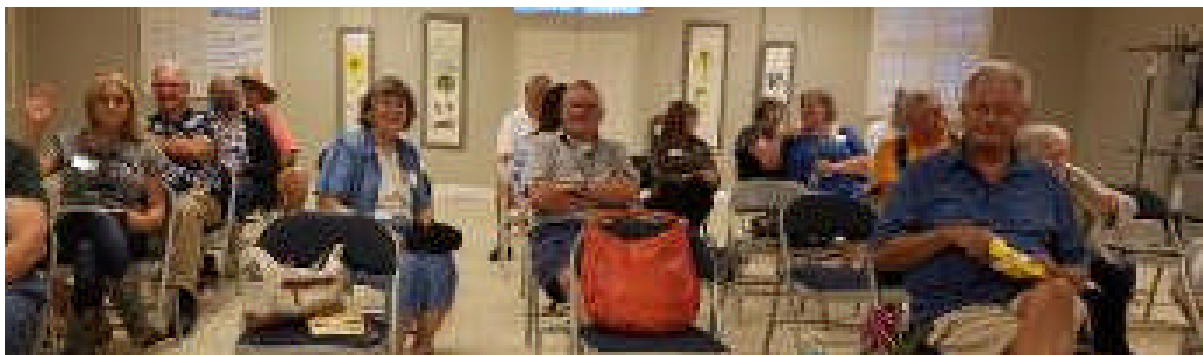


Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

July 2022

June's Plant Forum



All those in attendance at the June meeting enjoyed Thanh's presentation. Photos and notes are on the next page.

In July, instead of a meeting, we will enjoy a chance to see how Sally and Peter Pancoast grow their orchids. This is a great opportunity for our new members, since their collection is large and diverse. You can never tell what Sally has in store for you. It is an event you don't want to miss.



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CALENDAR

July—NO MEETING

Ramble—July 16th 8am til noon

Email with address and directions will be sent out the week before.

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to the family of former member Glenda Titler.

Best wishes to Nadine Kern for a speedy recovery.

Accolades to Secretary Carolyn Anderson for presiding in the absence of our President and Vice President.



Light



Cycl. Taiwan Gold

Orchid needs ample of light to grow and bloom well

- Too much light will burn leaves and plant
- Not enough light plant can grow but will not bloom

So... how much light is enough?

"Give the plant as much light as it can take without burning the leaves"



Fertilization



Bc. Mary Dodson

- If all other requirements are met, orchid will grow and bloom without fertilization, but with it would enhance your orchid health and bloom
- Never use higher dose than recommended from label
- Choose fertilizers that contain little or no urea for your orchids

"Fertilize weekly, weakly"

NOTES FROM THANH'S PRESENTATION

Seasons Orchid Checklist

Spring – Like other flowering plants, lots of orchids are blooming this season. Also good time for repotting plants since this is their active growing season.

Summer – White/Orange/Yellow cattleyas, fewer species are blooming. Finish up repotting, specially hybrid cattleyas. Watch out for rot due to high heat and high humidity. Reduce fertilization if possible to reduce heat stress. This is also a very active season for insects/unwanted mites/scales.

Fall – Phalaenopsis, red cattleyas, catasetums, and cool Cymbidium are spilling/blooming at this time. Pick-up fertilization during this period.

Winter – Paphs are in bloom, specially complex types. Watch out for rot, due to short days with slow drying time. Reduce water, even cut off completely for some Dendrobium that requires a good dry Winter rest, as well as Habenaria and Catasetum types.

"Consider HYBRIDS, they are made aiming for vigorous growing, bloom more than once, more colorful and more tolerances"



Potting mixes recommendation

Standard cattleya mix

- 3 parts medium Orchid bark/bark
- 2 parts small sponge rock (#3-4)
- 1 part rock (slate rock) /alifor
- 1 part small charcoal (optional)

Wetter mix (Phal/Paph/Oncidium)

Add sphagnum moss or peat moss, start with part and increase if need be

Dryer mix (Vanda/Dendrobium)

Add 1 or 2 parts of sponge rock/rock

"Consider mounting orchid species that fits your growing conditions; they look more natural and give nice blooms presentation, specially for cascading flowering types"

Temperature

- Cool - 60-70F days and 50-55F nights
- Intermediate - 70-80F days and 55-65F nights
- or Warm - 80-90F days and 65-70F nights

- These ranges are conservative estimates for Winter months
- Sudden cold snaps can hurt plants quickly – more to wet ones than dry ones
- These temperature ranges overlap somewhat – adjust locations to create suitable micro-climate for them

Know your orchids

- Day/Night Differential – Reason to bloom or not to bloom
- Most orchids do best with a 10-15F differences, some species/genera require larger gap

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**

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.

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 AND EXPOS

No Florida shows scheduled for June, July or August

NEWS ABOUT OUR PCOS WEBSITE

Upload Photos of your Blooming Orchids to the PCOS Website

There is a new website at <https://www.platinumcoastorchidsociety.org/>. One fun aspect of the website is the ability for members to upload photos of what orchids you have blooming this month. You can upload a photo, a short description, when the orchid started blooming and your general location. If many members contribute, the result will be a good guide to what you might expect to bloom in Central Florida each month. Take a look at the images uploaded so far by clicking here: <https://www.platinumcoastorchidsociety.org/gallery/blooming-this-month-2/>

To get started uploading your photos, request your user id and password from our webmaster, Bill Jelen. Look for his email address in the body of the editor’s email.

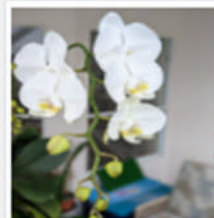
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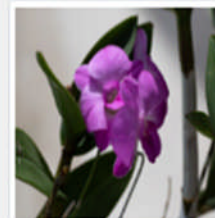
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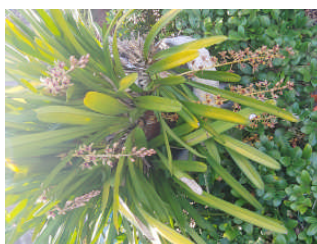
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At left: Clive's Cymbidium aloifolium

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