



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

October 14, 2018

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, October 14, 2018 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. Glen's topic will be: "Terrestrial Orchids! That's right, there are many orchids that grow naturally in the ground. Join Glen at 1:30 to learn more about these amazing orchids.

PROGRAM: This month will be a "mini, mini" show. Before the meeting, we'll set up two small exhibits and select a team of ribbon judges and clerks to judge the plants in the two exhibits. You'll be given schedules and plant lists so you can compare your judging skills to our judges. To make the meeting even more like a real show, Jo Ann will bring in plants from her greenhouse to sell during the break. Because our shows are known for our hospitality, we'll step up our refreshments a bit.

Please plan to attend, hopefully you'll learn more about orchids, the meeting will be fun, the sale plants will be very reasonable and the refreshments – well they will be better!

Remember to bring a box or crate for your new treasures. If you spill some bark, please clean it up! Cash or check please – no credit cards!

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.

November 11, Second Sunday Sydney Dyché "How to Keep Track of your Orchids"

January 13, 2019 Second Sunday - Show Prep

February 10, 2019 Second Sunday - Show Thank You Party & Critique of Show. Everyone that works our show gets a free plant

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Oct. 26-28, 2018 Calcasieu Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Good Shephard Episcopal Church, 715 Kirkman, Lake Charles, LA.

Oct. 26-28, 2018 Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting hosted by the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas <http://www.kcorchidshow.org>

Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2018 The American Orchid Society 2018 Fall Members Meeting is being held in conjunction with the International Slipper Orchid Symposium in Apopka, Florida.



Habenaria medusa is a terrestrial orchid found growing in hot Asian grasslands. It requires a long dry winter to bloom.



Dec.1, 2018 Louisiana Short Course, Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette, LA Barbara Alexander; alexanderb4094@gmail.com

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

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

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: Welcome guest Linda Smatzny. Richard Crespin brought in the awesome LTD spot lights that he made for our exhibits. He showed us how to set them up and take them down and even made a carry container for them. Thank you, Richard! He'll also purchase materials needed to add a dimmer to the lights. Jo Ann's Phragmipedium Richard Lemay, pearcei x Sorcerer's Apprentice) pictured at left, won best plant and Jennifer Wlodarczk won the door prize



Richard's track spotlights - packed up and ready to go to a show!

MASTER GARDENER EXPO: The Harrison County Master Gardener Expo, held September 15 at the Extension office on Popp's Ferry Rd. was well attended by our members. Thanks to Sydney Dyche and Cynthia Oetker who spearheaded the event. Members that helped were Richard Crespin, Judy Harris and Glen Ladnier. Although the heat was a challenge the event was very successful. They collected over 30 names of people who were interested in the society or our orchid show.

STONE COUNTY FAIR: Board Member, Gayle Green-Aguirre did an Educational Exhibit for the Stone County Fair on Orchids the week of Sept 10-15th at the Stone County Fairgrounds. It was an educational display on Basic Orchid Growing Tips. Gayle got a Blue Ribbon, a 1st place award for this display and a nice cash prize. Congratulations Gayle. Hopefully Gayle will

be able to enter her exhibit in our 2019 orchid show!

OUR 2019 SHOW Jan 25-27, 2019 SHOW CHAIR

REPORT: The American Orchid Society and the Atlanta Region of the Mid America Orchid Congress has approved our date and accepted our application. We will discuss ordering a show package (AOS membership forms, flyers and some copies of Orchids magazine) that may be placed on a table near our raffle desk at the upcoming meeting. At the September meeting the members agreed to a dedication for the show which will remain secret until closer to show time. The dates for the 2020 and 2021 were approved. Jo Ann will check with the Convention Center on the dates and then submit them to Aileen Garrison to



Wonderful exhibit at the MG Expo, Judy and Richard in the background



Gayle's exhibit at the Stone County Fair

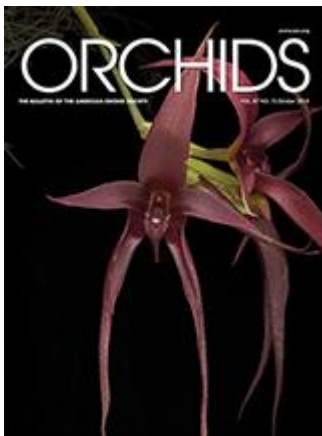
forward to the Atlanta region for approval. Our 2020 date and our 40th annual show is ly set for January 24-26, 2020! The 2021 show is tentively set for January 29-31, 2021.

MONTHLY RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZE: This month we'll finally offer the *Dendrobium platycaulon* as the door prize and since it was left in the greenhouse last month, it's been potted up and is blooming. See last month's newsletter for instructions on growing *Dendrobium platycaulon*. We'll also have a few more plants for our raffle.



MEMBERSHIP NOTES: Our Christmas covered dish and orchid bingo is right around the corner, Dec. 9. We all have a great time and Glen always gets outstanding plants. Everybody wins a plant! The plants cost the society an average of \$10.00 each. So, if you are a single member paying just \$10.00 a year for dues you get your money back! If you're part of a couple paying \$15.00 a year we lose money. Therefore, we must charge all non-members who play bingo \$10.00 for a bingo card. We do not let people join the society at the December meeting. All dues must be paid up to date by the November meeting. For those who have thought about joining the society and never got around to it, now is the time. Remember all new memberships get a free plant.

VANDA REPORT: We had 17 little Vandas that no one bought at our Vanda sale. Those 17 plants are enjoying our late summer weather. Most will be brought for some of you to select one for your bingo plant. Look what someone missed out on getting! The color is awesome for this little first bloom seedling!



AOS NEWS: Last month, our AOS Rep, Joy Lorens, told us about joining the American Orchid Society. There ae two ways to join: print or digital. With print you get an awesome printed Orchids magazine and with digital you get the on-line version. The digital format is only \$40.00 a year and includes access to over 80 years of Orchids magazines, the ability to search the entire Orchids magazine archive, you'll get members only webinars and save a lot if you win a coveted AOS award! Also included is discounted admission to nearly 300 Botanical Gardens and lot of other perks. Visit AOS.com and find out more. Oh! Two-year memberships get a free \$30.00 discount of lots of great orchid nurseries. For beginners you'll receive a beginner orchid growing email course.

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.

THANKS: Thanks to Orchidspecies.com for the great info on *Habenaria medusa*. This is a great free site.