



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

February 10, 2013

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, February 10, 2013**, at 2:00 at **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the large **cafeteria meeting room**. The Orchids 101 meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30 in the smaller meeting room. This month Glen will do a comprehensive demonstration on staking plants.



GCOS 2013 exhibit photo by Richard Crespin

PROGRAM: We do not have a formal program scheduled for February. We will have a “Rewards Session” for all our show workers as our way of saying thanks. Becky Jolly-Wood, Andra Mladinich and Jo Ann Vaz have been working on a spreadsheet of those that worked. Anyone that **WORKED** will get a free plant; hopefully we’ll be able to call out names in order of those who worked the most down to those who worked the least. Jo Ann will also give out her crazy “special awards” to deserving workers. This will not be a repeat of last year’s special awards, although some of the same people may get special awards, they will get them for different tasks. It is wonderful how our members can see a job that needs doing and do it without being told! After all the workers get their free plants the remaining plants will be available for all to **BUY**. We’ll have some great plants for sale and we will auction off a super “specimen” plant so bring a box for your new plants and your checkbook.

The winner of the dessert bake off will be announced. They will get a free first pick of all our sale plants! The next two runners-up will get free plants too; only later in the meeting.

DESSERT BAKE OFF RULES: Some members have complained that some of the desserts were possibly ‘store bought’. We have never made any rules saying desserts could not be store bought and served as is or added to and served. We just assumed that all our desserts would be home made as we have such great cooks. So for this year there will be no questions asked and any store bought or made by others desserts will not be eliminated from the competition. Next year we will have a rule that all desserts entered in the competition must be home made by the person who enters the dessert. Please leave your dessert at the show for the rest of us to enjoy.

WINDOW COVERINGS: Several people volunteered solutions to darkening our room for slide presentations. We need to have those solutions working by the March meeting. Please bring in your ideas for the February meeting so we can work on them during the break. – Thanks

REFRESHMENTS: Rob and Joy Lorens will provide February’s refreshments. Dave and Vicki Perry will bring March’s refreshments. If you’d like to bring refreshments or change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054.

SHOW REPORT: We had an outstanding show; congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated! The society exhibit won the People's Choice Award. Becky Jolly-Wood and her exhibit crew did the best exhibit ever! It was over twenty-two feet long and over five feet wide! Some other awards in our exhibit were: Walter Taylor won the award for the best grown, flowered plant in our exhibit and John Bridges won the award for the best flower in our exhibit.



Judy with Ascda. Somsri 'Doris' photo by Chip Lechner

Special congratulations go out to Judy Chinsee who won an HCC/AOS on her Ascda. Somsri Nugget which she named 'Doris' after her mother. Jo Ann also won two AM/AOS awards on two Rhynchostylis. This year there were a record breaking eleven AOS awards given out at our show.

Thank you to everyone who brought in food and worked in the hospitality room. Our hospitality Czar Andra did an outstanding job. We got a sweet thank you note from one of our judges saying: "Even if there were not very many flowers, we would still come to the show to get to be with all of you - A+ for hospitality".

MARCH PROGRAM: Our March 10, 2013 program is a very special speaker; Dr. Doug Martin will talk on growing hardy orchids. We'll see some awesome slides of native plants and learn how to save them by transplanting them from endangered environments to our gardens.

MOBILE SHOW: The Mobile Area Orchid Society will have an AOS judged show Feb 22-24, 2013 at the Mobile Botanic Gardens, 5151 Museum Drive, Mobile call Joe Paine 251-209-1008 or Pat Dickey 251-847-2747. We will do a 10' exhibit. Once again we'll need your plants and your help. Call your list of plants in to Andra, 228-365-0640 by Tuesday, February 19.

OTHER SHOWS IN OUR AREA:

March 8-10 Terrebonne Orchid Society Show, Southland

Mall, Houma, LA

April 5-7 Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society Show, Monroe, LA

May 31 – June 2 New Orleans Orchid Society Show, Lakeside Shopping Ctr., Metairie, LA

ORCHIDS 101: This session is not mandatory. It's for those who wish to know more about orchids. The class was originally called New Growers so if you hear that term, that is what we are referring to. The classes are led by Glen Ladnier. He is a long time member of the society serving many years as Vice-President, President and Show Chairman. He is active in most of the orchid societies in the region. Orchids 101 has a different topic each month, sometimes they make group orders for plants. If you have a few extra minutes join the group, you may learn something.

DO WE OWE YOU MONEY? Some of you may have bills for show expenses. If you do remember these two things; we reimburse only for items that we asked you to provide and food bills must be approved by Andra. All other bills should be approved by Becky. Don't bring in a bunch of receipts, write a note with an explanation of items and a total and attach receipts.

DUES ARE DUE: It's time to renew your dues for 2013. 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. New members must pay dues at the meeting, returning members can mail them to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532.

NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS: If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. Chip Lechner's Mom can machine embroider an orchid, the society's name and the member's name on shirts that members supply. The fee is \$15.00 and \$3.00 for your name. Find a shirt that you'd like to have embroidered, wash it, and bring the clean shirt to the meeting. **Clearly print** your name as you want it to appear on the shirt on a piece of paper and safety pin it to the shirt. Put your phone number on the paper too, in case there are any questions.

DISPLAY TABLE: For our new members and guests. We normally have a huge show and tell table full of awesome orchid plants. We have so many that we limit each member to no more than five plants each month. All are welcome to bring plants for judging. January was the start of the year for acquiring points on our plant table. Each time you bring in a plant for the display table 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.

We also vote on the best grown and flowered plant on the display table. You'll get a small paper ballot. Each plant is numbered. Write the number of your favorite Best Grown plant on the ballot and turn it in to Tina Torguson.

PHOTOS FROM THE SHOW: We'd like to thank everyone who took photos and gave them to Jo Ann for publication. The first photo taken by Chip Lechner is a picture of Armand and Valerie Scurria, for new members they are winning lots of ribbons. They entered four plants in the show and won two first place and a third place ribbons. The second photo is of our exhibit team setting up the exhibit, it was taken by Armand Scurria; from the left are Judy, Becky and Joy Lorens. The third photo is of our hospitality room, that's our Czar Andra in green; this photo was also taken by Armand. The last photo, taken by Richard Crespin, is of our computer crew who work long into the night on Friday. From left are Jo Ann, Vicki Sells and Rob Loren. Not pictured is Eddie Sells our chief computer guru.

