



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

January 13, 2013

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, January 13, 2013**, 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 Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. The topic will be 'Catasetums'.

**PROGRAM:** Our January program will be a work/planning session for our show, Jan. 25, 26, 27 2013. We have the biggest show in our area and we need all your help. Come to Sunday's meeting and see if there's something you can help us with. No matter how small; your help will truly be appreciated. More about the show later in this newsletter.



GCOS 2012 Exhibit photo by Richard Crespin

**REFRESHMENTS:** John and Kathy Pahlman will provide January's refreshments. Rob and Joy Lorens will bring February's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or to change your assigned date call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640. Now that we are starting a new year we need to remind our members that "refreshments" means a light snack not a meal.

**FEBRUARY MEETING:** If you remember last year's February thank you meeting; don't miss this February's meeting. The February thank you meeting is our way of thanking everyone that helped with the show. As a matter of fact we are dedicating this year's show to our members who do what they can to help. Mark your calendars for February 10, 2013 now and plan to attend.



Last year's thank you meeting photo by Kaitlyn Burton

such wonderful plants and thanks to our hospitality Czar, Andra, for coordinating all that delicious food. Special thanks go to everyone who brought in dishes, moved tables, loaded plants, and cleaned up. Every little thing added up to make the event wonderful! There are several photos of our December meeting at the end of this newsletter courtesy of Armand Scurria.

**MARCH MEETING:** Our March 10 meeting will be a very special meeting. We will have Dr. Doug Martin speak to us about native orchids. Dr. Martin and his wife, Beth, are from Kansas City, they are both past Presidents of the Mid-America Orchid Congress and the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City. He has also served as chairman of the MAOC Conservation Committee. His true orchid passion is the North American native orchids that he loves to find and photograph in the wild as well as grow in containers in the yard. He grows about 75 species and hybrids of Cypripediums and other hardy orchids in an outside growing area. We will have a plant sale to pay his expenses.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** There were 52 members and guests at our December meeting. Everyone left with at least one free plant. The food was awesome. Thank you Vicki Sells, our bingo caller, thanks Glen for arranging

**DUES ARE DUE:** It's time to renew your dues for 2013. Dues are \$10 for single and an additional \$5.00 for each other 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 or you can mail them to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532. We will not accept dues at the show.

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. See Chip Lechner if you want his Mom to make you an orchid shirt. Cost is \$15.00 for an orchid and the society name and \$3.00 for your name. You supply the shirt.



**DISPLAY TABLE/SHOW AND TELL:** January is the start of the year for acquiring points on our display table. Each time you bring in a plant for show and tell you get one point. Depending on the ribbons you win you get more points. At the Christmas meeting the top three point winners get blooming size plants, then we draw from the names of those who brought in plants during the year and are present at the Christmas meeting for more blooming size plants. Last year we had two suggestions for changes to the show and tell procedure. These changes are being considered.

**MOBILE SHOW:** The Mobile Area Orchid Society will have a show February 22-24 2013 at the Mobile Botanical Gardens, We will most likely do an exhibit. See attached flyer. (email only)

**2012 GCOS SHOW:** This year's show will be very similar to last year's show. We will have the same exhibitors but many have asked for bigger spaces. That means more plants and flowers for us to enjoy but more work for the judging teams. We have fewer judges so far this year which will add to that burden. Some of our more experienced growers may be asked to ribbon judge which means we may need more people to volunteer as clerks. More flowers mean more entry tags which equals more work for our computer people. Our staging team has to find space for the bigger exhibits and more extension cords. One definite plus that will help all of us out is the book store is available. We will have use of that area as a staging room for the GCOS exhibit. Members are asked to put the plants and materials they bring to the mall for the GCOS exhibit in the bookstore. **Any materials found in the bookstore will be assumed to be meant for the GCOS exhibit. Other exhibitors should store plants and materials in their exhibit space or in the back room of the hospitality room. The back entrance to the book store is off limits.**

Here's a list by date and time of our various activities. If you can help in some way please do.

**Phone numbers to remember:** Becky Jolly-Wood 220474-2500, cell 228-623-1614  
Andra Mladinich 228-365-0640  
Jo Ann Vaz 601-947-8777 cell 228-342-0017

**THURSDAY 1-24-2013 2:00 P.M.** We will begin staging the vendor spaces and exhibits. This involves moving tables to the vendor areas, marking the tables with the vendor's name, moving tables to the hospitality room, the raffle area and the arts and crafts area. We will mark and label the floor spaces for the various exhibits and run extension cords for the various display lights. Czar, Andra, will set up the hospitality room. This process should take about 2 hours. After the exhibit spaces are marked exhibitors can begin bringing in materials and start their exhibits. We will work a few hours on the GCOS exhibit, setting up the screens, lights and staging equipment. The bookstore will be open for members to store materials they bring for the GCOS exhibit anytime after 2:00. At this time we are not sure when we will close the book store please call if you are going to be late.

**FRIDAY 1-25-2013 around 7:30 A.M.:** First person there makes sure the hospitality room is open; you may have to go to the mall office and get the key. Please make some coffee and **offer assistance in any way you can.**

**10:00 A.M.** Work begins on the society exhibit; we will need both orchids and foliage plants. Members are encouraged to exhibit their plants. If you have plants to exhibit, call Jo Ann, 601-947-8777, (leave a message; she'll call you back) to give her your list or email her [joannvaz@bellsouth.net](mailto:joannvaz@bellsouth.net) by **Tuesday night January 22**. It is very important that you turn in your list as we need to know how many plants to expect, and we can start making a list from which to make our labels. Each orchid in the

exhibit must be properly labeled. We spend hours each year correcting names and finding the parentage for plants. Labeling counts as 10 points toward the overall quality of an exhibit.

