



Gulf Coast Orchid Society

December 13, 2009

The December Christmas luncheon and orchid bingo will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, 2008 **at 1:00 P.M.** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the room **behind the cafeteria**. Go north past the college and turn left. **We will not have Show and Tell.**

This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo, playing until everyone with a bingo card wins a plant. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Those who bring guests can **buy** bingo cards for their guests. One card per member/guest please. Pay our Treasurer, Marilyn Ladnier. Glen Ladnier says the plants are in. He got them from Exotic Orchids of Maui, www.mauiorchids.com, and reports they are very nice. All the Phals are in spike, and the rest of the plants are robust and healthy. Many of the plants are species. He even managed to get a few Paphs. Plan to come a little early to scope out your choices. At left is one of exotic Orchids of Maui's specials, Lc. Allen Condo x Blc. Malworth.



Remember we have tidiness issues; bring a box with a solid bottom for your plants so bark won't fall on the floor. If you make a mess clean it up and please don't drop any pies on the floor! (Last year I tripped over the oven door and dropped a pie!)

AWARD PLANTS: We will award plants to the top three point winners for the year from our display table, and 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 for more plants. This is our way of thanking those who went to the trouble of bringing in plants for our display table. You must be present to win the

drawing. Ken Miles will be giving away his wonderful gold plated orchid award to the most special member again this year. This is a nice gesture; Ken does with his own money; it is not sponsored by the society. Ken decides who deserves his award.

2010 SHOW: Our annual orchid show is set for January 29-31 at Singing River Mall in Gautier. Once again we are offering our members the opportunity to donate trophies. If you have agreed to purchase a trophy from the Society, please give Janet Olier your \$15.00. If you are providing your own trophy please, have it at the December meeting or make arrangements with Jo Ann Vaz. Jo Ann will have the completed list for donors to edit. If she doesn't ask you; please ask her to let you see the proof in order to make sure it is correct. These names will be printed in our schedule and will be on display in the exhibits and on a list of donors.

JANUARY MEETING: Our January meeting will be a planning session for our show. Show Chairman, John Lewis has some new ideas this year. We need everyone's help to have a great show. A list of vendors is attached. Some offer discounts if you call ahead and order plants from them to be picked up at the show. We will also discuss the proper way to exhibit a plant in our show. This includes how to clean and stake plants and how to prepare an entry tag.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Unfortunately Bobby Chauvin from ABC Orchids in Lafayette, LA will not be selling plants in our show this year. Instead he will come to our February 14th meeting to talk about basic orchid care with an emphasis on mounting small growing orchids. He will bring plants to sell. Most of you know Bobby; he is one of the most talkative, knowledgeable vendors we've had. If you miss our February meeting you will miss a great opportunity to learn about orchids and to purchase some great plants.

2010 Program Schedule.

January 10 Second Sunday – Planning session for show - Cafeteria
February 14 Second Sunday - Bobby Chauvin, ABC Orchids – Cafeteria
March 14 Second Sunday - Mark Rose, Breckenridge Orchids – Native Orchids Southeastern U.S. - G-121
April 11, Second Sunday - Larry Hennessey – Bulbophyllums – G121
May 16, third Sunday - Lunch/plant auction – Cafeteria
June 13 Second Sunday – Earl Bailey, Orchidbabies – Paphs and Phrags Room -121
July 18, Third Sunday - Glen Ladnier – Potting Media – Cafeteria
August 8, Second Sunday - Benevolent Sale – Cafeteria
September 12 Second Sunday – open – Cafeteria
October 10, Second Sunday – James Phillips, Riverbend Orchids – Phalaenopsis - Cafeteria
November 14, Second Sunday – Tricks and Gadgets – Cafeteria
December 12 Second Sunday – Lunch and Bingo - Cafeteria

Vendor List for 2010 Show

Riverbend Orchids---James Phillips and Morton Engleberg, Biloxi, MS. Phalaenopsis Check out this website www.phals.com for some basic growing instructions and great info on orchids. James will be our special speaker for the October 10, 2010 meeting.

Martin Orchids---A wide variety of genera, orchid mixes, and supplies. Call Martha if you need supplies before the show. She always has something unusual for the veteran grower. (850) 623-6100, Cell (850) 449-8192
martinorchids@bellsouth.net



Clown Alley Orchids-John Stubbing, based in Pasadena, Texas, he does a lot of breeding with Galeandra. He also sells Dendrobiums and Oncidiums, and maybe some Cynoches, and Catasetums. If you contact him up to the Wednesday before the show he will bring preordered plants with no shipping charges and give you a 10% discount. (281) 991-6841, Cell (832) 693-8140 clownalley@sbcglobal.net

Right now Clown Alley has a special; get seedlings similar to the plant on the left, Doritis pulcherrima champorensis 'Clown Alley 2' for \$2.77 each. There are three different varieties available. You have to order 9 plants, so that's 9 seedlings for \$25.00 and the shipping is free. These are small bare-root babies that need to go into a 2.5" or 3" pot.

J & P Orchids---Jim and Pam Saxton are from the Pensacola Orchid Society. They will have a lot of nice Cattleya hybrids. (850) (850) 455-9548 saxtonjp@cox.net

Orchids Plus---Pat Huval from Breaux Bridge has a wide variety of plants. cty28172@centurytel.net

Orchid Retreat---Ashley and Beverly Matherne from Bourg, LA. He is one of the best Cattleya growers in this area. A lot of his plants will be divisions of his collection. Many will be the large-flowering type. (985) 594-4050
abmatherne@hotmail.com



Orchidbabies---Phyllis and Earl Bailey from Brierfield, Al. Some of the best phrags and paphs anywhere. They do their own breeding. www.orchidbabies.com phone 205-665-5650. Order from them prior to the show and they will bring them to the show with no shipping. At left is Phrag. Inca Fire 'Orcidbabies' AM/AOS Earl will be our special speaker for our June 13, 2010 meeting.