



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

December 9, 2012

**Merry Christmas Everyone!** The December Christmas luncheon and orchid bingo will be held Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys. We will meet in the room **behind the cafeteria. We will not have Show and Tell, a raffle or Orchids 101.** There will be no show and Tell because the show and tell tables will be full of great eats and bingo plants!



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 \$6.00 per card; one card per member/guest. We have a limited number of bingo plants so please limit the number of guests.

**ABOUT THE PLANTS** Glen really outdid himself this year, the plants sound awesome. He got a great deal from Carmela Orchids.

**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.

For our new members, we keep track of all plants brought in for show and tell during the year. If you bring in a plant you get one point, if it wins a third place ribbon it gets another point, if it wins second place it gets two more points and if it wins first place it gets three more points. If you only brought in one plant during the year and you are present for the drawing you will be eligible for the drawing.

**2013 SHOW:** Our orchid show is set for January 25-27 at Singing River Mall in Gautier. Layout starts the early afternoon, Thursday January 24. Once again we are offering our members the opportunity to donate trophies. **If you have agreed to purchase a trophy from the Society, please give Jo Ann Vaz your \$15.00. If you are providing your own trophy please bring it to the December meeting. Please pack your trophy in a box with some sort of packing such as bubble wrap or lots of tissue.** Last year some trophies were only placed in gift bags and they broke. We have to move these trophies around a lot, please pack them carefully.

Above and at right: photos from our 2010 Christmas party



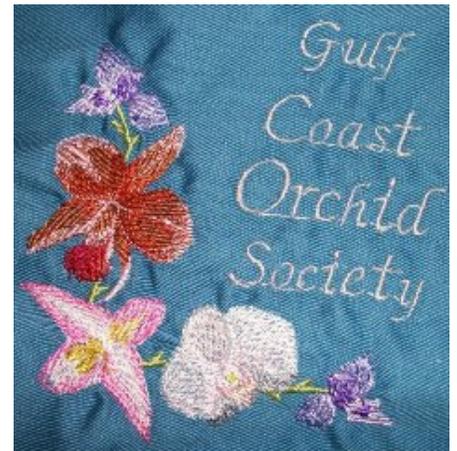
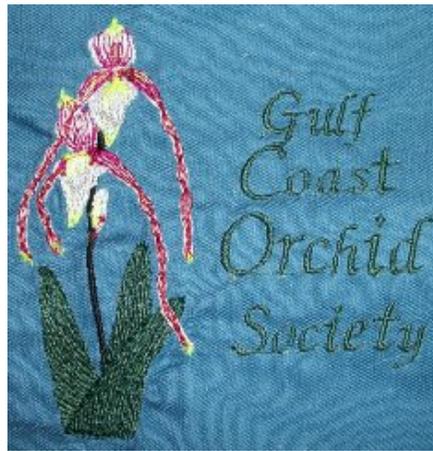
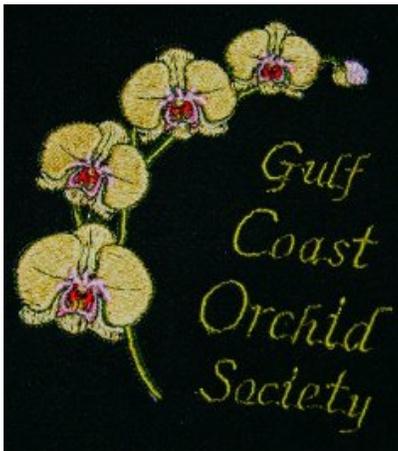
**PHOTOS:** Would someone please take some nice shots of the December meeting and email them to Jo Ann? Better yet just remind her to take a few photos; she always has her camera in her handbag! Everyone is getting tired of looking at these 2010 photos.

**JANUARY MEETING:** Our January meeting will be a planning session for our upcoming show. We need everyone's help to have a great show. We will discuss the proper way to exhibit a plant. This includes how to clean and stake plants and how to prepare an entry tag.

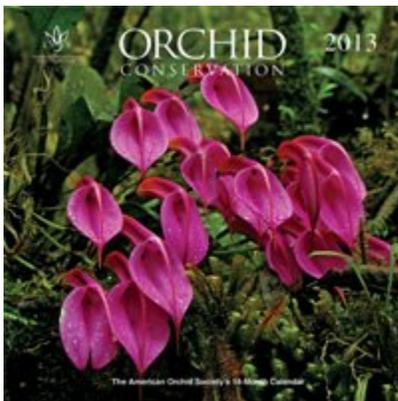
**REFRESHMENTS:** January's refreshments will provided by John and Kathy Pahlman. If you'd like to bring refreshments or to change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-365-0640.

**NAME TAGS AND SHIRTS:** If you want a GCOS name tag; see Marilyn at the meeting. They are \$7.00 each.

Chip Lechner's Mom can machine embroider an orchid, the society's name and the member's name on shirts that members supply. Her charge is 15.00 and \$3.00 for your name. Below are the three orchid patterns that we can pick from. Find a shirt that you'd like to have embroidered, wash it, and bring the clean shirt to the Dec. 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.



**MEMBERSHIP LIST:** The phone list has been updated and copies will be available at the meeting to those who don't have computers. To save on printing costs members who have computer access are asked to print their own, Rather than attach a copy to this email which goes out to people who don't need our address; if you'd like a copy, please email Jo Ann and she'll send you one.



**2013 AOS CALENDAR:** Experience orchids in their glorious, natural beauty with the **2013 AOS Conservation Calendar**. Discovering an orchid growing in the wild is a thrilling experience. Not only are orchids beautiful and exotic, they are also a fundamental part of each ecosystem that they inhabit. For those eager to see orchids in nature, this calendar is sure to impress as it captures the complexity, visual delights and rich biodiversity of their natural habitats. This large 11x22", full-color calendar contains 14 months so you can keep dates into 2014. Each calendar is individually shrink-wrapped with cardboard stiffener. Enjoy the beauty of orchids in the wild as you support conservation, with \$2 of each calendar purchase going to fund conservation projects. Order today while supplies are plentiful. Makes great holiday gifts! Order them from the AOS Website, [www.AOS.org](http://www.AOS.org) for \$13.50 member,

\$14.95 non members, shipping is included.

**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.**