

Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

March 9, 2014



The GCOS exhibit

The March meeting will be held Sunday, March 9, 2014 at **2:00 P.M.** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner on Runnymede Rd just off Debuys; north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room on the north side of the school.

In lieu of a formal Orchids 101 class, Glen Ladnier will be available from 1:15P.M. to 1:50P.M. to talk about the plants we ordered from Hawaii. He will speak on their care and flower quality and answer questions. Please attend Glen's talk so you can make an intelligent and quick selection of your free plant and can later buy plants that will grow well under your conditions. Orchids 101 will resume its normal time, 1:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., for the April meeting where Glen will speak on 'Australian Terrestrial Orchids'



Workers taking a break

MARCH PROGRAM: We do not have a formal program scheduled for March. We will have a "Rewards Session" for all our show workers as our way of saying thanks. Anyone that **WORKED** our show will get a free plant; hopefully we'll be able to call out names in order of those who worked the most down to those who worked the least. Don't worry; we are ordering lots of great plants most in spike! Also some of our board members are working on an orchid surprise.

It is wonderful how our members can see a job that needs doing and do it without being told! After all the workers get their free plants the remaining plants will be available for all to **BUY**. We'll have some great plants for sale. Please bring a box with your name on it for your new plants. Our meetings get hectic; it is very easy to lose orchids if they are not corralled in a box or crate. We do not take credit cards; we do take cash or checks made out to GCOS.

The winner of the dessert bake off will be announced. They will get a free first pick of all our sale plants!

We also need to plan for the Pensacola show which is the weekend after our March meeting.

REFRESHMENTS: March's refreshments will provided by Dave and Vicki Perry. Janet Bridges and Valerie Scurria will provide April's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or to change your date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640. Remember the society provides the drinks and paper items. All you need to bring is some sort of refreshment and please keep it light!



FUTURE PROGRAMS:

April 13, 2014 We will have a special speaker, Weyman Bussey, a well known grower and importer of Central and South American orchids will talk to us about these plants. He will bring plants to sell.

May 18, 2014 This is our covered dish lunch and orchid auction. This meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. and go on until we run out of plants or money.

June 8, 2014 June is a good time to repot orchids. Jo Ann has been working on a power point program for potting Cattleyas. We'll see the photos and then she'll repot a Cattleya so you can see how she does it!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: We spent most of the meeting last month planning the show which, although small, went very well. Thirty-two members and one guest signed the guestbook. We had 27 plants on the show and

tell table. Dr. Walter Taylor's Dendrobium Memoria Dipper Nishi (above left) won Best Plant and Vicki Sells won the door prize.

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. See Chip Lechner if you want an orchid shirt, they have some new orchid patterns. Cost is \$15.00 for an orchid and the society name and \$3.00 for your name. You supply the shirt.



MORE ABOUT THE SHOW: The show raffle made \$358.00 which is a record. Thanks to Beryl Davis and Janis Zuleeg who headed up the raffle and thank you to all the ones who worked the raffle table. Most of the vendors sold out and Orchid Retreat reported they sold more than they ever had at any of our shows. Some of the things we tried worked; others didn't. Our hours need to be tweaked and the layout needs to be flipped. If any of you have any suggestions please bring them up at the meeting.

One of our members, Beverly Stephens entered her amazing Cymbidium sinense photo above left, in the Mobile exhibit. It had over 240 blooms and won a 95 point CCE/AOS which is something very rare. One judge told me that the plant was almost perfect!



Glen Ladnier's little bug, Oprys speculum, at left won a CHM of 86 points.

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows

Feb 28-March 2 2014 Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale, Mobile Botanic Gardens

March 14 -16, 2014 Greater Pensacola Orchid Society Show

March 21-23, 2014 Terrebonne Orchid Society Show, South Land Mall, Houma, Louisiana

May 16-18 Memphis Orchid Soc. Show, Memphis Botanic Gardens, Memphis

Sept. 10-14, 2014 World Orchid Conference Johannesburg, South Africa

DO WE OWE YOU MONEY? Some of you may have bills for show expenses. If you do remember these two things; we reimburse only for items that we asked you to provide and food bills must be approved by Andra. All other bills should be approved by Becky. Don't bring in a bunch of receipts, write a note with an explanation of items and a total and attach receipts.



