



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

December 9, 2018

**Merry Christmas everyone!** Our next meeting will be **Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 1:00** 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. There will be no **Show and Tell, raffle or**



Our 2018 bingo plants as they sit in Glen Ladnier's shade house

**Orchids 101.** There will be no Show and Tell because the show and tell tables will be full of great eats and bingo plants!

This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo, playing until everyone wins a plant. We will provide the meat, 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 \$10.00 per card; one card per member/guest. This is less than our cost; you can't buy a nice plant that cheap anywhere around here. **Meeting starts at 1:00 sharp!**

**MORE ABOUT THE BINGO PLANTS:** Once again Glen got some outstanding plants from our friend at Island Sun Orchids in Hawaii. There should be something for everyone in the wonderful collection of plants Glen purchased for the society. More about plants later in this newsletter.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Some of the following programs may change. We are looking for programs for 2019. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann. We are trying to bring in several speakers both local and out of the areas to speak and sell plants during the upcoming year.

**January 13, 2019** Second Sunday - Show Prep. Short program on what to look for when buying an orchid including the importance of really reading the name tag before the purchase!

**February 10, 2019** Second Sunday - Show Thank You Party & Critique of Show.



A sibling to one of our Christmas plants Rlc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'JC/AOS (C. Moscombe x Rhy digbyana). Our plants will look similar and may even be better!

Everyone that works our show gets a free plant. **Leftover plants will be sold at Break.** Short demo on caring for your plant now that you've bought it.

## UPCOMING SHOWS:

**Jan 25-27, 2019** Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center.

**March 1-3** Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale, Bellingrath Gardens

**April 12-14, 2019** Acadian Orchid Society Orchid Show, Ira Nelson Ctr. Lafayette, LA

**April 12-14, 2019** Central Louisiana Orchid Society Spring Show Kees Park Community Center  
2450 Highway 28E Pineville, LA

**July 12-14, 2019** Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show



Another bingo plant, *Dendrobium aberrans*, a species found growing in Papua and New Guinea. These are very cute small growing plants that fill up with flowers very fast. Ideal for window sill culture if grown on humidity tray, dry out a little in winter.



*Dendrobium hancockii* a species native to China. The plants look like little pots of funny grass. Dry out a little in winter and in the spring you'll have loads of these pretty honey scented flowers.

**AWARD PLANTS:** We will award plants to the top three-point winners for the year from our display table and award a plant 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 and they'll get a plant. This is our way of thanking those who went to the trouble of bringing in plants for the display table. You must be present to win the drawing. Glen Ladnier will give a very nice plant to the member he feels is the most improved grower.

For our new members, we keep track of all plants brought in for show and tell during the year. If 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 more points and if it wins first place it gets three more points. If you only brought

in one plant during the year and you are present for the drawing you will be eligible for the drawing.

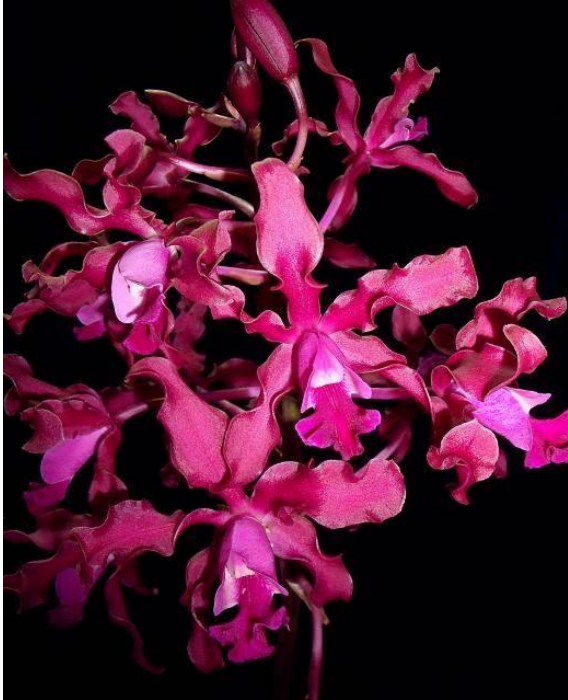
**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** We had 25 members and one guest Richard Crespin's young grand-niece, Aurora Fulton. Thanks to Sara Holloway for that delicious cake she brought in to supplement the society supplied refreshments. Sydney Dyche did a power point presentation and talk on 'How to Keep Track of Your Orchids'. She supplied us with information needed to find some very useful apps that will help us get organized. Thank you, Sydney! There were 28 plants on the show and tell table. Jo Ann's *Coelogyne rochussenii* won best plant. Valerie Scurria won the door prize.

