



# Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

January 8, 2012

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, January 8, 2012**, at 2:00 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 New Growers meeting led by Glen Ladnier will precede the meeting at 1:30. Glen says this about the meeting: "The January 2012 New Growers meeting will be a fun meeting for every society member, regardless of experience. Hopefully it will be a learning opportunity too. This is one that I have been planning for a long time." If you want to know what the fun, mysterious program that Glen's planning, show up at 1:30.

**PROGRAM:** Our January program will be a work/planning meeting for our show, January 27, 28, 29, 2012. We need people who can cook or bring in refreshments, people to man the hospitality room and help out, security people to watch the exhibits until the Mall closes on Friday and Saturday nights, strong backs to help set up on Thursday night and or to take down on Sunday night, blooming orchid plants or greenery for our exhibit on Friday morning, clerks for Saturday morning to help with the judging, and people to help out with our raffle.

Jo Ann Vaz will give a demo on the way she cleans, stakes and transports plants to shows.

**IMPORTANT-WE NEED YOUR HELP!** After January's meeting is over we ask that anyone who does not have a lot of stuff to bring to the mall Thursday afternoon before the show to please follow Becky and Andra to the storage locker and get a few items that they can store at their homes and then bring to the mall Thursday afternoon. These volunteers are asked to take these same items home with them after the show and bring them back to the February meeting to be stored in the locker or to be used at the Mobile exhibit.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Bill and Tina Torguson and Judy Chinsee will provide January's refreshments. Rob and Joy Lorens will bring February's refreshments. If you'd like to bring refreshments or to change your assigned date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054.

**SHOW REPORT:** Andra Mladinich will be in charge of hospitality and will be doing the Judges Luncheon. She needs our help. If you have large, clean ice chests or anything that you think Andra could use for the weekend, call her at 228-388-5054.

Members are encouraged to exhibit their plants. If you have plants to exhibit, call Jo Ann, 601-947-8777, (leave

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message; she'll call you back) to give her your list or email her [joannvaz@bellsouth.net](mailto:joannvaz@bellsouth.net) by **Tuesday night January 24**. It is very important that you turn in your list as we need to know how many plants to expect, and we can start making a list from which to make our labels. Each orchid in the exhibit must be properly labeled. We spend hours each year correcting names and finding the parentage for plants. Labeling counts as 10 points toward the overall quality of an exhibit. All orchids and foliage plants must be disease and insect free. Each item used in the exhibit must be labeled with the owner's name. Include another list with your plants even if you only bring one plant. All orchids, greenery and props should be at the mall no later than 10:00 A.M. Friday morning. **Do not leave plants brought in to exhibit or newly purchased plants in a back room or on a table.** We will not be responsible for those plants. Someone will check plants in Thursday night and Friday morning, and assist anyone needing help with entry tags. All Society entry tags must be handed in to John Tate by noon on Friday.

**BAKE OFF:** Last year we gave first pick of all the February thank you plants to the winner of our bake off for judges. We also gave two more plants out later; one each to the runner ups. So get your recipes ready. Bring in a dessert for the judges on Saturday morning. Have it at the mall no later than 10:30 Saturday morning. More details will be available at January's meeting.

**TROPHIES:** If you have not brought in or paid for your trophy please bring them to the January meeting or make some arrangements with Jo Ann. Please pack it carefully in a box with tissue or bubble wrap. Some of the trophies that have been donated are a little "disappointing". We don't care where you purchase your trophy nor do we care how much you paid for it; but we ask that you provide something to make you and the society proud. Most of you are giving trophies to honor someone; **your name and your honoree's name will be printed clearly on the trophy and in the various displays.** See photo below



**FEBRUARY MEETING:** If you remember last year's February thank you meeting; don't miss this February's meeting. We need all of you to help with the show, the February thank you meeting is our way of thanking you for your efforts. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

**MARCH MEETING:** Our March meeting has lots of changes; tentatively it will be the **THIRD** Sunday, March 18 and since the college is closing for Spring Break, we will be meeting in another locale. We have to find an alternate meeting place. If anyone knows of a place big enough to hold us; plants, food, 50 people and hopefully a guest who brings plants to sell, please let us know.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** There were 45 members and guests at our December

meeting. Everyone left with at least one free plant. The food was awesome. Thank you Glen for arranging such wonderful plants and thanks to our hospitality Czar, Andra, for coordinating all that delicious food. Special thanks go to every one who brought in dishes, moved tables, loaded plants, and cleaned up. Every little thing added up to make the meeting wonderful!

