

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

April 2020

There is no meeting in April. Please stay safe and strong. The newsletter will continue to keep you informed about meetings and try to give you something to do during this time. On p.4, there are several AOS webinars that you might be interested in watching. Charlie is busy dividing his orchids as I am sure most of you are. Feel the love from your plants.

Check out the article below from AOS. Have you ever wanted to be published? Here is your opportunity.

APRIL Focus: Sharpen Your Pencils

A printed copy of [ORCHIDS magazine](#) is distributed monthly to our American Orchid Society Affiliates and is available both in print and digital versions for individual AOS members. It is a monthly reminder to grow our knowledge base. Each month it includes articles, advice and encouragement to help us expand our passion for orchids. If you have hit upon a successful method of caring for your orchids, or something novel in your growing area set-up that may work for others, write those ideas down. If you have something that has worked extremely well within your society, write it down. If you have tried and true tips to share, write them down. Our editorial staff is always looking for new content for our flagship monthly publication. [Submit an article](#) to the magazine for consideration. Follow these guidelines and you may soon see your name in print. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/article-submissions.aspx>

SUNSHINE

We continue to keep John and Mike in our thoughts and prayers.
Please stay safe and healthy until we all meet again.



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DID YOU KNOW? Every year the American Orchid Society holds a contest that offers a cash prize for the winner and publication of the winning essay in ORCHIDS magazine. There is a new theme each year. The annual [Gordon W. Dillon - Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest](#) was established in 1985 by the AOS Northeast Judging Center to honor the memory of two former editors of the AOS Bulletin (now ORCHIDS). Gordon Dillon served as editor from 1943 through 1968 and again from 1970 through 1973. Richard Peterson's name first appeared on the masthead of the AOS Bulletin in April 1971 as associate editor. In 1973, he was named editor and, upon Dillon's retirement in 1977, he became the executive director, retaining his position of editor through 1984.

Incorporate any of the following ideas into your 2020 essay – The AOS is celebrating its **Centennial Anniversary** in 2021. To join in the fun, the 2020 Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest is asking for in-depth articles relating to significant people, events, programs or even plants or technology changes that have helped shape the direction of the AOS or are likely to in the future. Was there someone special in the AOS who mentored and inspired you and others? Did an AOS award you received plant the seed that resulted in you becoming involved in judging—could you tie that into how the judging program has helped shape the AOS and Affiliated Societies? Perhaps it is technological changes that the AOS has adopted that have changed and will change the AOS and your enjoyment of orchids. Share why the AOS has had and will have an enormous influence over many lifetimes. There are rules to follow and deadlines to meet. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/article-submissions/dillon-peterson-essay-contest.aspx>

GREAT PLACES FOR MEMBERS TO FIND INFORMATION ON ORCHIDS:

1. Programs—Take notes—someday they will make sense.
2. AOS Magazine articles. “Orchids” is available at every meeting for check out.
3. Members— Ask longtime members about orchids, but realize that your yard and potting choices are key. We all use trial and error to succeed.
4. Internet sites—www.aos.org—This AOS site has the answer to almost any question.
5. Rambles at members’ homes to help you identify the best way to grow your orchids.

PCOS is an affiliate of the **American Orchid Society (AOS)**. There’s an abundance of information on the AOS website. Please visit www.aos.org for articles, advice on growing orchids, and lots of free information.

Ask Betty Adamson for an application if you’re interested in joining.

For all current members, remember that your renewal notice will arrive in the Orchid Magazine prior to your month of renewal.

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UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

Mar. 28-29 Central Florida Show Cancelled

Apr. 11-12 Flamingo Gardens Show Cancelled

Apr. 25-26 Vero Beach Show Check before going

May 1-3 Platinum Coast Show Cancelled

Recap - Wild Orchid Stamps - First Day of Issue Ceremony



The First Day of Issue Ceremony for the Wild Orchids USPS Stamp collection was held at the American Orchid Society Library on Feb 21st. AOS and USPS leadership, as well as stamp photographer Jim Fowler, were in attendance at this standing-room-only event. Thank you to all who participated! Let’s continue to grow together! A video of the ceremony will be available shortly in the USPS YouTube channel. [#orchidstamps](https://www.youtube.com/hashtag/orchidstamps)

**Bought them and
they are lovely.**

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Want to keep your orchid skills up and have something to do while you are home?

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	April 23, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	May 12, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	May 21, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	RECORDED WEBINARS at your convenience
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Australian Dendrobiums	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Fred Clarke AOS Judge, Orchid Hybridizer & Greenhouse Owner	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More

To view **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED**: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyway!

We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage.

Send your **Greenhouse Chat** questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

If you want to view independently from home, you can join live, either on your computer or by phone. ALL past webinars are recorded and indexed by topic, for future viewing.

Another suggestion:

Check out the “Virtual Tour of the Orchid Show: Jeff Leatham’s Kaleidoscope” at the New York Botanical Garden on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

The orchids of Bandhavgarh



Visit Bandhavgarh National Park in India and you will be amazed that there is an orchid plant growing on almost every tree. This van-daceous orchid blooms in May and I was trying to imagine what the forest must look like during this time. It's possible that the sea of pink flowers must rival the beauty of the Bengal tiger that roams the same area.

A little farther north toward Nepal is Kaziranga National Orchid and Biodiversity Park, which boasts a collection of 500 varieties of wild orchids.

