



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

December 10, 2017

Merry Christmas Everyone! The December Christmas luncheon and orchid bingo will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 **at 1:00 P.M.** at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Runnymede Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. We will meet in the **cafeteria** meeting room. There will be **no Show and Tell, raffle or Orchids 101**. There will be no Show and Tell because all available space will be full of bingo plants and great eats!

PROGRAM: This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo, playing until everyone wins a plant. Do not clear your cards; we do not start a new game after every win! We will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are asked to bring a covered dish: appetizer, bread, side or dessert. Those who bring a guest can **buy** a bingo card for their guest for \$10.00 per card; one card per member/guest. This is our cost; you can't buy a plant of this quality that cheap anywhere around here. Guests are welcome; we look forward to meeting your families and friends. Please let us know if you plan on bringing a guest(s) so we can bring enough plants. **You cannot pay dues for 2018 for your guests and expect them to get a bingo card for our 2017 Christmas bingo.** We are not being mean; membership for a family of four would be \$25.00; the plants they would win cost us a little more than \$40.00!



Rlc. Hawaiian Effect 'Dale Kimmerle' similar to one of our bingo plants

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same. Chip Lechner has promised a program but hasn't set the date so we have one month free, if you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

January 14, Second Sunday - Final work session for show.

February 11, Second Sunday - Thank you meeting for show. Everyone who worked the show gets a free plant.

March 11, Second Sunday – An Introduction to Orchids

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

JANUARY MEETING: January 14, 2018, Planning meeting for our 2018 show, January 25- 28. This is a very important meeting. This meeting is about three weeks before our 2018 show. We will finalize all plans and talk about preparing your plants for the show.



Zygopetalum Arthur Elle parent of 10 of our bingo plants – different crosses

AWARD PLANTS: We will award plants to the top three-display table point winners for the year. This year because of ties we will award two second place winners and two third place winners! We'll also award a plant 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 and they'll get a plant. This is our way of thanking those who went to the trouble of bringing in plants.

You must be present to win.

ABOUT THE PLANTS The plants are exceptional again this year; Glen Ladnier ordered them from our Hawaiian friend, Island Sun Orchids. No broken boxes this time! He got some outstanding plants; a great variety; Vandas of all types and sizes, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Epidendrums, Cattleyas and lots of weird stuff! There will be something for everyone. We hope some of these plants will bloom out for you and win awards at the 2018 shows! We heard many were in bud!

REFRESHMENTS: We'll all bring refreshments this month; Diane Seidemann and Jo Ann Vaz will bring January's. The list for the rest of the fiscal year are: February 2018 – Sydney Dyche and Judy Harris; 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.



John Bridges' Lc. Granier's Dream

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 32 members present for our November meeting. Thanks to Janet Olier and Sarah Tringle for the great refreshments especially under such hard circumstances – we met in another part of the school. We had an interesting discussion on winning points on the show and tell table. There were 36 plants on the December show and tell table with John Bridges' Lc. Granier's Dream winning best plant. Joy Lorens won the door prize.

DID YOU SIGN UP TO DONATE A TROPHY? If you haven't brought your trophy for our 2018 show, please bring it to Joy at the December meeting.

SHOW NOTES: We've had a serious hit to our 2018 show. Long time vendors, lifetime members of the society and genuinely good people, James Phillips and Morton Engleberg, have canceled. Morton is very ill; requiring constant care. Please keep them both in your prayers. They have



Cymbidium Sweetheart

Jan 26-28, 2018 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center, Gautier, MS

February 14-18, 2018 Mobile Area Orchid Show and Sale Bellingrath Gardens

March 10-11, 2018 Terrebonne Orchid Society Show and Sale. Southland Mall, Houma, LA

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: With the show coming up everyone needs either a name tag or a



been a huge part of the society for many years. James was show chairman for a very long time. He was the first to computerize our judging system making us the first in our area to have a computerized system. He was also the first to put our schedule on the computer. His work saved us lots of time and trouble over the years.

Pat Huval our dear friend from Orchids Plus will come out of retirement to fill Riverbend's spot for this year only. We have made arrangements with another vendor to sell at our 2019 show if needed.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

December 2, 2017 Acadian Orchid Society "57th Annual Short Course", Wyndham Garden Lafayette, 1801 West Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA. Contact Barbara Alexander, 337-208-2026 alexanderb4094@gmail.com

shirt. 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. Chip advises that you must order your shirt by the December meeting to get it by the January meeting.

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!

FINALLY – from your editor: This being the last newsletter of the year, we need to take the time to remember all our orchid friends and personal friends we've lost throughout the year; not only say a little prayer for dear friends who are ill but call or send a card and visit them. Feeling loved is a great cure sometimes.

Now at this season let's look ahead to a new year, a new birth. Focus on the future and how we can use our orchids to bring joy and light to those we love. Pictured at left is Janet Olier's granddaughter Kyler Rayne, 18 months. Our next little worker!

PICTURES: Thanks to AOS and Orchids Plus for the pictures of our bingo plants found throughout this newsletter