



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

January 13, 2019

**Happy New Year Everyone!** Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, January 13, 2019** 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 which is on the north side of the college facing Runnymede**. The Orchids 101 class led by Glen Ladnier will precede the regular meeting at 1:30. The topic will be **'How to Become a Better Grower'**. Guests are welcome.



**Phaius tankervilleae**  
**'Valerie Scurria'** CCM/AOS  
grown by our own Armand Scurria, a plant like this is the parent of all three **Gastrophaius** plugs offered on our vendor list.

We hope to have all open dates filled within the next two months.

**February 10**, Second Sunday - Show Thank You Party & Critique of Show. Everyone that works our show gets a free plant. **Leftover plants will be sold at Break**. Short demo on caring for your plant now that you've bought it.

**March 10**, Second Sunday –

**April 14**, Second Sunday –Spring Break may need to change date?

**May 19**, Third Sunday Covered Dish Banquet and Orchid Auction

**June 9**, Second Sunday

**July 21**, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show

**August 11**, Second Sunday

**September 8**, Second Sunday

**October 13**, Second Sunday – We have an agreement with Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids to speak and sell plants.

**November 10**, Second Sunday

**December 8**, Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck

## UPCOMING SHOWS:

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

**March 1-3** Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale, Bellingrath Gardens

**VENDOR NEWS:** Our 2019 show will feature 7 vendor exhibits and 6 vendors selling plants. Several of our vendors have sent in ads. They will be attached to this newsletter along with some pictures. There are several relevant pictures scattered throughout this newsletter.

**PROGRAM:** This is our planning meeting for our 2019 show, January 25 - 27, with set up Thursday afternoon, January 24 from 1:00 pm until. Our show is a little more than a week away from this meeting. With your help we can finalize plans.

Jo Ann will also present a quick program on things to know when buying an orchid plant. Once you've fallen in love with a flower, there is little to discourage you from buying the plant! What if there is more than one plant? Which is the best one? Which plant's blooms will last longer? Which plant has the potential to grow and do well? We'll also discuss plant labels; do you really know what you're buying?

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** We are looking for programs for 2019. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann. We are trying to bring in speakers both local and out of the area to speak and sell plants during 2019.



**Rlc. Solar Flare Paradise.** (San Juan Sunset x C. Penny Kuroda) a plant offered by one of our vendors

**March 20-24** AOS Spring Member's Meeting/San Diego county Orchid Society Annual Show, Hilton Mission Valley/Scottish Rite Event Center [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

**April 12-14, 2019** Acadian Orchid Society Orchid Show, Ira Nelson Ctr. Lafayette, LA

**April 12-14, 2019** Central Louisiana Orchid Society Spring Show Kees Park Community Center 2450 Highway 28E Pineville, LA

**July 12-14, 2019** Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show

**REFRESHMENTS:** This month Gayle Green-Aguirre will begin her duties providing refreshments for our meetings. The society has budgeted \$25.00 per meeting for the snacks, what we refer to as a cookie meeting. Our hospitality Chair, Andra Mladinich will bring in the drinks and paper products. Let's all give Gayle and Andra our support.



**Our Christmas bingo plants.**



**Glen Ladnier announcing the winner of his most improved grower award.**

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** Forty members and one guest attended our Christmas covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo. We played bingo till everyone won an orchid plant! The food was excellent and so were our bingo plants. Thanks Glen, for finding such great plants. This year he bought a combination of genera from our usual wholesale dealer, Island Sun Orchids. Since the bingo game was left at home an hour's drive away, Sydney loaned us her bingo cards from the children's Christmas bingo offered by her lodge. Playing with pictures instead of numbers was fun. Sydney worked hard dealing with all of us as she called out the pictures. Thanks Sydney you were a life saver and a trouper! Thanks to a special friend for buying more beans. Those old beans have been used to cover cards for the last 25 years! Note to all: they were thrown out in the woods for the animals to eat, thus far they are still there! A special thank you goes to Andra who supervised the luncheon and brought in all those drinks and accessories and thank you to all the great cooks who brought in such wonderful food!

Glen Ladnier awarded his most improved grower of the year, a division of *Vandopsis lissochiloides*, a Vanda cousin found from Northeast India to Southeast Asia to Trey Thigpen.

We had twenty-five members bring in at least one plant for Show and Tell in 2018. Our top winner with 158 points was Trey Thigpen, second place winner with 112 points was Richard Crespin and third place winner with 98 points was Janice Fabo. They got their pick of our Christmas plants. We then drew names of those who had brought in show and tell plants during the year for three more plants.

Thanks also to Becky Jolly-Wood who brought everyone a cute gift.

**SHOW NOTES:** Our 2019 show is turning out to be a very big show. We have exhibitors coming that haven't visited us in years. It will be good to see old friends and make new ones. Now more than ever we'll need your help. Many of you have taken jobs and made them your own. We appreciate that so much. However, many of those jobs need workers. Andra and Richard handle hospitality very well, they will need your help cooking, serving and cleaning. Andra will be passing out a sign-up sheet.



