

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome April 2024

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are still in Show preparation mode, and our April meeting will have a niche demonstration and a brief discussion of our new, simplified registration format. I found photos I had taken of niche displays at last year's Show and from prior years. Our members have prepared some lovely and imaginative displays (shown below). There are only six available spots, and I know we have many talented people that would enjoy and learn from preparing a niche display this year, so sign up at the meeting. Two people can work together if you prefer.

Registration will be very simple – this year you will only need to give us a list of the names of the plants you are displaying and their locations in the Show. We will turn the judges loose to place ribbons on anything they may like. Class designations are not required. The judges with a few members will still select the best in each of our regular trophy award categories, so there will be no noticeable differences at the Show.

If you haven't signed up to work a position or assignment at the Show, please come to the April meeting to sign up and help ensure our Show is a success. Working a Show position anytime from set-up on Wednesday to tear-down on Sunday entitles you to free Show admission all three days of the Show.



Margaret



Charlie put this photo of his Christmas Party orchid, Elc. Hawaiian Prominence 'America' on the PCOS website. Have you ever done that? Take a photo, get your password from Bill and send it in.

CALENDAR

Wed., Apr. 3, 5:30pm- Show Chair Meeting

Wed., Apr. 10, 6pm—Board Meeting

Wed., Apr. 10, 7pm—General Meeting.

Margaret Smith will be collecting 2024 yearly dues at check in, if you have not already paid.

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to Jodi and Shearer as they continue their treatments. We continue to send best wishes to Jerry and Laura, Peter, and Nadine.

Thanks to Ruthie for sharing her delicious cakes, and Kathy is so dedicated to keeping our refreshments available. Thanks to Ed for his dedication in acquiring the plants for us. It was a big job to pot them all up in advance. We thank Bert, Betty, Clive, Ed., Margaret, Sally and Tom for plant sitting with them with no contracts, no promises. Congratulations to Bert on her pool award. We wish her the best as she travels to Las Vegas for further competition. Thanks to Mark for the great plant for the member raffle. We all have so much to contribute, having friendships and fun, too, makes us a special Society!

HOW CAN YOU HELP AT THE SHOW?

On Wed., May 1st—Be at set-up. Arrive at Kiwanis at noon. There is very little heavy lifting, but everything needs to be set up, so anyone who is available should be there.

On Thurs., May 2nd—Come to Kiwanis any time during the day to help in numerous ways. Once you get there, Carolyn will put you to work in registration or helping with the arch, the society exhibit or helping vendors carry in their orchids.

Fri., May 3rd—

Clerking for judges—Margaret Croucher will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

Clerks must be at Kiwanis in the annex at 8:30 am and will help judges find specific orchids, hang ribbons, and do some clerical work. You should be familiar with the different types of orchids and be able to stand and walk for two hours.

Fri., May 3rd, Sat., May 4th, and Sun., May 5th—

Ticket booth—Al Valentine will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

Sign up for a time slot on any day or on multiple days. You will collect entrance fee and give the guest a door prize ticket.

Courtesy Booth—Tammy and Anna will have sign up sheets at the meeting.

Sign up for a time slot on any day or multiple days. You will be moving around the booth to greet people, sell raffle tickets, and answer questions, so this is an active position. Membership will also have a spot at this booth.

Hospitality/Kitchen—Janet Scenna is the chair and is in charge of feeding all vendors and helpers at the show on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If you would like to make a luncheon item like salads, pulled pork, sandwiches, etc. for Saturday or Sunday, please let her know at the next meeting and bring them over to the kitchen in a disposable container or one with your name on it by 11 AM on the chosen day.

Sun., May 5th—Clean up. Be at the gym at 4pm to help vendors carry out orchids and put everything away in the correct boxes. We need everyone.

*******Any member who works the show, will have complimentary admission to the show.*******

ARE YOU GOING TO DO A NICHE IN THE SHOW??

If you were at the February meeting, you are lucky because Dr. Katz showed us lots of photos of great exhibits. A niche is just a small exhibit, so review some of his suggestions that were included in the last newsletter and then attend the April meeting where we will have a niche demonstration. Julie will be there with a sign up sheet, if you are interested. Last year's winners had never done a niche before. Niche set up is all day Thursday, but it's best to be there before 1pm, so you can register your plants or have time to borrow some from other members.

