



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**November 9, 2014**

Our November meeting will be held **Sunday, November 9**, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room. We will have a regular business meeting. Due to our special mock show there will be no Orchids 101 this month but we ask all members with parts to play to please **get to the meeting as soon after 1:00 PM as you can** and those with show and tell plants get to the meeting around 1:30 PM.

**PROGRAM: Our November Mock Show:** One of our members suggested we try this early in the year so we are going to have a mock show in the regular meeting. The intent is to **show** you what goes on at one of our shows rather than **tell** you what we do.

Members will enter their show and tell plants just as if they were putting them in the society's exhibit in our January show. They will have a schedule to follow and entry tags to fill out. Glen and Jo Ann will each do an exhibit using the show and tell plants. They will only have 30 minutes to place your plants. As they work Becky Jolly-Wood, our exhibit coordinator, will explain what they are doing. Then we will all judge the plants in the exhibits just like a real show. Robert Stanton will be our head judge and he will be assisted by members serving as head clerk, spotters and ribbon clerks. We'll even have a raffle table manned by Marilyn Ladnier and Marjorie Inmon just like at our shows. Hopefully this will be fun!



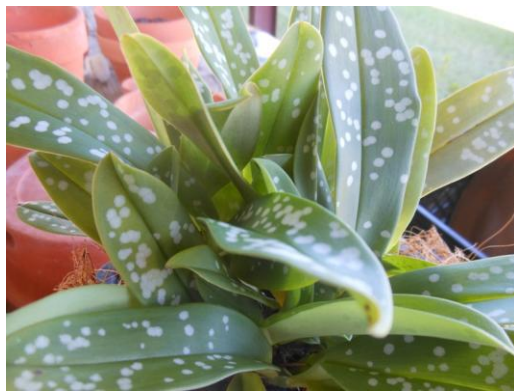
## **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

**December 14**, Christmas meeting – orchid bingo and pot luck luncheon. This meeting will start at 1:00 PM, bring a covered dish. The society supplies the meat, drinks and paper products. At left is a photo of some of the food at our May luncheon.

**January 11, 2015**, Planning meeting for our 2015 show, January 29-Feb. 1.

**Feb. 8, 2015**, Thank you meeting for those who helped with our January Show

**REFRESHMENTS:** Janet Olier and Sarah Tringle will bring November's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640.



**HAWAII ORDER:** Those that haven't gotten their plants from the first order or the secondary order please plan to be at the meeting to pick up and pay for your plants. Make checks out to Jo Ann Vaz. Many ordered Maxillaria reichenheimiana pictured at left. Yes, those are spots on the leaves. It is native to Central America and likes medium light and very high humidity. It has a yellow flower in the summer or fall.

**SHOW AND TELL:** This is the last month for members to make points for the show and tell drawing held at our Christmas luncheon. Don't be deterred from bringing in plants because of this one time way of entering them. We'll have lots of people to assist you. Actually to do two 5 ft exhibits with our show and tell plants we need as many plants as we can get. We encourage everyone; especially our bigger growers who do not always bring plants to show and tell to bring in those plants this month.

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

**Dec. 6, 2014 Saturday only:** Acadian Orchid Society 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Short Course, Hotel Acadiana, 1801 West Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, La contact Amelia Soprano 337-923-4273; cwssearches@aol.com.

**January 30 – Feb. 1, 2015,** Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show, Gautier Convention Center, Gautier, Ms

**February 27 – March 1, 2015** Mobile Area Orchid Society Show, Bellingrath Gardens, Theodore, AL

**SHOW NEWS:** Plans for our 2015 show at the Gautier Convention Center are moving forward. Tina Torguson has agreed to Chair the Children's Corner. At left is a photo of the children's activities from



our 2014 show. As you can see Lexie Mitchell and Kaitlyn Burton did an outstanding job. Hopefully they'll be able to run the children's activities again this year and with Tina's help we may add another project.

This year we lost Hicks Supplies, Hicks Orchids and Morning Star. We have one new vendor confirmed and by Sunday's meeting, hopefully, we will have more. So far our vendors are Riverbend Orchids, Orchid Retreat, Clown Alley, Orchids Plus and Louisiana Orchid Connection.

We have talked with two vendors who both sell tropical plants besides orchids; hopefully at least one will agree to

come to our show.

The art section will return to the 2013 standards. There will be no children's art or cash prizes. Maybe we will still get the interest that we had last year. Judging will still take place on Friday afternoon.

We are working on some Sunday classes for the show; Glen Ladnier will give a class on general orchid culture late in the day. This is so members of other societies who come for take down can come a little



bit earlier and take his class. At 11:30 on Sunday morning Jo Ann will lead a hands-on potting class. Both classes are free but if you pot your orchid in the potting class there will be a fee for the supplies.

