



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**June 10, 2018**

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, June 10, 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. The topic is "How to Read Name-Tags". Being able to read a name tag is very important; there is a lot of information on a plant tag, you just need to know what it means. Join us at 1:30 and learn how!



Orchid Flask pic courtesy of Bail Orchid Gardens

**PROGRAM: June 10, Second Sunday** – Glen Ladnier will tell us about raising orchids from seed. One of our members requested this program. Probably lots of you have seen ads for orchid flasks that sound like great deals. Some of you are wondering what an orchid flask is. Well wonder no more after our June 10 program. Glen will explain the entire process with a demonstration on deflasking. Then you can decide whether to order those flasks you've seen on the internet or not.

**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.

**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 Dyché "How to Keep Track of your Orchids"

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



Auction plants

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** There were 30 members present but you'd think there were many more from the tables loaded with food. Thank you Andra Mladinich for coordinating everything. The meal was awesome! We also had tables loaded with orchids all donated by our members: Glen Ladnier, Richard Crespin, Cynthia Oetker, Trey and Kourtne Thigpen, Earl Young and Jo Ann Vaz. John Bridges brought in cuttings from his recently re-awarded *Dendrobium aphyllum* 'Aunt Alma' for everyone that wanted one. Thank you all. Having generous members is a very special gift to any group and we are doubly blessed. Our auctioneer, Glen Ladnier, assisted by Lexie, aka Vanna, Mitchell did a superb job, the society cleared \$1,559.00! That's right \$1,559.00; isn't it amazing?

Members bought plants from \$5.00 each all the way up to \$125.00 for one big Vanda!



Food notice second table against wall full of desserts!



Members ready to eat and buy orchids

**UPCOMING SHOWS:**

**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.

**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.

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



Our 2017 New Orleans Orchid Society exhibit chaired by Sydney Dyche

**NEW ORLEANS SHOW:** Although we will not be participating in the New Orleans Show, this is an outstanding show, they usually have around 10 vendors and lots of wonderful plants to see and buy. This year the theme of the show is “New Orleans Celebrates 300 Years”. The New Orleans Orchid Society members are very friendly and hospitable. If you attend the show, stop by their raffle desk and say hello. Please tell them the Gulf Coast Orchid Society will be back in 2019!

one has offered to do the show. We know it’s a long way. The society will pay up to \$100.00 in total towards a tank of gas for members that carry plants or supplies to or from an away show (not Mobile) To explain further, if one member does everything; set up and take down that member can fill up their gas tank and give the society the bill and we’ll reimburse them the price of the tank of gas up to \$100.00. If two members carry plants or supplies to the show or back, they can fill up

**BATON ROUGE SHOW:** The theme of the Baton Rouge show is “Orchids on the Bayou”. So far no

and we will reimburse them their cost for a tank of gas up to \$100.00 for both combined. If both bills are over \$50.00 each they will each get \$50.00. We do not have to do our usual huge exhibit just a few plants and a 5' backdrop. Two people in sedans could carry the plants and supplies for a 5' exhibit. We will get someone to help with entry tags and perhaps even go to Baton Rouge to show you how to set up.

**DIRT PLANT SALE:** Jo Ann's garden club canceled their annual plant sale and no new date was set. Usually Jo Ann brings two van loads to the sale; plants she pots up from her yard. All proceeds go to charities in George County where she lives. Now Jo Ann finds herself overwhelmed with these plants. She will bring as many as she can to the June meeting and sell them in the cafeteria garage during the break. They will be priced very cheap; all proceeds will go to the society. Here's a quick list: Angel Trumpets, Brugmansia, white, yellow or pink, Confederate rose, the double that changes colors white, pink to red and the single red flower. Tibouchina, two varieties, lots of Spanish tarragon, bird of paradise plants, salvias, irises all colors and a few misc. plants.

**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.



One of our recent refreshments tables provided by Judy and Charles Bush, March 2017.

**REFRESHMENTS:** This month we will try something new with refreshments. Our monthly refreshments have gotten out of hand, most people bring so much that it's like a meal – more than a meal! Guest speakers always comment on our refreshments, how much we have and that no other society has this much. This is a blessing; we are grateful to have such generous members who like to cook. So, what's the problem? Other members aren't so generous and don't have the cooking gene. They can't follow our great cooks so don't volunteer. Then some of us end up bringing refreshments twice a year. We just get tired of

passing out lists and threatening people. Although our refreshments aren't the reason, the board is aware that we may lose our meeting place. Our first connection to the school retired and our current connection is about to retire. Our contract with the school clearly states that the College Food Service Provider must be used. We were told to have "cookie meetings"! We need to stay in the school's good graces, that's why we are so particular about cleaning up after ourselves each month. After the break we will discuss our refreshments. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas on how to make our refreshments simple and fun for everyone not just those eating them!

**OUR 2019 SHOW Jan 25-27, 2019 SHOW CHAIR REPORT:** Although the show is almost 8 months away, we need to get started. Since I will not do all the work after the 2020 show I'm thinking I need to publicize everything I do in hopes that some of you will see jobs that they can do and ask to take them over. In the next month I will email Aileen Garrison and ask for AOS approval for the dates of our 2019 show. I will also check on all our 2018 vendors asking them if they can attend the 2019 show. I'm sure we'll have to find at least one new vendor. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.