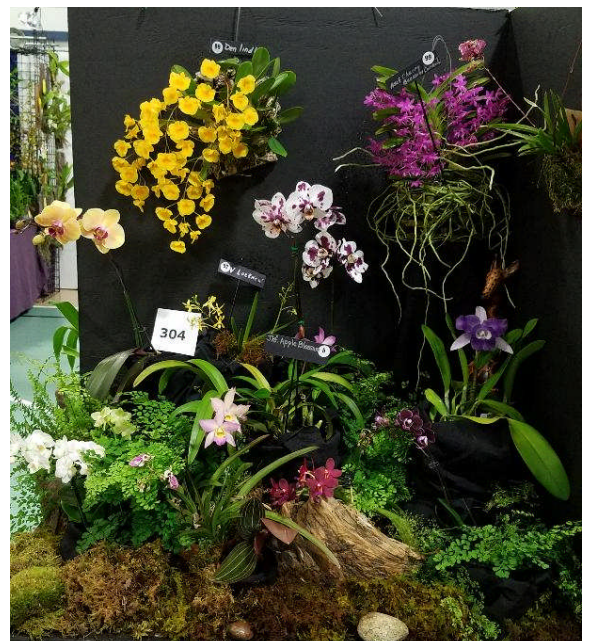
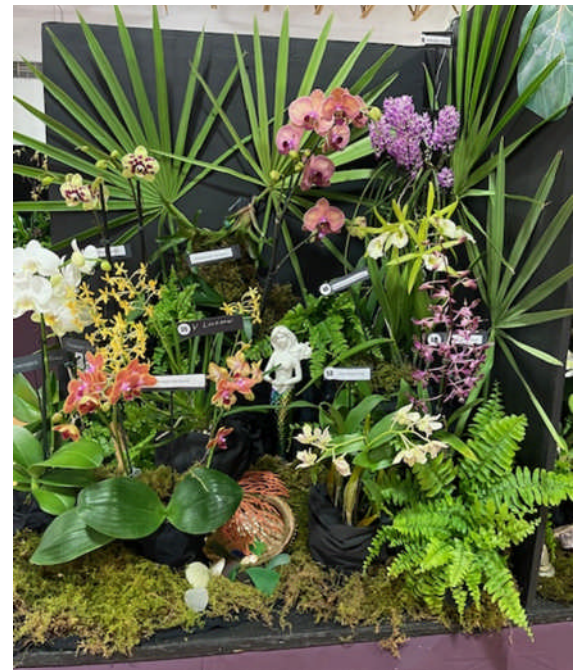
There will be lots of help and advice from multiple members, if you want it. All you have to do is ask. Will you be one of the new winners at this year's show?



Start thinking about your focal point.

At left: First time entrant, Phyllis Gautreaux won first place in niches.

At right: First time entrant, Karen Chandler won second place in niches





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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.

www.aos.org

FOR AOS MEMBERS: The AOS also has a presence on Facebook. There is a [group](#) with close to 65,000 members, and a [page](#). Each allows you to post photographs and ask questions about your orchids. The group is the most active of the two, and group members usually respond quickly to posts. The page is parallel to the AOS Instagram account. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839> <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanOrchidSociety>

UPCOMING SHOWS

Apr. 5-7 Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival—Krull Smith

**Apr. 6-7 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
Port St. Lucie Polish American Club, Port St. Lucie, FL**

**Apr. 13-14 Nature Coast Orchid Society
St. Joan of Arc Church,
Spring Hill, FL**

**Apr. 27-28 Vero Beach Orchid Society
Riverside Park, Vero Beach, FL**

**May 3-5 Platinum Coast Orchid
Society Show
Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium
Merritt Island, FL**

Be sure to pick up show posters to hang in great spots and cards to hand out to people around town at the April meeting. Magnetic signs for cars will also be available. As usual, please be sure to clean your car and the back of the sign before placing signs on, so there will be no abrasion to your car. Lay flat otherwise, so signs don't crack.

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MARCH PLANT FORUM

The editor would like to highlight individual forum entries but needs a little help from you. If you bring in a plant for the forum that you would like to have in the newsletter, please put the name of the plant under your name on the yellow card. At the end of the forum, the editor will pick up the yellow name cards that have **THE PLANT NAMES ON THEM** and take a photo. That way, she will have the correct orchid name and spelling for the newsletter.

