the dogs don't find them. I like the blocks, because you can look at them and see the bait is used, it doesn't crumble, like the loose stuff, you know right where the bait went. I also set it in a saucer or a terracotta saucer, so none of it can hit the ground (just in case) ; can't be too careful!"



Lc. Maui Plum 'volcano Queen'

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VENDOR LIST FOR 2011 SHOW: As you heard from last month's meeting, we have a lot of different things going on for our 2011 show. That includes vendors. We charge them \$70.00 for the first table and \$50.00 for each additional table. We ask them to donate a nice plant to the show raffle and do a quality, 25' floor exhibit. Vendors are important; the monies they pay us offset the cost of our show.

Sometimes vendors also are certified or student judges as is John Stubbing from Clown Alley and Mary Roberts, John and Linda Bourgeois from Morning Star are student judges. These vendors are especially important as we need certified judges for our AOS judging, a crucial part of our show. Some vendors like James Phillips of Riverbend are good members of the Society and pitch in and work. We appreciated James' help and expertise last year with Thursday set-up!

This year we have four returning vendors and two new vendors plus we have a supply vendor and our dear friend, Mary Roberts, will be selling orchid memorabilia. Below is a list with some of their special deals.

Riverbend Orchids—James Phillips and Morton Engleberg, Biloxi, MS.; James was our special speaker for the October 10, 2010 meeting. They grow the best Phalaenopsis on the coast! Riverbend is a longtime member of the Society.



Clown Alley Orchids—John Stubbing from Pasadena, Texas, has a lot of weird plants like Galeandra batemanii pictured at left. He also sells Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums and Oncidiums, Cycnoches, and Catasetums. If you contact him up to the Wednesday before the show he will bring preordered plants with no shipping charges and give you a 10% discount. (281) 991-6841, Cell (832) 693-8140 clownalley@sbcglobal.net

Sign up for a newsletter; www.clownalleyorchids.com.

Orchids Plus—Malcolm and Pat Huval from Breaux Bridge have a wide variety of plants. They always bring great plants at good prices. They'll have more of those Cattleya cuttings this year. Email them if there's something special you would like: cty28172@centurytel.net

Orchid Retreat—Ashley and Beverly Matherne from Bourg, LA. He is one of the best Cattleya growers in this area. He will have divisions of his personal collection; one or two plants of a kind. He'll also have seasonal blooming plants like compact and standard Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Paphs and more. Ashley and Beverly will have several non-blooming cattleyas also. Such varieties as BC. Cotton Candy "Endless Breeze"- large white with a pink and yellow lip, Blc. Alma Kee 'Tipmalee' - yellow with maroon lip; Blc. Dollie Ann Cole - purple with a dark almost black lip; Blc. George King "Serendipity" - peachy orange/pink; Blc. Sea Swirl 'Mermaid' - large green with a maroon blotch on lip and more like the two plants pictured above. Call him and ask him to hold one for you (985) 594-4050 abmatherne@hotmail.com.



Morning Star Orchids: John and Linda Bourgeois from Thibodeaux, LA. They bought out the Granier collection, so you'll see some awesome blue orchids like the one at left. He has some divisions and seedlings of Granier's plants that are awesome! They'll have Cattleyas, Vandas and Angraecums. Check out their website, just search on Morning Star Orchids or call John at 985-226-0990.

Hicks Orchids: Orlando FL.; this company is run by the son of John Hicks who will be selling orchid supplies. We spoke to him at the Baton Rouge show. He had a great variety of orchids at good prices.

Hicks Supplies: John Hicks of Orlando FL. Here's your chance to get orchid supplies without having to pay an expensive freight bill. We've been giving out their price lists for the last two months; call them and preorder. They sell large 2 cu ft bags of bark and other media. They don't bring many big bags to shows. The way we give out orchids you'll need several bags, call and preorder so you'll have enough supplies to last till next year! 407-493-3064; hicksj0430@bellsouth.net.

Mary Roberts: Mary is from Cantonment, FL; she's a dear friend of our Society. Mary and her late husband were vendors for years. She is a certified orchid Judge and will be judging on Saturday morning. Over the years Mary has collected and won a whole lot of orchid memorabilia. She's downsizing and would like to sell some of it. Buy your trophies for next year from Mary.

MORE GREAT DEALS: Last month Glen sent me CARMELA ORCHIDS November sales special. Now look at the deals offered for December. If you need Christmas gift for your orchid friends here's a nice place to go. Go to www.carmelaorchids.net, 808963-6189.

AOS NEWSLETTER: November's AOS Newsletter was the best one yet. The beginner's series they have been featuring was about repotting this month. There was also an article on cymbidiums which is very timely.

Many of you are members of the AOS and already get the newsletter. If not and you'd like one check out the WWW.AOS.org. If you can't join the AOS but would still like some of the articles; email me and I'll forward them on to you -if I can.



Merry Christmas!