

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

February 2024

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In Florida, the new year brings opportunities to add to your orchid collection. There are so many orchid shows at this time. The new year also begins a new cycle of blooms from my old dependable plants that bloom at the same time every year. My Phalaenopsis are almost all in spike, and my Angraecum "Crestwood", a Madagascar native, is in full bloom. Also known as the Star of Bethlehem, it has an interesting story due to its greenish tubular spur that can reach nearly 12 inches. Darwin predicted in 1862 that the plant's unknown pollinator would be a moth with a proboscis long enough to reach the nectar at the bottom of the spur. It was not until 1921 that the moth was discovered, long after Darwin had died. Mine is a small plant and would probably like a new home, but it is an interesting plant for any collection and seems to survive in local conditions.

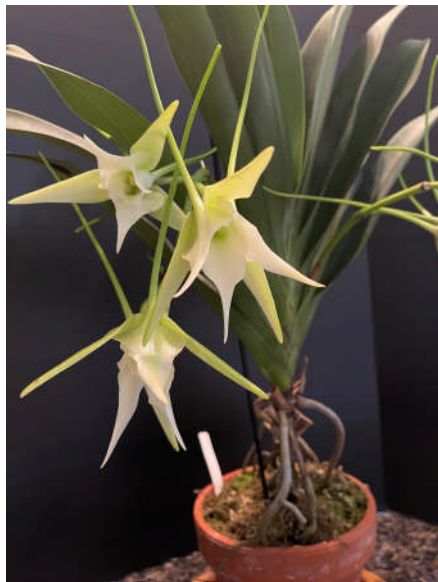
Our May show is quickly approaching and we should all be thinking about how we can help. We will need lots of volunteers and lots of beautiful orchids for a successful show. Our February speaker, Dr. Arthur Katz, is giving a presentation on creating the perfect orchid display. Whether you plan to bring plants for judging, helping with our society's display, or planning on creating a beautiful niche, you should come enjoy and learn from Dr. Katz.

Hope to see you there!

Margaret



Charlie's Cattleya CG Roebling 'Sentinel' given to him by Ed



CALENDAR

Wed., Feb. 7, 6pm- Show Chair Meeting

Wed., Feb. 14, 6pm—Board Meeting

Wed. Feb.14, 7pm—General Meeting.

Speaker: Arthur Katz

“Creating a perfect orchid display”

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

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to member Laura Blackmon and husband, Jerry, as he continues his rehab.

Continuing get well wishes to Kat Stapf as she recovers from her recent surgery and speedy get well wishes to Al Valentine.

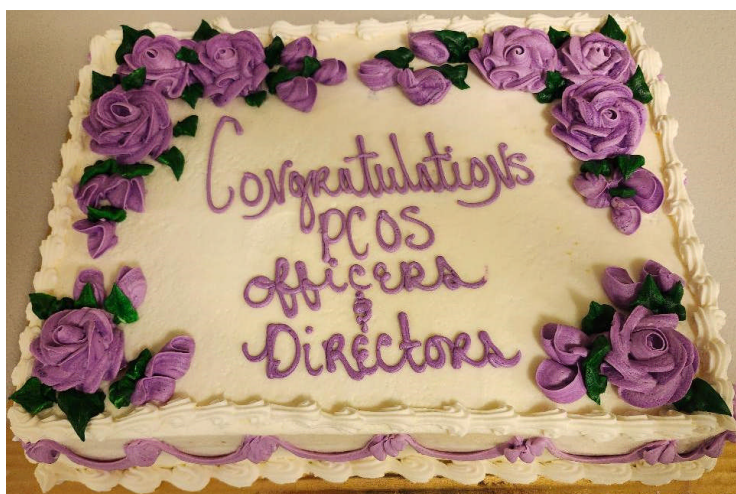
GET TO KNOW YOUR 2024 BOARD MEMBERS



2024 Board installed in January (l-r): - President Margaret Croucher, Vice President Ed Kidder, Secretary Janet Scenna, Treasurer Mary Ellen Jelen and Directors—Anna Palermo, Tammy Cheng, Bert Forbush, Tom Dixon, and Carolyn Anderson,

We have a variety of events and activities throughout the year and we encourage all of our new members to find an interest and sign up to help. Over the next few months, all of the show opportunities will be presented and all members should plan to participate and help for at least one day. You absolutely won't regret it, because this is where we all get to know one another and forge the lasting friendships that are so evident at each meeting.

Kathy, who organizes our refreshments, welcomes help from anyone who would like to bring treats for the group. And of course, that person gets a raffle ticket for helping with refreshments.



Please let President Margaret know if you have any desire to be more involved or take on a responsibility.

We appreciate all who stay after and help put away tables and chairs. Dave, Scott, and Tom are always there to help us get the chairs on the right rack, even when we try so hard to get them on the wrong rack.

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 how others in your area grow their 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.

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



American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.
Affiliated Society

- Feb. 3-4** Venice Area Orchid Society
Venice Community Center
Venice, FL
- Feb. 10-11** Boca Raton Orchid Society
Safe Schools Institute
Boca Raton, FL
- Feb. 16-18** Naples Orchid Society Show
Naples Botanical Garden
Naples, FL
- Feb. 23-24** Englewood Area Orchid Society
Ann and Chuck Dever Regional
Park, Englewood, FL
- Mar. 1-3** Martin County Orchid Society
Martin County Fairgrounds
Stuart, FL
- Mar. 2-3** Tampa Bay Orchid Society
Sons of Italy Hall
Tampa, FL
- Mar. 22-24** Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance
North Collier Regional Park
Naples, FL
- Mar. 23-24** Orchid Society of Highlands
Bert J Harris Agri-Civic Center
Sebring, FL
- Mar. 30-31** Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society
Flamingo Gardens
Davie, FL

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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 and take a photo for that new section.

JANUARY'S PLANT FORUM

Betty led the forum with helper Mary Ellen holding Sally's Rlc. Alma Kee given to her by Charlie. Ed shares his success with plants he rescued 2 years ago from an old collection. Far right, Clive's Zygopetalum Advance Australia.

