

**Gainesville Orchid Society Annual Show  
'Orchids in the Garden' October 23-24, 2021  
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens**

Be sure to tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about our orchid show on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Find some time to help out with the show and enter some orchids for judging. It's a great way to get to know your fellow GOS members. 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. Volunteers will get coffee and lunch on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

**Enter Your Orchids---Wednesday-Thursday, October 20-21**

Enter your best blooming orchids. **There is a flyer with instructions for getting your orchids ready for the show and how to submit them for registration.** Orchids are judged against other like orchids. American Orchid Society Judges give out ribbons to first, second and third place winners in each classification.

**Prep for set-up---Thursday, October 21 9:30am – noon**

We bring everything needed from the warehouse, put down plastic on the floor for set-up, move tables and chairs into place, erect the structures for the vendor's displays, etc. There is a lot of heavy lifting so the more the merrier. If you can help, the extra hands will be appreciated.

**Set-up---Friday, October 22<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-5:00pm**

Set-up is a lot of hard work, but it can be 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.

**The Show--Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-5 pm**

**In the Summer House**---Society and Vendor Displays

**In the Garden**---Orchid and Orchid Supply vendors, and many other plant vendors selling a variety of plants.

**AOS Judging---Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8-10:30 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.

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

**Educational Programs**---will be presented at 11am and 2pm each day in the vendor display room.

**GOS Membership Table** - Hand out orchid culture sheets and info about GOS and AOS.

**Takedown---Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. Plan to spend a little time when you come to pick up your plants. We can use all the help we can get.