

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

June 2020

There is no meeting in June, but that doesn't mean you are on your own. If you have any orchid growing questions, you can e-mail our forum leader, Betty, at jadamson1@cfl.rr.com.

If you have not paid your 2020 dues please contact Margaret at msmith2253@gmail.com.

The newsletter will continue to be sent to all 2019 members until July, to give everyone a chance to get their dues to Margaret. After the July newsletter is sent, the mailing list will be updated with current members only.

Thanks to all of you who entered photos for the Virtual Orchid Show and to everyone who sent the vote for their favorites. Everyone who entered received a favorite or "Best" vote.

Have you decided to enter a video about your orchids? I will forward them to membership when I receive them along with other tidbits that might be of interest.

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to the family of long time member John Hicks. Big John was the orchid supply vendor at our shows and a kind and endearing person with a special outlook on life. He was always willing to help with orchid supply questions and we will miss him very much.

We continue to send special wishes to our President Mike as he progresses with his treatment.

Congrats to Virtual Orchid Show Winners

Best Cattleyas

- C. Lacey Michelle Matherne—Darlene Norton*
- C. Sea Breeze Falraths Pride—Holly Pardi*
- C. intermedia (equinii x coerulea)—Darlene Norton*
- C. Lacey Michelle Matherne 'Big Al' -Al Valentine*

Best Cymbidiums

- Cym. Little Black Sambo—Betty Adamson*
- Cym. Charlie Brown—Betty Adamson*

Best Dendrobiums

- D. Angel Wings—Herb & Terri Rose*
- D. Gattons Sunray—Sally Pancoast*
- Den. Woo Leng—Al Valentine*

Best Vanda v. Cherry Blossom—Margaret Croucher

Best Phal Jungle Sunrise—Margaret & Bill Croucher

Best Myrmecophila Luster HEB—Bert Forbush

Best Psychopsis Mariposa peloric—Herb & Terri Rose

Best Paph St. Swithin—Margaret Croucher

Best Bulbophyllum (sulawessi x nymphopolitanum)x echinolabium—Sally Pancoast

Best ASCF Cherry Blossom—Margaret Croucher

Best species—E. bractences—Margaret Croucher

Best Oncidium sphacelatum 'Alice' - Peter Pancoast

Best Grammatophyllum scriptum—Betty Adamson

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.
6. Our society newsletter is available on platinumcoastorchidsociety.org

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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Home Remedies By Susan Jones (from www.aos.org)

Hand Picking

The first line of defense, if a plant is not heavily affected by pests, is to pick bugs, slugs and snails from the plant and squash them. Pests have yet to develop a resistance to this type of control.

Water

Pests like mites are usually most severe on plants in heated homes during the winter, when the air is dry and there are no natural enemies to keep them under control. Raising the ambient humidity through humidity trays, saucers of damp pebbles placed under each plant, or even a room humidifier can help.

For mites, aphids, mealybugs and other insects, a gentle brush or jet of water can kill and dislodge them from plants. Regularly washing the foliage thoroughly with soapy water, wiping every leaf and rinsing with a sink sprayer is one way to bring populations down.

Soaking is a third way water can be used to combat insects. Completely immerse the pot and potting medium of the affected plant in a bucket of water overnight to evict ants, roaches, sow bugs and pill bugs from the medium.

Rubbing Alcohol

Soak a cotton swab in 70 percent isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol and dab scale, mealybugs, mites and aphids off orchids. The alcohol dissolves the insect’s waxy covering, and is a good tool to reach the pests hidden down in the sheaths and leaf crevices. Pay particular attention to the midrib, other veins and leaf edges. Repeat the treatment at seven to 10 day intervals to remove successive generations.

Another method is to spray alcohol, mixed with a few drops of mild liquid soap, from a misting bottle or small pump sprayer. Avoid strong or excessive amounts of detergent, as this may damage your plants, particularly buds and flowers.

Alcohol can be combined with insecticidal soaps, but not with oil, and should never be used near fire. One of the advantages to using alcohol is that insects do not develop resistance to the treatments.

Visit the AOS website to read the rest of this article.

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YOUR ARTSY SIDE

We had two artsy submissions. OK, maybe none of you were feeling artsy. Perhaps your specialty is video. Record yourself doing something with your orchids and send it to me in June. I will forward it to the members.

Most cell phone videos end up being too big to e-mail, so you might try using a camera. It will be easier to download to your computer and to send by e-mail.



"Orchid Show Memories" A tribute to all of our orchids that would have made a first appearance at the 2020 show.

By Patti Scholes



"Potato Vine and Radicans"

By Al Valentine