



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

April 9, 2017

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, April 9, 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

“Before You Plant That Orchid!” This will be a timely, interesting program.

PROGRAM: April 9 – Cynthia Oetker will discuss her growing techniques. She'll present a power point presentation with lots of wonderful pictures of her orchids and growing area. Cynthia is an exceptional grower; she was our top point earner for the 2016 Show and Tell table with 131 points and was in a three way tie for the most Best Plants.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same. As you can see we have a few open dates. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

May 21, Third Sunday 1:00 pm covered dish banquet, installation of

officers and orchid auction. Bring a dish and get some great plants for a

Cynthia at one of our meetings
good price! Starts at 1:00!

June 11, Second Sunday – Robert Stanton will host open judging of our Show and Tell Table.

July 16, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show – Glen Ladnier will give a talk on semi-hydroponics.

August 13, Second Sunday – open possibly a program on potting.

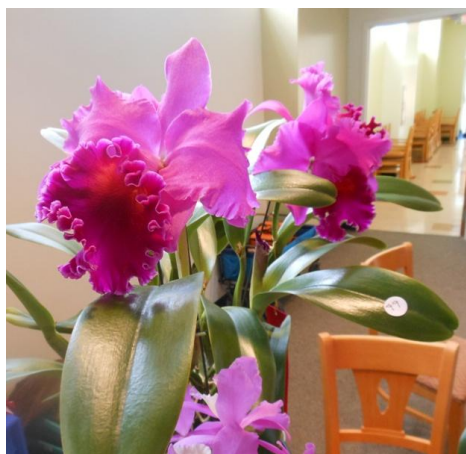
September 10, Second Sunday - open

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

REFRESHMENTS: April's refreshments for will be provided by Janet Bridges and Becky Jolly-Wood. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions. We ask that you bring something light. The society provides the drinks, paper products and utensils.



LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 31 members present including new member, Debbie Massie from Gulfport. Please welcome Debbie when you see her this Sunday. Charles and Judy Bush provided the refreshments. The program was on plant care and left over plants from the February meeting were sold. There were 54 plants on the show and tell table with Charles and Judy Rush's Rlc Sanyung Ruby at left winning best plant. Richard Crespini won the door prize.

NATIVE ORCHIDS: Mark your calendars on May 20, 2017 at 10:a.m. Glen Ladnier will talk on Native Orchids of South Mississippi and lead a native orchid walk at Crosby Arboretum in Picayune. There will be a \$5.00 fee for non members of the arboretum with proceeds going to the Arboretum. Glen is very knowledgeable about all things orchid and exceptionally so on our native orchids. Many will be in full bloom so please make your reservations



now; register by May 19; 601-799-2311. Do you see the native orchids in the photo at left? Hint – they are called Grass Pinks!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: At the April meeting we will hold election of officers. All our current elected officers have agreed to remain in place. We have one board member, appointed by our President to fill our ex-President's seat. And two other board members who are there because of the work they do for the society. The updated list of officers for the next two years follows:

President – Becky Jolly-Wood - elected

Vice-President – Dave Perry - elected

Treasurer- Marilyn Ladnier - elected

Reporting Secretary – Sydney Dyche - elected

Corresponding Secretary – Jo Ann Vaz - elected

Immediate Past President – declined - President appointed – Gayle Green/Acquirre

Three board members voted for two year term – Andra Mladinich, Janet Olier, and Robert Stanton

Board member by Office: Webmaster: Chip Lechner, AOS Rep Joy Lorens and Show Chair: already filled by existing officer



GARDEN FESTIVAL IN PASS CHRISTIAN: The society has been invited to appear at the Garden Festival at Oak Crest Mansion 5267 Menge Ave, Pass Christian, MS. This is a 1920's home on 12 acres (photo at left) that has become a bed and breakfast. They will be holding their first annual Garden Festival from 11:00 am to 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 30, 2017. Admission is \$5.00. We will be inside the grand ballroom (photo at bottom left) which is also the eating area for the event café. We will have 2 - 8' tables which we will cover and hopefully with your help fill with orchids.



The plan is to recreate our meeting show and tell table there with no point scoring, with members who will greet the public, talk about the society and talk about orchids. You don't have to be knowledgeable just talk about what you grow, where you get your plants and how you've learned to care for them. This will be easy; if you bring the same quality plants you bring to our meetings. We must be set up by 10:40 am. We can start setting up and bringing in plants around 10:00 am. We will get a few free passes which we will make available to those who volunteer to stay the entire time, come early to set up and bring plants.

We'll make more plans at Sunday's meeting.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

April 21-23, 2017 Calcasieu Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 715 Kirkman, Lake Charles, LA.

May 17-21, 2017 Spring Members Meeting, American Orchid Society, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, Coral Gables Fl. Held in conjunction with the Redlands International Orchid Festival.

June 2-4, 2017 New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeview Mall. **We will do a 10' exhibit.**

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

July 7-8, 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

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

MORE ON SPRING MEMBERS MEETING: Event registration is still open for the AOS Spring 2017 Members' Meeting. Event and hotel reservation link: [American Orchid Society Spring 2017 Members Meeting](#) is on the AOS website. It's being held at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, home of the AOS, in Coral Gables, Florida, on May 17-21, 2017, in conjunction with Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead, Florida, which is an event beloved by many orchid enthusiasts. Special hotel rates are available but quantities are limited, so book now before it's too late. Space is limited and filling quickly so we encourage you to make reservations. Events at the spring meeting include - Art Exhibit - "Orchids through the Artists' Eyes"; Exclusive Orchid Festival Preview Event; Unique Speaker Experience with Orchid Experts and you can visit the phenomenal AOS Orchid Library Collection.

THANK YOU NOTES: We've received some thank you notes that we like to share with our members. We made a donation to the American Orchid Society in memory of Byron McGraw and received a wonderful thank you note from his wife, Doris. Byron was an accredited orchid judge and he and Doris helped us with our shows for many years.



Judges beginning to work at our show. Left to right: Aileen Garrison, Susan Wilson, Charles Wilson, Lowell Jacks, Mary Roberts, Barney Garrison and our own Robert Stanton standing behind table.

We made a donation to the Atlanta Judging Center to thank the MAOC judges from the Atlanta area that make up the majority of our judges each year for our show. Barney Garrison is Treasurer of the Atlanta Judging Center and in his letter to us he says: "Your society is special, full of generous, caring individuals who consistently go out of our way to show appreciation for the judges.

We are proud of this long, pleasant relationship that has existed between

members of your society and our judges, and we look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve you in the future." The society could not have an AOS accredited show without our wonderful judges and for them to say such great things about us is awesome!

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.

DON'T FORGET: Check out our website, gcorchids.org and like us on facebook.