



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

May 3, 2015

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, May 3, 2015 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. This is our annual orchid auction and *eatin' meetin'*. There will be **NO ORCHIDS 101** meeting and **NO Show and Tell**.

**PROGRAM:** We have an early date this year, **May 3**, because some of our members were going to the Redlands



2014 May Auction

Orchid show in Florida on our regular date. This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid auction **starting at 1:00**. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Guests are welcome. We'll auction many beautiful plants (some will be in bloom or bud) most donated by members. In the past years members have gotten some extremely good bargains. We'll have two auctioneers, one spelling the other so things will go fast and be lots of fun! **Bring a box or crate to carry your purchases home. Make checks out to GCOS or bring cash... no credit cards.**

If you have plants you'd like to donate to the auction, call Glen Ladnier at 228-392-0919. It is important that you call so he can coordinate the number of plants available for sale.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Please let us know if there is a topic you wish us to cover.

**June 14, 2015** This will be another fun meeting. The members who went to the Redlands Orchid Show will do a show and tell of their trip.

**July 19, 2016** Jodie Schumaker from Florida Star Nurseries will speak with us and bring plants to sell. Jodie was an orchid vendor at our show and also sold some wonderful ferns, bromeliads and other non orchid tropicals.



**NATIVE PLANTS:** Gayle Green-Aguirre sent this in. "It was in the May issue of **Mississippi Gardener** and thought it might be of interest to some of our members. I have copied the info as written."

**May 23: Picayune  
Native Orchids of South Mississippi  
Crosby Arboretum**

*Calopogon tuberosus*

**Learn to recognize and enjoy many of the 30 species of orchids native to the Gulf Coast.**

**There are many interesting species, which are often overlooked by everyone but the most avid orchid grower. Glen Ladnier, long-time orchid enthusiast and member of the Gulf Coast Orchid Society, will discuss habitats, plant and flower characteristics, and touch on common Conservation techniques. Members free; non-members \$5. Register by May 22. 10-11am. For more information or to register, call 601-799-2311 (Wed-sun) or visit [Crosbyarboretum.msstate.edu](http://Crosbyarboretum.msstate.edu)**

**UPCOMING SHOWS:** Here's a list of local shows

**May 29-31** New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeside Shopping Center, Metairie, LA contact: Marian Prigmore 504-810-9832. The theme is "**A Symphony of Orchids.**"

**June 13-14** Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale, Ira Nelson Horticultural Center, Lafayette, LA.

**July 10 -12** Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show and Sale, Baton Rouge Garden Center

**NEW ORLEANS SHOW:** Our president and exhibit coordinator, Becky Jolly-Wood, has signed us up for a 50 sq. ft exhibit space at the New Orleans show. While it is almost a month away, save the date and start staking and grooming potential award winners. The New Orleans show is the only show in our area that Hick Supplies attends so this is a great chance for members to stock up on supplies.

Becky will need members who will assist her with the exhibit and those with ideas for the theme, "**A Symphony of Orchids**", to contact her, [bjwzoo@aol.com](mailto:bjwzoo@aol.com) or 228-474-2500.

Andra Mladinich will do the green cards and will send out an email with dates and times closer to the show date.

**RULES FOR AWAY SHOW TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT:** The number of orchid shows that our society participates in



**One of our award winning exhibits**

has dwindled from 10 shows a year to 4 shows this year. Our method of doing exhibits has changed. Then only one or two members did our away exhibits. The exhibit size was never more than 10 feet and quite often only five sq. ft. The people that did our exhibits usually had large vehicles and carried all the plants and supplies; gas was cheap and although the society offered a small reimbursement very few members ever sought it.

Now things have changed, few people have vans, we do a minimum of a 50 sq. ft. exhibit and gas is expensive. Under Becky Jolly-Wood's guidance

the society has won two very prestigious Silver Certificates for exhibits. With the props, staging equipment and material needed to do these exhibits, we've asked many members to carry supplies or plants for the society. We offer a token reimbursement for some of their gas. Below is the actual wording for reimbursement for away shows. (We do not reimburse for home shows).

There has been some question on how to seek reimbursement for carrying show supplies so we're asking that **you carry society supplies to and from our away shows and you want some reimbursement , submit your gasoline bill (a gasoline receipt for gas used not to exceed one fill-up) no later than the meeting immediately following the show.** Give the bill to Becky to initial and then give it to Marilyn. Once she gets all the bills she will write each of you a check.



**Phal. schilleriana for auction**

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Operating Instructions - Simple guidelines not cast in stone like the Bylaws

Updated July 2013

1. Anyone who brings a substantial amount of supplies to an away show (not a few milk crates or a tray of plants or his own plants) because the exhibit coordinator asks them then they will get reimbursed for a maximum of one tank of gas. If the mileage between their home and the exhibit place and or the storage locker is less than the amount of gas for a fill up then they only should submit a bill for the gas used one way! The exhibit coordinator must approve all bills and they must then be initialed by the president. If a worker does not want money then they should not submit a bill. This is usually limited to a total of \$100.00 for each show which is split between all carriers.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** Thirty members attended our March meeting. Joy Lorens brought in the refreshments. Sydney Dyche was elected our new Recording Secretary, Jo Ann Vaz will continue on as Reporting Secretary doing the newsletter. All other officers were re-elected for another two years.

Jo Ann Vaz gave a program which was basically a show and tell of the Phalaenopsis species she had blooming at the time. She brought in about ten species and Robert Stanton brought in two and members got the chance to become familiar with these plants. Jo Ann also brought in her cedar log which had various orchids growing on it including two blooming Phalaenopsis species.



**Judy's Lc. Byron Wheeler**

Twenty-five plants were on the Show and Tell table brought in by 12 members. Judy Chinsee's Lc. Bryon Wheeler 'Grandson' won best plant. Andra Mladinich won the door prize.

Jo Ann donated a blooming Phalaenopsis schilleriana to the society which was auctioned off by Dave Perry for \$70.00. The plant is now owned by Sydney Dyche.

Ashley Guckian donated a coffee pot to the society and now we will have coffee to go with our refreshments.

**UPDATE ON OUR FRIENDS:** Vicki Perry has had a knee replacement. Earl Young is doing much better and attended last month's meeting. Walter Taylor is holding his own with his battle with cancer.

**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.

**MAOC ESSAY CONTEST:** The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on "My Most Exciting Orchid-Related Experience" -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than September 1, 2015, to Doris Asher ([asherdoris@juno.com](mailto:asherdoris@juno.com)) -- winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting on September 27, 2015, location to be announced. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of the Congress's newsletter, The Mid-American. For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).

**PLANTS FOR OUR AUCTION:** Since most of our plants are being donated we don't have a list as yet. Walter Taylor has generously donated 49 Cymbidium plants and around 20 bare root Cattleya divisions some of which we will auction.

Here is a list of some of the plants Jo Ann is donating:

Several blooming Phals

C. maxima var coerulea division of my best very nice in nice pot with buds in sheath

C. loddigessi division of my best just going out of bloom 6" pot

C. Hailstorm in 8" pot

Lc Ken Battle 8" pot

L. alaorii in 4" basket

B. Morning Glory in 8" basket

Bard. Nambo Pixi 4" pot

Epidendrum pseudoepidendrum small division

Vanda tessellata species from Motes Orchids, top cut, bare root: this is a cross between a black and a blue tessellata and is very fragrant.



**One of Walter's Cymbidiums**



**Vanda tessellata 'Wink' grown by Motes (AOS pic)**



**Jo Ann's loddigessi**