

**Gainesville Orchid Society Annual Show
Orchids in the Garden October 13-14, 2018
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens**

Be sure to tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about our orchid show on October 13 and 14 in conjunction with the Kanapaha Botanical Garden's Annual Open House and Fall Plant Sale. Hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. Admission to the gardens and show is free.

Hopefully most of our GOS members will find some time to help out with the show and enter some orchids for judging. For those of you who are new to our show, below is a schedule of events. It is a busy week. If you haven't signed up to help, see how you might lend a hand and sign up at our next meeting.

Enter Your Orchids---Wednesday-Thursday, October 10-11

Enter your best blooming orchids. We'll be having a beginner's class in September on getting your orchids ready for the show and instructions for entering your plants will be distributed.

Set-up---Friday, October 12th 9:30am-5:00pm

Set-up is a lot of hard work, but I think it is the most fun part of the entire show. We start with two empty rooms and by the end of the day they are transformed into an orchid paradise. Tasks during set-up include helping to set up the GOS display, setting up the sponsor board, unloading and distributing background plants, and helping the vendors and societies unload. There will be coffee in the morning and lunch is provided. Sign up for morning or afternoon or come for the whole day, an hour or two, or just stop by to see what is going on.

AOS Judging---Saturday, October 13th, 8-10 am

During AOS judging, Orchid Society members act as clerks. Three GOS members are assigned to each team of judges. They assist by helping the judges locate plants, recording ribbon award information and placing ribbons on the plants. It is fun and informative to listen to the judges discuss the orchids and their reasons for choosing one bloom over another.

The Show---Saturday, October 13th, and Sunday, October 14th, 9 am-5 pm

Welcome Table - Greet the public and hand out free raffle tickets.

Educational Programs—will be presented at 11am and 2pm each day. They will be held in the vendor display room.

GOS Membership Table - Hand out orchid culture sheets and info about GOS and AOS. Collect names and emails for GOS mailing list.

Potluck Dinner---Saturday, October 13th, 5:30 pm, Place TBA - Everyone who helped with the show in any capacity is welcome to come with spouse, significant other, etc. Please be sure to sign up so we know how many are coming and what dishes to expect.

Takedown---Sunday, October 14th, 5 pm -- Help collect foliage plants from displays, collect and pack up GOS show materials, help orchid vendors transport and load their plants and take down their booths as needed.