

## Alan's Bench

Early in my federal career I lived near Davenport, Iowa, where the daily farm report was a prominent part of the TV news. Other than hog and grain futures, the report focused predominately on the short and long term weather forecasts. Weather conditions affect how well our orchids grow. Our generally benign climate is beneficial for orchid growing so we often can ignore local weather conditions. But our occasional weather extremes of temperature and moisture require our attention. We moved from a relatively cool, breezy and dry spring to hot, humid and wet summer- from two months of no rain to a period of daily deluges.

Tropical storm Fay last summer did damage to some of my plants outdoors with rotting of new growths. This was particularly painful as there was no damage to plants in the greenhouse where watering (time and amount) could be controlled. As we move into summer additional water and more frequent application of weak fertilizer are needed. Be watchful for extended periods of extreme rainfall for water collecting in new growths. Water early rather than late in the day and always, always have good air circulation for your plants.

The other consideration is to think about is who or how you will water your plants when you leave for summer vacation. Often our climate will provide adequate water your outdoor plants without problems, but it is best to ensure someone can water your plants at least twice a week while you are gone if we do not get rain.

Thank you to Vice President Dave Riches, who chaired the May meetings for the club while I was on an expedition to Jamaica. Although the trip was not for orchids, exploring the non-tourist areas of the country and seeing native orchids blooming epiphytically (on trees and bushes) and lithophytically (happily growing on limestone rock outcroppings) was a great treat.

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# The Rhizome

*Rhizome: n., a creeping stem lying, usually horizontally, at or under the surface of the soil....*



### PCOS Exhibit at the Volusia Orchid Society Show:

Our club received a third place for our fifty square foot display at the Volusia County Orchid Show held over Mother's Day weekend. Our members won several ribbons for individual plants, including several blue ribbons. A big thank you to Glenda Titler who organized the display and for Dave Riches and Charlie Bishop who donated plants and for Karen Snee, Ruth Jackson, Ginny Landreth, Betty and Jim Adamson, Joan Lehnert and Alan Gettleman who set up the display/or brought plants to the show site. Also; big, big thanks to Glenda Titler, Karen Snee, and Betty and Jim Adamson who spent part of Mother's Day taking down the display. Glenda also babysat plants for some of us who were out of town.

### June Program:

To be shown: "Delicate Blossoms: South Florida's Native Orchids," a production of WGCU Television in Naples, FL. This is the time of year when many of our Florida native orchids are blooming. See orchids in their native habitat and best of all- no mosquitoes.

### Our Club awards for the 2009 PCOS show. Congratulations to the winners for some spectacular displays and flowers!

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW TROPHY: Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids

CANDLELIGHTERS AWARD: *Bulbophyllum lobii* Woodlands Orchids

PLATINUM COAST ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S AWARD:

*Bulbophyllum lobii* Woodlands Orchids

BEST 50 SQUARE FOOT Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids

BEST TABLE TOP EXHIBIT The Pearson's of Daytona Beach (Pahipedilums)

BEST NICHE: Niche No 2 Patti Scholes

BEST CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: Class 7 Becky Burkhalter

BEST VARIETY OF FLOWERS: Quest Orchids

BEST SHOW THEME INTERPRETATION: Niche 1 Rosa Blair

BEST CATTLEYA ALLIANCE, LARGE FLOWERS OVER 4”

LC Bryan Wheeler HCC/AOS, John Odom

BEST CATTLEYA ALLIANCE, SMALL FLOWERS 4” or LESS

Epidendrum Pretty Princess, The Orchid Specialists

BEST OTHER LAELIINAE GENERA *Encyclia fowliei* Byrd’s Orchids

BEST CYPRIPEDIUM ALLIANCE Paph. Peppermint Carole Pearson

BEST PHALAENOPSIS and DORIAAENOPSIS

Dtps. Join Angel x Phal. Sogo Yukidian Joy Prince

BEST VANDA Vanda Trevor Rathbone Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids

BEST ASCOCENDA Central Florida Orchid Society Ed Gilliland

BEST MISCELLANEOUS GENERA and HYBRIDS

*Cymbidium atropurpureum* Byrd’s Orchids

BEST ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE *Oncidium spaciatum* Sally Pancoast

BEST DENDROBIUM *Dendrobium aggeratum* Joy Prince

BEST MINIATURE *Sarchocilus* Joy Prince

### Potting Session

The third potting hands-on session this year will take place in Charlie Bishop's garage on Saturday, June 20, at 10 a.m. For more information call Charlie at 253-0240

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This is a  
newly named orchid,  
Blc Mem George  
Kedersha 'Suntree'.  
It is a cross between  
Blc William Stewart  
x Lc Mini Purple.