**OUR 2019 SHOW Jan 25-27, 2019 SHOW CHAIR REPORT:** This year we will have 6 vendors, Florida Star Nurseries, Spring Orchids, Marble Branch Farms, Sheila's Orchids, Orchids and Tropicals, LLC and Bros Orchids. Riverbend will not sell but they will do an exhibit. We also have one private exhibit, an educational exhibit and one other society exhibit committed. So, it looks like we will have an outstanding 2019 show. Space



may be tight; we are wondering how much space to reserve for our Orchids in Use exhibit. If you plan on entering in these categories, please let Jo Ann know.

Please spread the news about our show. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with all the times and dates. Please post it or a copy of it on any billboards you may see. Email it to your friends. Chip Lechner will be sending out some awesome colored flyers very soon that we would like you to put on your face book page. Please help us make this coming show the best yet.



**Myrmecocattleya Memorial Louise Fuchs 'Dajao' AM/AOS ( Myrmecophilaaka Schomburkigia tibicinis x C. bicolor) This is a sibling of our bingo plant. Since 2002 14 of these have been awarded including one FCC, the highest award for flower quality given out.**

15 for double membership and then \$5.00 for each extra person living at the same location. New memberships get a free plant one plant per membership only. Dues cannot be paid at our shows; if you cannot attend the meeting send your check to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.



**Thecopus secunda, species found from Borneo to Malaya, small growing. Plant in a basket so the flowers can hang down over the edges.**

**2019 CHANGES:** We'd like to thank everyone who has volunteered to do refreshments for the society in 2019. Gayle Green-Aquirre got the job. Job it is too! We will supply Gayle with a budget of around \$25.00 each month to bring refreshments for our regular meetings.

2019 is also an election year, as soon as we get the 2019 show wrapped up, we will appoint a committee to come up with a slate of officers. If you are a current officer, please consider whether you'd like to continue or not and please let the board know so we can tell our committee what positions they need to fill. Our society is led by a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary and three elected board members, plus some other board members who serve on the board because of the service they do for the society. If you feel you can help the society fill one of these positions, please let one of our current officers know.

**MEMBERSHIP NOTES:** Dues will be due at our January 2019 meeting. Dues are \$10.00 per single membership, 15 for double membership and then \$5.00 for each extra person living at the same location. New memberships get a free plant one plant per membership only. Dues cannot be paid at our shows; if you cannot attend the meeting send your check to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS BINGO PLANTS:** We will offer 38 different types of plants, with several plants of each type available. Cattleya types, Dendrobiums, Vandaceous, some miscellaneous species, a couple Oncidium types, one Phragmipedium and one Phalaenopsis type. Remember we'll have multiples of each so don't worry if someone bingos before you and gets the plant you wanted. Some of the

initials for the genera on the labels may be different as they are changing, and growers can't keep relabeling their plants. The list is attached to this newsletter. We've tried to add the parents to the list, so you can look up some of the parents to see what the offspring may look like.

**THANKS TO AOS:** Most of the pictures in this newsletter were taken from Orchids Plus which is a product of the American Orchid Society (AOS). Some of the information about these plants also came from Orchids Plus and from Jay's Internet Orchid Species Website. Both are very useful tools for any orchidist. Jay's Internet Orchid Species Website is free and Orchids Plus has a minimal charge of about \$58.00 a year for two copies. Go to [AOS.com](http://AOS.com) for more info.



**Brassidium Nittany Gold**



**Cattleya labiata var amesianum**



**Blc Hawaiian Effect**



**Lc. Waianae Leopard**



**Zygo Blue Blazes**



**Dendrobium Tiny Twister**