



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**February 11, 2018**

**We've worked hard and earned a party!** Our next meeting will be just that! It will be held **Sunday, February 11, 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 on the north side of the school off Runnymede. The **Orchids 101 meeting** will be presented by Glen Ladnier who will speak on "**The Art of Repotting**".



**Dendrobium Armand Scurria 'Val's Choice'**

**We hope to have guests at this meeting so please wear your name tags or your society shirts.**

**ORCHIDS 101:** This class is not mandatory. It's for those who wish to know more about orchids. The class was originally called New Growers. These are FREE classes. Orchids 101 has a different topic each month. If you have a few extra minutes join the group, it's a very informative, fun class!

**PROGRAM: February 11,** thank you meeting for those who helped with our January show. Everyone who worked our show gets a free plant. These plants are either divisions from the Vaz greenhouse or extra plants we bought from Island Sun this past fall. After each of our workers selects their plant, members and

guests can buy whatever they choose. There will be lots of plants all reasonably priced.

We'll go over what went well and what didn't. Your input is very important. This is your show! 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. Make checks out to GCOS; cash or checks only.

We also need to plan for the Mobile show which is February 16-18 at Bellingrath Gardens.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

**March 11,** Second Sunday Richard Crespin will show us how to grow Catasetums so we can grow award winning plants like his.

**April 15,** Third Sunday - Special Speaker- Courtney Hackney- Growing and Flowering Better Cattleyas.

**May 20,** Third Sunday Banquet and Auction

**June 10,** Second Sunday – Glen Ladnier will tell us about raising orchids from seed.

**July 15,** Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show; Robert Stanton Open Show and Tell.

**August 12,** Second Sunday open

**September 9,** Second Sunday open

**October 14,** Second Sunday "How to be a Great Ribbon Judge or Clerk at our 2019 Show"

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

**December 9,** Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

**REFRESHMENTS:** Sydney Dyche and Judy Harris will Bring February's refreshments. The list for the rest of the fiscal year are: March 2018 –Janet Bridges and Becky Jolly-Wood; April 2018 – Joy and Grady Holt. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions.



Cynthia's Zygo. Adelaide Meadows

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** This was a work meeting for the show; 34 members were present. Diane Seidemann and Jo Ann Vaz provided the refreshments. We had 34 plants on the show and tell table. We had a tie for best plant, Cynthia Oetker's Zygo Adelaide Meadows 'Eli' and Trey Thigpen's Paph. Lathamianum x spicerianum cross. Congratulations to Trey and Courtney Thigpen who brought 5 plants for the show and tell table and went home with 5 blue ribbons! Courtney won the door prize!



Trey's Paph Lathamianum x spicerianum and Sale. Southland Mall, Houma, LA

**DUES ARE DUE:** Dues are due. You can mail them to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532. Dues are \$10 for single and an additional \$5.00 for each additional 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.

**UPCOMING SHOWS:**

**February 16-18, 2018** Mobile Area Orchid Society Show; Bellingrath Gardens. We will exhibit in this show. Sydney Dyche will lead the exhibit. Have plant list ready for Andra.

**March 9-11, 2018** Atlanta Orchid Society Show, Atlanta Botanical Garden.

**March 10-11, 2018** Terrebonne Orchid Society Show

**April 7-8, 2018** Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette, LA

**June 1-3, 2018** New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeview Mall

**July 13-15, 2018** Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Burden Conference Center, 4560 Essen Lane

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

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

**2018 SHOW RESULTS:** Thanks to every one of you, the show was a success! Your hard work was awesome! There were several members who stayed in motels for the show and one member who works two jobs went sleepless, so he could work our show. Some members endured long drives all three days to get to and from the show, just to once again help us pull off one of the biggest events in Jackson County and one of the best shows on the coast. You guys are the best!

It was a smaller show, we had around 200 entries as opposed to the 259 entries in our 2017 show. Because of that some of our members got home earlier this year and the ribbon judging went much smoother! Thanks to Baton Rouge judge, Frank Zachariah, and student judge, Randy Johnson, who

brought along three very talented members of the Baton Rouge society to help; James Jeansome, Lata Johnson and Wesley Matthews.

The society won the AOS show trophy, Orchid Digest trophy, the trophy for best exhibit of its size and the



People's Choice trophy. Sydney Dyche and her team did an outstanding job. Members won a total of 14 trophies for their plants and 5 plants from our exhibit were pulled for AOS consideration! Armand and Val's beautiful white dendrobium was awarded!

Gayle –Green-Aquirre winning the trophy for best overall with her china teacup collection. Cynthia Oetker won the trophy for best arrangement with her valentine corsage.

Kudos to our hospitality team the food was delicious! Sydney and her team did an outstanding job with our raffle. Sydney would like to thank all the vendors for donating a plant and Richard Crespin and Jo Ann donated plants. We will discuss the show in detail at the meeting.

The publicity really brought the people in. A lot of the advertising came from Marilyn Ladnier who with some of you, set up all the magazine, newspaper and television ads. TV stations were at the show both Friday and Saturday! Your Facebook ads made a big difference. Everyone who passed on their ad sent more people our way. Thank you all!



**Joy Lorens being interviewed by television reporter**

**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 Sydney or Jo Ann. Write a note with an explanation of items and a total and attach receipts.

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn Ladnier 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.

Please know that name tags and shirts with your name on it are not required. It just makes it easier on everyone if you have some type of easy to read identification. You can make your own!