



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

June 11, 2017

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2:00** at the **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 north of the college off Runnymede. The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. The topic is 'Repotting Cymbidiums'. It is time to repot cymbidiums, come to the class – 1:30 sharp and learn how!



Cymbidium Golden Elf; four of these were sold in our May Auction

PROGRAM: June 11, Second Sunday – Robert Stanton, our resident orchid judge, will lead an open judging of our Show and Tell Table. When Robert did open judging of show and tell last year we got great feedback from our members. Some even asked that Robert do an open show and tell multiple times a year.

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.

July 16, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show – Glen

Ladnier will give a talk on semi-hydroponics.

August 13, Second Sunday – Jo Ann will talk about potting orchids.

September 10, Second Sunday – winterizing your orchids. Open discussion.

October 15, Third Sunday - Hopefully a speaker from the speaker's circuit.

November 12, Second Sunday – Open- work meeting for show

December 10 Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 24 members and one guest. Please welcome back Janet Bryant who rejoined. Even though there weren't as many people, hopefully due to bad weather, we had a lot of great food. Wow! We really have some great cooks. We auctioned off a lot of plants; some of you got great deals. The society made \$1029.00 on the orchid auction and Jo Ann brought in a bunch of potted 'dirt' plants which she sold for \$5.00 each and the society made \$65.00 on those. She also brought in some herb plants which she gave away. Since all the plants auctioned were donated that's almost \$1100.00 for the society. Thanks to those who donated plants: Glen Ladnier, Cynthia Oetker, Earl Young and Jo Ann Vaz. Thanks to Glen who served as our auctioneer.

DIRT PLANT SALE: Some of our members asked if they could bring in some of their dirt plant 'extras' to sell at the meetings on behalf of the society. We are thinking that's a great idea. Most of us like all types of plants and some tropicals like bromeliads look good in orchid exhibits. We would not place any restrictions on size or type of plants just any extras you have. We do ask that they be clean and pest free. Anything that does not sell the seller has to take home! We are

thinking that the sale would be probably August? If you're interested and have plants you could sell for the society please contact Jo Ann.



NEW ORLEANS SHOW: Sydney Dyche chaired our 10' exhibit at the New Orleans show with the theme 'A Salute to Orchids'. The exhibit won the Orchid Digest Trophy, Best Society Exhibit for its size trophy and the trophy awarded to the exhibit that had the best interpretation of the theme.

Sydney and Cynthia Oetker got a great idea to salute some of the famous people throughout orchid history. There were some last minute snafus, so we only had 21 plants, yet with Sydney's skills and help from Deborah Bordelon and Richard Crespin they did an award winning exhibit. The exhibit looked awesome. As always thanks to Andra Mladinich who took care of the paperwork although she was very busy that weekend and couldn't come to the show.



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Thanks to Armand and Val Scurria, Chip Lechner, Janice Fabo, Richard Crespin and Jo Ann for sending plants. Jo Ann won Best Grown Cypripedium Alliance plant for her Phrag and Richard won Best Miscellaneous Genera Flower for one of his Catasetums.

Special congratulations go to Richard who also won a HCC/AOS on two of his Catasetums.

GROUP PLANT ORDER – from Jo Ann: Last year after our wholesale group order from Hawaii, a member complained that she would like us to order from someone else. I challenged her to find another vender who would offer the same deals and variety. It's getting late in the season and I have heard no response so I'm wondering if anyone else has any thoughts on our group order - do we do one at all or do one from our usual vendor or has anyone got someone they'd like to order from and could they manage the order. Please let me know as soon as you can via email.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

June 9-11, 2017 Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette, Louisiana

July 7-9, 2017 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show and Sale; Burden Museum and Gardens

September 8-9, 2017 Central Louisiana Orchid Society Show and Sale; Kees Park in Pineville, LA

Oct. 20-23, 2017 Fall Mid America Orchid Congress and Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show and Sale Krohn Conservatory

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



ORCHID NAME: At last month's auction Courtney Thigpen bought a very nice Oncidium type orchid with no name. It had three flower spikes on it with one open. Later she asked Jo Ann for help finding a name. Jo Ann was unsuccessful but Kourtneie did not give up she posted a picture of it and asked for help on the Facebook group orchidhaulics anonymous. Someone was able to identify it with the name Miltonidium Ruffles 'Scent of a Woman' (*Miltonia warcewiczii* x *Oncidium sotoanum*) which appears to be the correct name! Picture at left.



BATON ROUGE SHOW: We have been invited to the Baton Rouge Show July 7-9 at the LSU Burden Center, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge. We have not accepted the invitation as we will need someone to carry the materials and someone to carry plants. We will need a knowledgeable member to help match plants to the paperwork at the show. We will need plants. Please let us know if you can help.

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.

CATASETUMS: Richard Crespin grows a lot of Catasetums. His success at the New Orleans show proves he grows them well. Some of you may not know that Catasetums have separate male and

Ctsm. Penang female flowers. The female flowers aren't seen that much as they are drab. At the show Richard presented one with both male and female flowers. (picture at left)