



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

## March 12, 2017

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, March 12, 2017** 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**, presented by Glen Ladnier will **precede the regular meeting at 1:30 pm**. The topic is "Orchid Pollination Methods". One of the things that makes an orchid an orchid is its unique sexual system so this will be a very interesting, informative program. It'll make you want some toothpicks! Attend the meeting to figure that out!



GCOS exhibit Mobile 2017

**April 9**, Second Sunday – Cynthia Oetker will discuss her growing techniques.

**May 21**, Third Sunday - Banquet installation of officers and orchid auction

**June 11**, Second Sunday – Robert Stanton will host open judging of our Show and Tell Table.

**July 16**, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show – Glen Ladnier will give a talk on semi-hydroponics.

**August 13**, Second Sunday – open

**September 10**, Second Sunday - open

**October 15**, Third Sunday - Hopefully a speaker from the speaker's circuit.

**November 12**, Second Sunday – Open- work meeting for show

**December 10** Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

**REFRESHMENTS:** Judy and Charles Rush will bring March's refreshments. April's refreshments for will be provided by Janet Bridges and Becky Jolly-Wood. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions. We ask that you bring something light. The society provides the drinks, paper products and utensils.

Last month we passed around a sign-up sheet for refreshments. There are still several months where no one signed up and some months only have one person signed up. Folks, we only have 10 meetings a year that require refreshments. Last month we had 46 members enjoying our refreshments. Do the math. Some members are eating and not bringing. Shame on you! Andra will have the list at Sunday's meeting; put your name on it!

**PROGRAM: March 12;** an open discussion led by Jo Ann Vaz on basic orchid care. We'll talk about the basic needs of orchids and how those needs are best met for each type of orchid.

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



Andra at the 2016 show

Shame on you! Andra will

Let's all give Andra a big thank you! She brings the refreshment supplies, paper products, utensils, ice, water, sodas, coffee pot and coffee each month. Then sets it all up and makes the coffee; afterward she cleans up the mess. She is also our Hospitality Chairperson for our shows. With your help, she and Richard Crespin feed a lot of people each year.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** There were 46 members present and two guests, Justin Burrow of Seminary, MS and Joy Hollywood of Gulfport who later joined. Please welcome Joy when you see her this Sunday. Dave and Vicki Perry and Tina Torguson provided the refreshments. This was a thank you meeting for the show, every member who worked the show got a free plant and there were more to buy later. The plants were either purchased from Lehua Orchids in Hawaii or donated by Robert Stanton or Jo Ann Vaz. Becky Jolly-wood, our President and Exhibit Chair for our show gave out the trophies won by our exhibit to members that worked on the exhibit. She also gave our Show Chair a gift of \$80.00 from the society to pay for the AOS awards she won at our show. Becky also assigned a nomination committee of Joy Lorens, Gayle Green-Aquirre and Janet Bridges. They were tasked with the duty of finding out if existing officers were willing to stay on and if not, finding someone to take their place. There were 39 plants on the show and tell table which were judged by Robert Stanton and Judy Harris. John Bridges', *Dendrobium anosmum* won best plant. Lee Taylor won the door prize.



Close up of *Den. anosmum*

**SHOW AND TELL:** February was the second month for show and tell points for the year. We

give points to each plant you bring in and more points for the ribbons they win. At the December meeting the top three point earners win free plants then we draw from the names of those present that brought in plants during the year for show and tell for more free plants.

We had some fantastic plants on February's display table. We encourage you to bring in plants; we love to see them and no they don't need names. There are some simple rules.

Because we only have so much space we limit each member to five plants. Please don't bring any more than five. Be considerate of fellow members; we need to have room for everyone's plants.

Also and this is very important if you want credit for your plants; we have three Joys, three Janets plus a Jane T and a Janice; two Johns and three Judys. To make matters worse our point tabulator hasn't had her eyes checked in over 15 years. She doesn't get the attendance sheets so she's still trying to figure out who ED is; if you brought in a lovely Phal. Ox Yellow Lip last month please see Jo Ann at the meeting! The lesson to be learned here is to write your name legibly and spell it out. Ditto marks (" ") are acceptable for multiple plants.

**MORE ABOUT OUR 2017 SHOW:** We would like to give a special thank you to some people we left out last month. Our raffle made a record breaking \$456.00! Thank you Sydney Dyche, Judy Harris and all the wonderful members who took the time to work our raffle table.



