



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

May 20, 2018

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 1:00** 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 cafeteria is north of the college off Runnymede. This is our annual orchid auction and *eatin' meetin'*. There will be **NO ORCHIDS 101 MEETING, NO RAFFLE or DOOR PRIZE and NO SHOW AND**

TELL. Please wear your name tags or shirts. This will help us with the auction; more information about action later in the newsletter.

PROGRAM: This meeting will be the **third Sunday of the month at 1:00**. This will be a covered dish luncheon and orchid auction. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. Members are encouraged to bring an appetizer, bread, side dish or dessert. Guests are welcome. We will offer for auction many beautiful plants all donated by members. In the past years members have gotten some



Auction plants from a previous year

extremely good bargains. **Bring a box or crate to carry your purchases home. Make checks out to GCOS or bring cash - no credit cards.**

We plan to eat as near to **one o'clock pm** as possible so please come early to set up your dish and inspect the plants for auction.

Many of you know that we must leave the room, surrounding cafeteria and hallway as clean as we found it. So, when you're finished eating clean your area; if you spill potting material anywhere please pick it up. If your chair or table came from the main cafeteria return it.

If you have plants you'd like to donate to the auction, call or email Glen Ladnier at 228-392-0919, gladnier@yahoo.com. It is important that you call so he can coordinate the number of plants available for sale.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Some of the following programs may change; the dates will remain the same. If you can do a program or have ideas for one, please contact Jo Ann.

June 10, Second Sunday – Glen Ladnier will tell us about raising orchids from seed.



Dendrobium aphyllum 'Aunt Alma' CCM/AOS official AOS picture taken by Joe Paine. Would you like to have a cutting?

July 15, Third Sunday due to Baton Rouge Show; Robert Stanton Open Show and Tell.
August 12, Second Sunday open
September 9, Second Sunday open
October 14, Second Sunday “How to be a Great Ribbon Judge or Clerk at our 2019 Show”
November 11, Second Sunday Sydney Dyche “How to Keep Track of your Orchids”
December 9, Second Sunday Bingo Christmas pot luck



Trey Thigpen's Paph. Julius

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: There were 34 members present. Joy and Grady Holt brought wonderful refreshments which included a His or Her dessert competition. Members voted for both! We'd also like to thank Sara Holloway for bringing in a beautiful bowl full of the sweetest strawberries – delicious!

Kourtne Thigpen won the door prize. Dr. Courtney Hackney gave a wonderful, informative presentation about Cattleyas. He and his wife, Rose, were wonderful guests. Six members joined our guests for dinner at Captain Al's. We all had a great time and learned even more about growing orchids. We had 31 plants on the April show and tell table. There was a tie for Best Plant between Trey Thigpen's Paphiopedilum Julius and Jo Ann's Phalaenopsis stuartiana.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

June 1-3, 2018 New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale, Lakeview Mall
July 13-15, 2018 Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Burden Conference Center, 4560 Essen Lane
Oct. 26-28, 2018 Calcasieu Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Good Shephard Episcopal Church, 715 Kirkman, Lake Charles, LA.
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2018 The American Orchid Society 2018 Fall Members Meeting is being held in conjunction with the International Slipper Orchid Symposium in Apopka, Florida.
Jan 25-27, 2019 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show; Gautier Convention Center.



Our exhibit in the 2017 New Orleans show which won the Orchid Digest Trophy, Best Society Exhibit for its size trophy and the trophy awarded to the exhibit that had the best interpretation of the theme. Sydney Dyche chaired this exhibit setup.

NEW ORLEANS SHOW: We will not be participating in the New Orleans Show. All our members with show experience have issues this year, many have sickness in their families. The New Orleans Show is an outstanding show, they usually have around 10 vendors and lots of wonderful plants to see and buy. This year the theme of the show is “New Orleans Celebrates 300 Years”. The New Orleans Orchid Society members are very friendly and hospitable. If you attend the show,

stop by their raffle desk and say hello. Please tell them the Gulf Coast Orchid Society will be back in 2019!

BATON ROUGE SHOW: The theme of the Baton Rouge show is “Orchids on the Bayou”. We hope that some of our members will be able to take the society’s exhibit there. If you’d like to learn how to do the exhibit, mark your calendars now for July 13 and join us in Baton Rouge.



Den. aphyllum 'Aunt Alma' CCM/AOS in our Mobile exhibit, picture taken by John's daughter, Patsy

only won an American Orchid Society Cultural award (CCM) she won the trophy for best plant of all the Dendrobium classes and the trophy for the best plant listed in all the Miscellaneous genera classes. She also won a tricolor ribbon and lots of beautiful blue ribbons. Congratulations John! Also, a big thank you to John’s wife, Janet, and granddaughter, Lexie Mitchell, who helped him bring the plant to Mobile and a very warm, special thank you to our Society’s exhibit chair, Sydney Dyche, who wrestled that huge plant around trying to get it in its best position in our exhibit!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN BRIDGES: On February 17, 2018 at the Mobile Area Orchid Society show, John Bridges’ Dendrobium aphyllum 'Aunt Alma' was awarded a CCM. Dendrobium aphyllum was registered in two different classes: class 82, Dendrobium species, Nobile type and class 102, Specimen plants. Normally plants can only be entered in one class but AOS makes an exception for specimen plants. There is no definition for *specimen plant*, but it is generally viewed as a very large, well grown version of its type. The class for specimen plants falls into the Miscellaneous Plants category. Aunt Alma must have broken some records as she not



Auctioneer Glen Ladnier and his assistant, Lexie Mitchell

THE GCOS ORCHID AUCTION PROCESS: After the meal our Treasurer, Marilyn Ladnier will pass out paper plates with numbers on the back to those who want to participate in the auction. Then when you win a plant you will show your paper plate/number. The auctioneer will say sold to the number on the plate. We’ll also say your name so wearing your society shirt or badge is important. (This is a great way to learn each other’s names!) The clerks who keep up with the prices will write down the price by the corresponding number. At the end the auction the clerks will tally their sheets, compare their totals and you can pay for your plants. Please give the

clerks a minute or two to do their jobs before you start paying.

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.

REFRESHMENTS: You've probably gotten tired of reading about the society needing volunteers for refreshments. We've gotten tired of asking. For June we will try something new for refreshments. After the break we will discuss where we should go with refreshments. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas on how to make our refreshments simple and fun for everyone not just those eating them! For the May meeting, so we'll have more time to buy orchids let's try to keep most regular or new business for the June meeting!