All orchids and foliage plants must be disease and insect free. Each item used in the exhibit must be labeled with the owner's name. Include another list with your plants. Someone will check plants in Thursday night and Friday morning, and assist anyone needing help with entry tags. All Society entry tags must be in by noon on Friday.

Bring in snacks for the hospitality room for Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be served both days.

The raffle team will start the raffle and hold the drawings at their convenience all days.

The computer crew will work the night shift entering the entry tags and printing the results.



Judges and clerks 2012 show

The security team will watch the mall until 9:00 Friday and Saturday nights.

**SATURDAY 1-26-2013 around 7:00 A.M.:** Bring in food for Judge's breakfast. Judging starts at 8:00 A.M., so members need to get in before 7:30. Dave Perry will talk more about clerking at the meeting.

**1:00 APPROX:** Judges Luncheon – all workers are invited

**BAKE OFF:** Last year we gave first pick of all the February thank you plants to the winner of our bake off for judges. We also gave two more plants out later; one each to the runner ups. So get your recipes ready. Bring in a dessert for the judges on Saturday morning. Have it at the mall no later than 10:30 Saturday morning. Last year's winner was Janis Zuleeg's lemon pie, the year before was a blueberry dessert. More details will be available at January's meeting.

**SUNDAY 1-27-2103:** The show continues, wrap up begins in early afternoon. Trophies will be available **after 3:30 P.M.** We will have the final raffle drawing at the discretion of the raffle committee. Andra will start shutting down the hospitality room and at **5:00 P.M.** we will take down the exhibit.

**TROPHIES:** If you have not brought in or paid for your trophy please bring them to the January meeting or make some arrangements with Jo Ann. Please pack it carefully in a box with tissue or bubble wrap.

**PUBLICITY:** Marilyn Ladnier and Beryl Davis are doing a wonderful job with publicity. They need your help. If you've volunteered to be in your local newspapers and need flowers or info please ask either of these ladies and they will help. If any of you have an 'In' with any source of advertising please let them know.

**VENDORS FOR 2013 SHOW:** Here's a list of our vendors.

**Riverbend Orchids**—James Phillips and Morton Engleberg, Biloxi, MS. Phalaenopsis

**Clown Alley Orchids**—John and Sandy Stubbings from Pasadena, Texas, 281-991-6841, Cell 832- 693-8140 [clownalley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clownalley@sbcglobal.net) Sign up for a newsletter; [www.clownalleyorchids.com](http://www.clownalleyorchids.com). They will bring lots of blooming plants and a variety of unusual orchid species as well as some supplies.. John offers a 10% discount on any advance orders that he delivers to the show and free shipping.

**Orchids Plus**—Malcolm and Pat Huval from Breaux Bridge, LA [cty28172@centurytel.net](mailto:cty28172@centurytel.net) they offer a good mix of all types of orchids. They always have great plants at good prices.

**Orchid Retreat**—Ashley & Beverly Matherne, Bourg, LA 985-594-4050 [abmatherne@hotmail.com](mailto:abmatherne@hotmail.com). Other than Cattleya divisions from their own collection, not in bloom, they will bring whatever is in bloom. Check out their albums in Face Book.

**Morning Star Orchids:** John and Linda Bourgeois from Thibodeaux, LA 985-226-0990, home of the "Blue Orchid" to learn more go to their website [morningstarorchids.farming.officelive.com](http://morningstarorchids.farming.officelive.com).

**Hicks Orchids:** Orlando FL.; 407-493-3064; [hicksj0430@bellsouth.net](mailto:hicksj0430@bellsouth.net). Kenny will bring a good mix of plants along with some cymbidiums. Call if you'd like them to reserve some for you.

**Hicks Supplies:** We hope to have supply catalogs ready for the meeting. If you need supplies call and pre order. Many of you have asked about getting Vanda baskets. The baskets Hicks sells are made out of cypress by the local high School Vo-tech class. When you buy baskets from Hicks you are supporting a whole lot of good kids.

**AOS AWARDS:** Page four of our schedule has a very important statement that everyone who enters a plant in an orchid show should know. It reads "**Each person entering plants in the show agrees to accept and to pay fees for such awards to the AOS.**" That means if your plants wins an AOS award then you will have to pay the AOS a minimum of \$36.00 for that award. In return you get bragging rights plus in many cases you get to name the plant. (More about plant names at our April meeting.) Many of our members have won AOS awards at our show, Earl Young, John Bridges, Glen Ladnier, Janice Fabo, and Andra Milladinich to name a few – you might be next!

**LAST YEAR'S AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY (AOS) AWARDS:** Below are two of the plants that won American Orchid Society Awards. At left is *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Laura Bush 'Carmela' AM/AOS 84 points grown by Jo Ann and at right is *Paphiopedilum* Saint Swithin 'Kamakani #1' AM/AOS 82 points grown by Mark Mills of Memphis. Both photos taken by Chip Lechner and both are displayed in AQ Plus and in the Awards Quarterly magazine.



**PHOTOS FROM OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING**  
Courtesy of Armand Scurria



**Bingo Plants**



**There's another two tables full of dessert!**



**Waiting to eat!**



**Another shot of the bingo plants**