**ROAD TRIP:** The society just received an email about a trip to Thailand labeled 'The Orchids of Thailand' the date is March 2-17, 2015. There were no prices on the flyer, which is attached to this email. From the editor: Tony and I went on a very similar trip to Thailand years ago. I loved it and would go again if I could; it is my best memory. We met Earl Young there and he and I shared an elephant. Tony hated the trip,

got food poisoning and will probably never go back! He didn't ride the elephants either! That is not Earl and me in the photo but we both sat in the little chair and rode that elephant through the jungle and down the river.

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND WORKERS FOR THE MOCK SHOW:**

**Set up:** Anyone who gets there around 1:00 PM; help Glen and Jo Ann unload, mark two 5' squares at either end of show and tell table, move two tables just inside the meeting room door for use as a raffle table. Move three tables just outside the meeting room door for plant entry workers.

**Raffle:** Marilyn Ladnier and Marjorie Inmon; they will sell raffle tickets and ask members to sign in.

**Plant table workers:** Janice Fabo will assign alphabetical letters to exhibitors; Jo Ann will supply list. Judy Chinsee will give each plant a number, either a 1 or a 2; Jo Ann will supply labels.

Glen and Jo Ann will help members with class codes.

**Exhibits:** Glen and Jo Ann with assistants, Judy Harris and Shari Harshbarger

**Entry tag coordinator:** Chip Lechner; Jo Ann will supply materials

**Narrator:** Becky Jolly-Wood

**Head Judge:** Robert Stanton

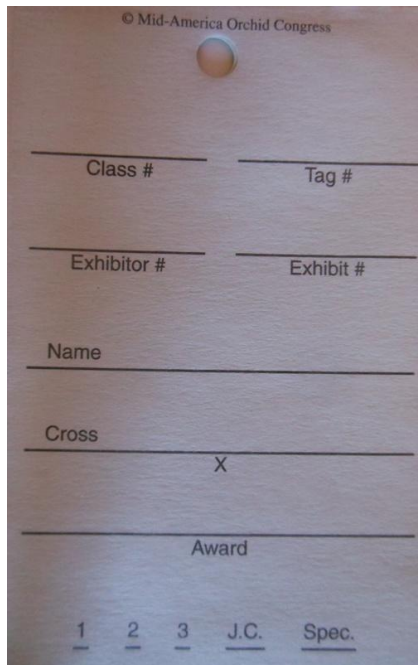
**Head Clerk:** Judy Rush

**Spotters:** Joy Lorens and Doris Jones

**Ribbon Clerks:** Lexie Mitchell and Vicki Perry; Charles Rush will demonstrate putting ribbons on plants out of reach.

**Armand Scurria:** photographer

**HOW TO FILL OUT AN ENTRY TAG:** This is a very simple process. Refer to the photo of an entry tag at left. This is a carbon type form with a top and bottom. Press down hard when you write. After you complete the tag, give the original to Chip and put the copy on your plant. Wire or tape will be provided for this purpose.



**Class number** is whatever class your plant fits in. Glen and Jo Ann will help with that. The schedule is attached to this email. Please print it out and bring it to the meeting. We will use it to enter your plants and to follow as we judge the show and tell plants.

**Tag number** is not used unless you bring in two of the exact same type of plant with the same name; it's used to differentiate between two such plants.

**Exhibitor number** is the alphabetic number Janice Fabo will give you. It will be the same for all your plants.

**Exhibit number** is the number that Judy Chinsee puts on your plants; either a 1 or a 2.

**Name and cross** are the same as what you normally put on our show and tell signup sheet.

During judging our head clerk will circle the ribbons awarded to each plant judged. Later the tags will be studied and all points will be credited to their owners for show and tell points.

We will still do a best plant; Tina will hand out the forms as usual.

**WINTER CARE OF YOUR ORCHIDS:** By now all your orchids should be in a warm area with the possible exception of Cymbidiums. Do not hesitate. Most orchids can't take long periods below 55 degrees. Signs of low temps are a gradual yellowing of the leaves leading to leaf drop; especially on lower leaves



in Vandas and randomly on Dendrobiums. If you notice these signs check to make sure your heater is working and there are no gas leaks. **Do not increase your watering** as that may cause rot in already stressed plants. Do increase your air circulation and leave your plants alone. Water as you normally do (only on warm, sunny days.) They may heal themselves. Don't throw out plants that have dropped all their leaves. For many plants such as Catasetums (pictured at left) this is to be expected for plants like Vandas and Dendrobiums they may make kiekies along the main stem. **Do not delay, get those plants inside now.**

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag see Marilyn Ladnier at the meeting for pricing. If you want a GCOS shirt see Chip Lechner for pricing and to place an order.