



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

**November 10, 2019**

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, November 10 at 2:00pm** at **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. For those with GPS the address of the school is 2226 Switzer Rd., Gulfport, MS 39507. The **Orchids 101** meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the regular meeting at **1:30**. Glen's topic is **'Breeding Trends in Orchids'**.

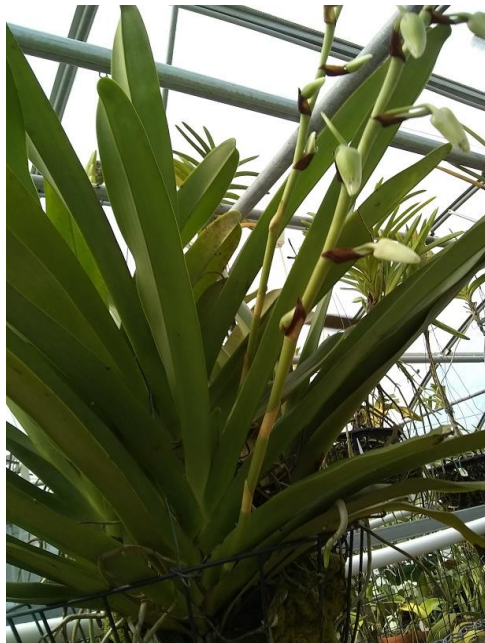


**Angraecum eburneum**

October programs. If you came to those meetings and paid attention – it may win you a free plant! There are only 20 questions on a lot of basic stuff most orchid people need to know. Maybe this will be a good way to learn it! We'll give out three winning plants to more than just the winners so fill out your answer sheet and turn it in.

**SHOW AND TELL:** This is the last month for members to make points for the show and tell drawing held at our Christmas luncheon. The top three-point earners win a free plant; we then draw from all the remaining names of people who brought in plants during the year and are present at the meeting for three more plants.

**PROGRAM: November 10**, we'll have a fun program, playing **Name That Orchid**. All the pictures you'll see will be featured orchids or things from the June, July, August, September and



**Actual plant to be auctioned: Angraecum eburneum**

**We will have our plant sale during our refreshment period.** We will offer many of the plants we purchased last January from Jodie of Secret Garden Rare Plants. **Lots of Cattleya types and Cymbidiums.** Two of the Cymbidiums are in spike! Most of the plants are hurricane damaged plants. The foliage will not be pristine, but they are all coming back and show good new growth. Some names are lost but so far Jodie has been able to name every plant that has bloomed. There will also be a few of Jo Ann's divisions. All money will go to GCOS to finance our speaker's fund and upcoming show. There will be plenty of plants; that red Kia will be loaded!

**PLANT AUCTION:** Jo Ann will also donate two plants for a special auction. One will be an **Angraecum eburneum var. brevicar** in spike! This plant is native to Africa particularly the region around Madagascar. Angraecums belong to the Vanda Family and this particular species likes Vanda culture. Lots of water and heat in the summer not so much water in the winter but keep the heat. The white and green flowers are pollinated by a moth and they are very fragrant at night.



Coilostylis ciliaris thanks to Orchids Plus for picture



Coilostylis ciliaris actual plant

The other plant to be donated is a mounted, in spike plant of *Coilostylis ciliaris*. Up until 2004 this plant was known as *Epidendrum ciliare*. This particular plant was acquired from a dear friend, mentor and member of the society who has since passed away. It is affectionately called Silly Old Larry. **Larry Strasburger** kept great records; I can tell you he purchased this plant from a Guatemalan street market in 1969 for a quarter! They can be found growing wild in wet forests from Mexico to Brazil. It stays with the Vandas in the summer growing in their shade getting plenty of water and heat. In winter, water when you can but keep it warm.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Our meeting schedule for 2020 has been approved by the school please check the dates as some month's meetings have changed. We are still working on programs for most months. If you can do a program or know of a topic, you'd like us to cover please let us know.