Members working on exhibit

2015 SHOW: That's right 2015! We still haven't decided on a date for the 2015 show. We have reserved the Convention Center for Superbowl weekend 2015, January 29 to Feb 1. The game will be in Phoenix and the kick off time will be 6:30 ET. The early date is because Mardi Gras is four weeks early in 2015 and getting a place is going to be hard. Some people have suggested moving our annual show to October. To make such a drastic move we need to have more members involved. Please let us know your thoughts. Should we move to a completely different month?

DUES ARE DUE: It's time to renew your dues for 2014. Dues are \$10 for single and an additional \$5.00 for each other member living at the same address. First time members get only one free plant per address; not one per person. There is no free plant for renewals. Dues can be paid at the meeting or you can mail them to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.

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Rhy gigantea 'Jo Ann's Valentine' AM/AOS
awarded at our show

MOBILE SHOW: the Mobile Area Orchid Society Show is this weekend, February 28 to March 2 at the Mobile Botanical Garden, 5151 Museum Dr. The show opens at noon each day and closes at 5:00 on Friday and Saturday and 4:00 on Sunday.



Members looking at show and tell plants

CULTURE TIP: The best culture tip anyone can give is to learn, learn about your plants: how their ancestors grew in nature and how they grow for other people in your area with your conditions. Joining your local orchid Society is a good step. You'll meet new growers, with one or two plants and big growers with huge greenhouses full of orchids. At the Gulf Coast Orchid Society, you'll meet a good variety of people but we all have one thing in common – a love of orchids! Come to our meetings when you can, you don't have to join. Don't be shy; ask us how we grow our orchids. Come visit our growing areas. We'd all love to help.

BYLAWS CHANGE AND CORRECTION: In order to make the right decisions about our annual show and other problems of the society, we need as many people on the board as possible. For the last twenty or thirty years both the AOS Rep and the Show Chairman have been members of the board already so our board has been limited in size. To be an AOS Rep all you need is to be a member of the AOS. Jo Ann is our AOS Rep, her phone number, email address and home address are listed in all AOS publications under our Society name. She gets regular AOS updates via email and in turn puts that in the newsletter. If one of you is a member of the AOS and would like to be AOS Rep and help us with the day to day decisions of the society, please see Jo Ann at the meeting.

We would also like to make some changes to the bylaws to create two new board members. The job of newsletter editor has become huge! It falls under the job of our Secretary. We would like to divide the Secretary's duties into a Recording Secretary, one who takes the minutes of the meetings and reports them to the board and a Corresponding Secretary, one who edits the newsletter. That person would also update the member's call list. Both Secretaries would be on the board. The other change is to make the society's webmaster a member of the board. Below are the Bylaws as they stand now and the suggested changes that we may possibly make with your vote.

Current:

THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES who shall constitute the whole board shall be eight; the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, and three Trustees, who shall be elected for a two year term, the AOS representative and the show chairperson shall be designated members of the board of Trustees by the power of their office.

Normally the President, after serving a term of two years, goes on the Board for two years. When the President succeeds himself in office, the Board vacancy shall be filled for two years by an appointee of the President.

Five Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

THE SECRETARY shall conduct the correspondence of the society and shall keep copies of the same. The Secretary shall keep a record of all members of the society with their last known address. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings in accordance with these bylaws. He shall have general charge of the records of the society. He shall perform such clerical duties as he may be called on by the President to do.

THE BY-LAWS MAY BE ALTERED or amended at any time provided that such alteration or amendment shall be presented in writing at one meeting and passed upon at a subsequent meeting by a majority vote of the members present; and provided further that such amendment is not in conflict with the charter of incorporation.

Suggested Changes:

THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES who shall constitute the whole board shall be nine; the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, and three Trustees, who shall be elected for a two year term, the AOS representative, Web Master and the show chairperson shall be designated members of the board of Trustees by the power of their office.

Normally the President, after serving a term of two years, goes on the Board for two years. When the President succeeds himself in office, the Board vacancy shall be filled for two years by an appointee of the President.

Six Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY shall conduct the correspondence of the society and shall keep copies of the same. He shall perform such clerical duties as he may be called on by the President to do. He shall have general charge of the records of the society.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: shall keep a record of all members of the society with their last known address. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings in accordance with these bylaws. He shall forward all records of the Society to the Recording Secretary.

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MORE SHOW PHOTOS: All photos in this newsletter are by Chip Lechner, Janice Fabo and Lexie Mitchell. Thanks to all of you for all your work. The show would not have been such a success without you.



Saturday morning judging



Pat from Orchids Plus making a sale



Janis and Beryl, our raffle leaders



Hospitality room on Saturday