**DUES ARE DUE:** It's time to renew your dues for 2012. 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 or you can mail them to Marilyn Lадnier, 15559 Village Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532. **We will not accept dues at the show.**

**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. She will charge us her cost only; 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:** January is 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.

**MOBILE SHOW:** The Mobile Area Orchid Society will have a show the 3rd week in February 2012 at the Mobile Botanical Gardens, Feb 17-19, 2012. See attached flyer.

**VENDORS FOR 2012 SHOW:** Here's a list of our vendors what they'll be offering and any specials they may have. **Riverbend Orchids**—James Phillips and Morton Engleberg, Biloxi, MS. **Phalaenopsis**

**Clown Alley Orchids**—John Stubbings from Pasadena, Texas, 281-991-6841, Cell 832- 693-8140 [clownalley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clownalley@sbcglobal.net) Sign up for a newsletter; [www.clownalleyorchids.com](http://www.clownalleyorchids.com). They will bring lots of blooming plants and a variety of unusual orchid species as well as some supplies. They will feature large standard Cattleya hybrids. John offers a 10% discount on any advance orders that he delivers to the show and free shipping.



Here are three of Clown Alley's offerings; at left Blc. Chia Lin 'Shin Su #1', center Blc. Haadyai Delight 'Bangprom Gold' right Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage' HCC/AOS



**Orchids Plus**—Malcolm and Pat Huval from Breaux Bridge, LA [cty28172@centurytel.net](mailto:cty28172@centurytel.net) they offer a good mix of all types of orchids. They always have great plants at good prices.

**Orchid Retreat**—Ashley & Beverly Matherne, Bourg, LA 985-594-4050 [abmatherne@hotmail.com](mailto:abmatherne@hotmail.com). Other than Cattleya divisions from their own collection, not in bloom, they will bring whatever is in bloom. They plan on having Noble Den. Min. and standard cattleya, assort Den. and a few odd balls. Check out their albums in Face Book and inquire

**Morning Star Orchids:** John and Linda Bourgeois from Thibodeaux, LA 985-226-0990, home of the "Blue Orchid" to learn more go to their website [morningstarorchids.farming.officelive.com](http://morningstarorchids.farming.officelive.com). John says they will bring some paphs, Angraecums and most importantly they'll bring their homegrown honey and fig jam.

**Hicks Orchids:** Orlando FL.; 407-493-3064; [hicksj0430@bellsouth.net](mailto:hicksj0430@bellsouth.net). The will bring a good mix of plants along with some cymbidiums. Call if you'd like them to reserve some for you.

**Hicks Supplies:** John Hicks of Orlando Fl. 407-493-3064; [hicksj0430@bellsouth.net](mailto:hicksj0430@bellsouth.net). We hope to have supply catalogs ready for the meeting. If you need supplies call and pre order.

**AOS UPDATE:** The American Orchid Society Headquarters has been sold so the gardens are no longer open to the public. You can still get free and discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta through the reciprocal garden program. Check out the listing on the AOS website for any local participating gardens. Also the following orchid vendors give a 5% discount when you tell them you're an AOS member; Exotic Orchids of Maui, June's Orchid Estate, Krull-Smith, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn, Ltd, Seagrove Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids and Woodstream Orchids. If you have a two-year new membership or renewal you will receive (mailed from AOS headquarters) a special coupon worth \$30 off of an order of \$100 or more from your choice of one of the following vendors: Carmela Orchids, Carter & Holmes, Dan & Margie Orchids, Exotic Orchids of Maui, Gold Country Orchids, Hillview Gardens, Indoor Gardening Supplies (IGS), June's Orchid Estate, Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies, Krull-Smith, Little Brook Orchids, Marsh Hollow Orchids, Mountain View Orchids, New Earth Orchids, Norman's Orchids, OFE International, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn Ltd., Piping Rock Orchids, Quest Orchids, RF Orchids, Ravenvision, Roberts Flower Supply, Soroa Orchids, Inc., Sunset Valley Orchids, Tropical Gardens Orchids.

**LAST YEAR'S AOS AWARDS:** Below are three of the plants that won American Orchid Society Awards. They were/are owned by members of our society. At left is Phal owned by John and Janet Bridges, left is Andra Mladinich's Paph and center is Glen Ladnier's Vanda Motes Indigo which also won Best Vanda Flower and Best Purple Flower in the Entire Show. All photos taken by Ken Miles.