**December 8**, Second Sunday Orchid Bingo; every member wins a plant! Christmas potluck

**January 12**, Work meeting for Show- January 24-26

**February 9**, thank you meeting for show workers and an introduction to the Orchid Society for new members. All those who help with the show and are present at the meeting get a free plant.

**March 8**, Richard Crespin will teach a hands-on class on repotting of *Catasetinae* type plants

**April 19** Third Sunday because Easter is the 2nd Sunday Open

**May 17** Third Sunday because Mother's Day is second Sunday Annual covered dish luncheon and Orchid Auction

**June 14** Open

**July 19** Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge show

**August 9** Open

**September 13** Open

**October 18** Third Sunday Special Speaker - Denny Haase – Spring Orchids, Spring, Texas

**November 8** Second Sunday Open



Richard Crespin went all out for Fred Clarke's talk. Here he is on WLOX promoting the talk with Dave Elliott

**December 13** Annual covered dish luncheon and Orchid Bingo

**UPCOMING SHOWS:**

**Dec. 7** Acadian Orchid Society Short Course Hilton Garden Inn, 2350 W. Congress St., Lafayette, LA

**Jan 24-26, 2020** Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center.

**Feb. 28- March 1, 2020** Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale, Bellingrath Gardens. This is their 43<sup>rd</sup> annual show and sale.



**Cattleya Portia Gloriosa** like Cynthia's

outstanding \$262.00. We had so many raffle plants that we couldn't keep track of the number! Thanks to Richard Crespin, Cynthia Oetker, Tray and Kourtne Thigpen, Fred Clarke and Jo Ann Vaz for donating plants.

This was a very special meeting, Fred Clarke, the King of Catasetinae, spent the afternoon with us.



**Members visiting before the first talk**

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** There were 42 members including 6 new members that joined at the meeting. We had 27 other guests. Please welcome Darla Dean from Daphne, AL; Barb Heinbaugh from Long Beach; Rebecca and Peter Sciarabba from Poplarville, Arlan Tenkley from Robertsdale, AL and Laura Fennell from Long Beach. Thank you all for joining.

There were 28 plants on the show and tell table. Best plant was Cynthia Oetker's Cattleya Portia 'Gloriosa' AM/AOS FCC/AOS. The door prize was won by Pat Schmidt. Our raffle made an

amazing \$262.00. He gave two amazing talks, sold plants and was a wonderful guest. Thank you to everyone who worked to set up tables and chairs, climbed up a ladder to cover the window, brought in, arranged and cleaned up the awesome refreshments and especially thank you to Cynthia Oetker and Richard Crespin. Without these two we would not have enjoyed such a fantastic day!

**DECEMBER MEETING:** Our Christmas covered dish luncheon and Orchid bingo will be Sunday, **December 8**. Get your recipes ready, this is always a fun event. We will play bingo for some nice orchid plants. Every member present will

win a plant! We will move the **meeting time up to 1:00. P.M.** There will be no show and tell or Orchids 101 for the December meeting. Guests are welcome. All non-members who play bingo must pay \$10.00 for a bingo card. You must be a member by our November meeting to qualify for member status for the Christmas bingo.

Would someone please text Jo Ann around 9:00 am the morning of the December meeting and reminder her to bring the bingo cards?

**MEMBERSHIP NOTES:** Dues will be due at our January 2020 meeting. Dues are \$10.00 per single membership, 15 for double membership and then \$5.00 for each extra person living at the same location. New memberships get a free plant one plant per membership only. Dues cannot be paid at our shows; if you cannot attend the meeting send your check to Marilyn Ladnier, 15559 village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532. We do not prorate our dues. This is because a person could join for \$15.00 in October for himself and his partner then pay another \$15.00 for membership for their 3

kids (\$5.00 each). At Christmas they can walk away with over \$50.00 worth of bingo plants for only paying \$30.00!