**2018 show Andra working in Hospitality Room, which is open to all exhibitors.**



**Part of our 2018 exhibit crew; from left Trey, Sydney, Sara and Joy**



**Cynthia and Janice working on entry tags**

I never worry about our signage although I do worry about Judy getting smashed by a car as she's crossing highways to put out signs. She does our signs each year mainly by herself, rain or shine. This year she had more signs made! Judy also holds down our raffle desk with Sydney Dyche. Last year's raffle income was outstanding. If you'd like to help Judy with the signs or help Sydney and Judy with our raffle, please see Judy or Sydney at the meeting. Our raffle ladies sometimes bring their sewing, so if you knit, crochet or anything like that that, bring it and sell tickets and sew! Make something orchid related and enter it in our orchid related art.

John Tate is our go-to guy when it comes to Thursday night set up. He takes the layout diagram and he and all the members that show- up Thursday move tables and chairs. Can't move furniture? It's ok we need people to put labels on the vendors tables, spread tablecloths and set things up. Everyone that can, please try to help our vendors and exhibitors bring in plants and supplies. Be careful, those plants you carry may be someone's income or AOS award. Only carry plant materials with the instruction of the owner. There's a plus to helping our vendors. You get first look at the good stuff!

Thursday night after everything is set up some of us led by Sydney Dyche will attempt to set up our backdrop and

staging. Thanks to Sydney and Richard we have new curtains, swag and lights. Friday morning we'll need help setting up our exhibits and help bringing in plants and supplies.

We need you to bring in clean, healthy plants for our exhibit. Sydney Dyche has her team ready to do another award-winning exhibit; we need those great plants that we see each month on the show and tell table. We also need greenery to soften the exhibit and hide staging.

Data entry of our plant tags starts with Cynthia and Janice counting and adding tag numbers, separating tickets and turning things in to our data entry team; Eddie, Vickie and Chip. If you have any paper pushing or data entry skills, please volunteer.

We'll need your help clerking and assisting the judges on Saturday morning. Jo Ann will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

This year we have a very special helper, Becky-Jolly-Wood's mother is stable enough for Becky to help with the show. If Becky herself is healthy she will help handle the problems that occur to take some of the weight off our Show Chair. If you have a problem, talk to Becky.

Marilyn is doing a wonderful job with our advertising but there is one very important thing you can do. **Tell your friends**, both by word of mouth and through facebook and other cyber connections. Chip has

made some gorgeous flyers and they are on facebook and the website in the events section please share them with everyone!

**ORCHID RELATED ART:** Don't forget our orchid art section of the show. Entries must be in place by 4:00 pm Friday, January 25. We would like to find someone who does not enter anything in the art competition to handle the Orchids Related Art section of our show completely. This would mean setting up the art tables Thursday night or Friday morning, helping people check in their art on Friday, helping with the art judging Friday night and making sure all the art goes home Sunday afternoon.

**TROPHYS:** Thanks to everyone who paid for or brought in their trophies for the 2019 show. Counting the AOS Show trophy and the Orchid Digest Trophy which the society buys, we give out 31 trophies. You pay for 29 of them, thank you very much. Thanks to Joy who keeps track of them, your payments, the wording for the memorials and purchasing most of the trophies we give out.

**DUES ARE DUE:** Dues will be due at the January meeting. If you'd like to get a head start 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. **Please do not pay your dues to our raffle ladies at the show.**

**COMMUNITY COORDINATOR:** That position is held by Cynthia Oetker. If anyone approaches you during the show and asks if we would help them with any type of function, please send them to Cynthia. If she is not at the show at that time just get the person's contact information and pass it on to Cynthia when you can.



**Paph. haynaldianum 'Charlie'** a species native to the Philippines.

#### **THANKS TO AOS:**

Some of the pictures in this newsletter and our vendor sales sheet were taken from Orchids Plus which is a product of the American Orchid Society (AOS). Some of the information about these plants also came from Orchids Plus and from



**Paph. Columbia Bulldog 'Mendenhall'** sometimes referred to as a complex hybrid.

Jay's Internet Orchid Species Website. Both are very useful tools for any orchidist. Jay's Internet Orchid Species Website is free and Orchids Plus has a minimal charge of about \$58.00 a year for two copies. Go to AOS.com for more info.

The AOS has a lot of cool things planned for 2019. First up are two webinars. The first is a member only class on Cattleya Species Culture given by Bill Rogerson on Thursday, January 10 at 8:30 to 9:30 PM EST. The second class, open to all, is Tuesday January 29 from 8:30 to 9:30 PM EST given by the AOS Chief Science Officer Dr. Ron McHatton.

Many of our vendors are offering Paphiopedilum (Paphs.) species, hybrids and something that many refer to as bulldog Paph. Both pictures above were from Orchids Plus.