



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

December 13, 2015

Merry Christmas Everyone! The December Christmas luncheon and orchid bingo will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 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 the show and tell tables will be full of great eats (as in the photo below left) and bingo plants!



Last year we had 49 members and guests attend our luncheon, we expect as many if not more this year. We will try our best to accommodate everyone, please try to make every seat available for our members and guests.

This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid bingo, playing until everyone wins a plant. We will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. 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. Be aware that you cannot pay dues for 2016 for your guests and expect them to get a bingo card for our 2015 Christmas bingo.



Dendrobium Hawaii Spectacular

ABOUT THE PLANTS The plants are exceptional this year; Glen Ladnier ordered them from our Hawaiian friend, Island Sun Orchids. He got some outstanding plants. It's a good variety many Vandas, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums and some real oddballs. There will be something for everyone. Most of the orchid photos in this newsletter are of awarded plants like the ones we will receive. Photos courtesy of the American Orchid Society; Orchids Plus.

AWARD PLANTS: We will award plants to the top three point winners for the year from our display table, and 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 for the display table. You must be present to win the drawing.



Brassolaelia Yellow Bird

JANUARY MEETING: January 10, 2016, Planning meeting for our 2016 show, January 28- 31. This is a very important meeting. This meeting is three weeks before our 2016 show. We will finalize all plans and talk about preparing your plants for the show.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same.

February 14, 2016 Valentine's Day meeting. Every member who participated in our show will get a free plant, their choice, of the plants we bring in. We'll critique the show and plan for the Mobile show.

March 13, 2016 Vandas! Jo Ann will bring in some of the Vandas she topped in the spring of 2015 to show you the results. She'll bring in the bottom parts to show also. We'll talk about Vanda care and why she said goodbye to tea bags!

April 17, 2016 third Sunday We hope to have a special speaker on Angraecums

May 15, 2016 Our annual banquet and orchid auction.



Cymbidium Sweetheart

There were 33 plants on the show and tell table with Richard Crespin's Rlc. George King Southern Cross winning best plant. The door prize was won by Lexi Mitchell.

REFRESHMENTS: Nikie Martin will bring in January's refreshments.

The complete list for the rest of our fiscal year is:

February 2016 - Dave and Vicki Perry; March 2016 - Shari Harshberger; April 2016 - Janet Bridges and Val Scurria. Call our Hospitality Coordinator, Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640 if you have questions.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: Thirty-two members attended our November meeting. We had a discussion about the upcoming show

and asked for help in many capacities. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Gayle Greene-Aquirre and Sarah Tringle brought in



Dendrochilum wenzelii

lots of tissue. In past years some trophies were only placed in gift bags and they broke. We have to move these trophies around a lot, please pack them carefully. **Jo Ann must have all trophies or checks no later than the December meeting;** if you can't do so please let Jo Ann know.

UPCOMING SHOWS: Here's a list of local shows:

Jan 29-31, 2016 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show. Gautier Convention Ctr.

Feb 19 - 21, 2016 Mobile Area Orchid Society Show; Bellingraph Gardens.

April 1-3, 2016 Heart of Dixie Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Research Park, Huntsville, AL

2016 SHOW: TROPHIES - If you have agreed to purchase a trophy from the Society, please give Jo Ann Vaz your check for \$15.00 made out to GCOS at the meeting. If you are providing your own trophy please bring it to the December meeting. Put your name on the box and pack your trophy in a sturdy box with some sort of packing such as bubble wrap or



Epicattleya Rene Marques

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.

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. Chip has a wonderful new design a pink Paph! If you want a nice new orchid shirt for our January show please bring in a recently washed shirt by the December meeting.

THANK YOU: Sometimes we get so caught up in things that we forget to thank those that have helped us. I'd like to thank Richard Crespin for donating a LOT of bark and charcoal which was used to repot some of

Walter's plants and some of the survivors of the plants we got last September. Thanks to all the members who see things that need doing and do it. So many of you stay after the meetings and clean up. Many of you pitch in and unload my van every month. You are all so very special. You make the society what it is. Special thanks go out to our officers, members of the board and Glen Ladnier who is in charge of getting raffle and Christmas plants, Orchids 101 and Show and Tell. Thanks to our librarian, Vicki Perry.

Here's a list of our officers,

President; Becky Jolly-Wood Vice President; Dave Perry Recording Secretary; Sydney Dyche
 Reporting Secretary; Jo Ann Vaz Treasurer; Marilyn Ladnier Board Members Robert Stanton, Janet Olier,
 Andra Mladinich, Armand Scurria Webmaster Chip Lechner AOS Rep: Joy Lorens

PARTIAL LIST OF BINGO PLANTS:

Ascda Betty May Steele
 Ascda Princess Mikasa Pink
 Ascda Majik Fancy
 Brassavola Little Stars
 Den antennatum
 Den Hawaii Spectacular
 Dendrochillum wenzelii orange
 Epc Rene Marques
 Liparis grossa
 Onc Twinkle
 Prosavola Green Hearts
 Stelis argentata
 Stenorrhynchos speciosum
 Vanda Pakchong Blue

Ascf Cherry Blossom
 Ascda Muang Thong
 Bl Yellow Bird
 Cym Sweetheart
 Dendrobium Green Flash
 Den Tanin Pink Stripe
 Doritis pulcherrima var champornensis
 Epi Plastic Doll
 Mokara Moonlight
 Neostylis Lou Sneary
 Phaiocalanthe
 Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows
 Vanda Southeast Pearl
 Vanda Manuvadee 'Pramate'



Oncidium Twinkle



Stenorrhynchos speciosum



Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows



Dendrobium Green Flash



Miltassia Royal Robe



Vanda Pakchong Blue