**TROPHIES FOR 2020 SHOW:** Thanks to everyone who donates a trophy for our 2020 show. Donated trophies save the society quite a bit of money and gives our members a chance to remember and honor someone or something. If you donated a trophy last year and want to donate it again this year please contact Joy Lorens, our Show Trophy Chair, at the meeting. If you already have your trophy, please **bring it to the November meeting**. If you prefer that the society provide your trophy; bring \$20.00 to pay for the trophy.

Each year we give out two orchids in use trophies (floral arrangements and crafts or artwork), seventeen trophies for the various plant categories or exhibits and eight special trophies along with the AOS trophy and the Orchid Digest trophy for exhibits.

If you do crafts or flower arrangements with orchids in them, you can enter them in our show and win a trophy.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERSHIP – By Gayle Greene- Aguirre**

**Judy Harris** Some of you might not know this month's featured member directly, but if you have ever been to one of our January Shows you have seen all those wonderful direction signs that Judy seems to put out all over the Coast. She is the lady who makes sure that everyone knows where we are. Judy is our own version of MapQuest.



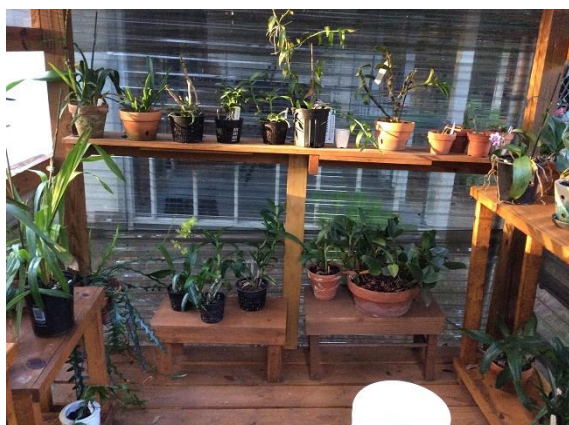
**Judy Harris**

She joined our society in the Fall of 2015 after meeting Sydney Dyche at a Master Gardener class. Sydney got her interested in orchids as well as daylilies, and they have become great friends. Right now, her favorite orchids are Dendrobiums because she says these orchids generally bloom well for her. Judy has a small green house for her plants, but in summer they generally sit under an oak tree in her yard. She gets most of her plants from other members and at numerous shows. In addition to our annual show, Judy has also been to the New Orleans as well as Nashville Shows. She really enjoys seeing how other groups put their displays together.

Like many of us Judy tends to spend more time with her orchids at the change of seasons. She uses this time to spruce up her greenhouse and get the plants ready for their seasonal metamorphosis. As part of

her regular greenhouse routine, Judy tends to go out every few days to see how the plants are doing. In addition to orchids Judy grows all types of plants to include roses, daylilies and seven different types of ferns. When asked about her special tips for success she said, "Ignore them!"

Judy was born on the Coast and has spent most of her life here. She is also a very avid fan of crochet. You will always see her at our meetings making baby layettes, hats, scarves, and anything new and interesting. She and others in the Society also make many items to help the homeless population.



**Judy's Greenhouse**

Her orchid goal is to try to get her plants to look as good as those of some of our more experienced members. Come

January Judy will again be our path finder, and you will also find her with others greeting guests and handling our Raffle. Stop by and introduce yourself.

**SHOW NOTES:** This year we will only have 5 vendors for our show. We have a new/old vendor coming! Hicks Orchids and Supplies will return. It is so exciting to finally get a supply vendor. Kenny has a website now plus they are on Facebook. To be sure he brings the supplies you need, contact them and preorder. This will save you a bunch in shipping.

Our other vendors are long time vendors and friends of the society:

Spring Orchids, Denny Haase  
22330 Gosling Rd.  
Spring TX 77389 713-898-4411  
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Florida Star Nursery & Supplies  
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Chip Lechner our usual show photographer, will not be able to take the official AOS photos for our 2020 show. If you are a photographer and would like to fill in for Chip, please see Jo Ann or Chip at the meeting.

**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.