Previous month's show and tell table



Gayle Green-Aguirre came up with the idea to have an Orchid Collectibles Table and sell orchid stuff members didn't want. She took this task on; didn't bother anyone with problems or complaints, made her own signage and made \$229.00! Thank you Gayle and thanks to all the members who donated items for sale.

It seems every year since we moved to the Convention Center we've had more and more people coming to our show. Every night after the vendors left we still had people coming in. It was awesome! We have to thank a very special lady for most of this, our publicity chair, Marilyn Ladnier. She had some of our members do newspaper ads and others did TV spots. Two different television stations on the coast visited our show and did interviews; one on Friday and another on Saturday!



Members working on GCOS Mobile exhibit

Thank you Marilyn for all that hard work. Finally we need to thank Chip Lechner and Janet Olier for their face book ads. Chip made some wonderful facebook flyers for all our facebook friends to pass on and it appears they did. Thank you all!

**MOBILE SHOW:** The Mobile show is always a wonderful, fun time. Bellingrath Gardens is such a

pretty setting. The Mobile members are very friendly, generous and helpful. Sydney Dyche, lead our members and set up a beautiful 12' 7" wide exhibit featuring 30 plants from 13 different members! Three plants were pulled for AOS consideration and three members won trophies. Andra Mladinich made the green tags and kept all the records. She'll give a full report Sunday. Thank you everyone that participated!



Marty's Paph which was pulled at Mobile



Gayle's Phal which was pulled in Mobile

**UPCOMING SHOWS:**

**March 24-26** Mid America Orchid Congress with the Greater Omaha Orchid Society Show and Sale.

**April 21-23, 2017** Calcasieu Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Good Shephard Episcopal Church, 715 Kirkman, Lake Charles, LA.

**June 2-4, 2017** New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeview Mall

**June 9-11, 2017** Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette, Louisiana

**July 7-8, 2017** Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show and Sale;

Burden Museum and Gardens

**September 8-9, 2017** Central Louisiana Orchid Society Show and Sale; Kees Park in Pineville, LA

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

**CALCASIEU SHOW:** We may not exhibit in Calcasieu's exciting first annual show. Most of our usual Orchid staging haulers have issues of some type and cannot be available for the entire weekend. Since Lake Charles is so far away we would probably have to leave on Thursday and stay Sunday night somewhere along the road. However we urge all our members to attend. You'll see great new plants and orchid vendors that you may not see at our show. If you go please take a few pictures for next month's newsletter.

**THANKS BUT NO THANKS – A DECISION FROM YOUR SHOW CHAIR:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the society's decision to pay for my AOS awards. It was a wonderful surprise and something I won't soon forget. Your kindness and generosity is awesome. However I can't keep the money; it sets a very bad precedent. What I do as Show Chair is no more important than what Eddie, Chip, John, Marilyn, Sydney, Becky Andra and each one of you do each year for the show. Why should I get any more than you? Judy Harris risked life and limb putting those signs out along the roads in morning commuter's traffic; why do I deserve more than Judy? Our bylaws state that the show chair has final say in all things pertaining to the show; that's really big. That's why I have returned the money to our Treasurer. The thought was what counts to me and will not be forgotten! Hugs to everyone!



**WHAT'S FOR SALE THIS MONTH?** The Paphs left over from last month are all in bloom and some look to be future AOS Winners. They'll be available at \$12.00 each. We have the left over Cattleya divisions from last month thanks to Robert and Jo Ann. Added to that will be a few more divisions that seem to be rooting in well even though they were divided in January. Among those will be 4 divisions of Lc. Love Knot 'Carmela's Blue' (L. sincorana x C. walkeriana); pictured below left. There will also be a division of Love Knot crossed onto digbyana.

These plants range in pot size from a two inch pot to a 5 inch pot. All are blooming size and will be priced from \$5.00 each to \$10.00 each. This plant can truly be called a tea cup orchid. The pseudobulbs from the potting material to the top leaf are no more than 6 inches! Don't let the size fool you. The flowers are a nice size, three inches at least, and are very round and flat. They are blue or at least as blue as a Cattleya can get. It grows fast and will fill up the pots with blooms off and on all year. It can easily be grown on a bright window sill.

To make things fair the sale plants will only be available during break. No pre orders please! We'll also have a very nice blooming plant donated for auction.



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