

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

March 2023



Charlie's Rlc. Mary Alice Underwood
(a gift from Sally)

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our May orchid show is quickly approaching and our March and April PCOS meetings will be focused on helping members to explore how they can participate in this important event and on scheduling volunteers. We will need lots of volunteers for the show's many tasks, so please come to the meetings. There is always something our members can do, and you'll learn new things, have fun and also get to know other PCOS members through teamwork.

PCOS is a non-profit organization and our mission is to advance education and promote conservation and preservation of the Orchidaceae family of plants. Our show is our only fundraiser and it supports our purpose as a club.

At the last board meeting, Betty Adamson agreed to continue as our plant forum leader.

Margaret

Dues are now due and can be paid at the March meeting or mailed to the P.O. box on the last page.

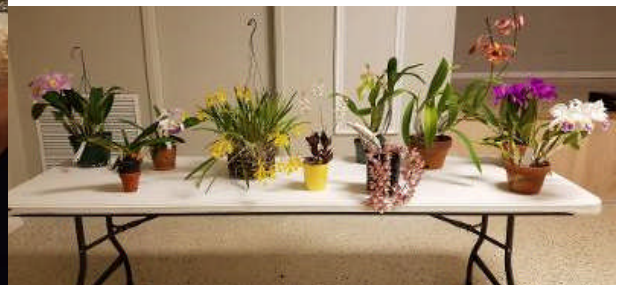
Calendar

Wed., Mar. 1st @5:30—Show meeting for show chairmen.

Wed., Mar. 8th @6pm—Board meeting

Wed., Mar. 8th @7pm—Meeting, member plant sale, and Show chair information and sign up.

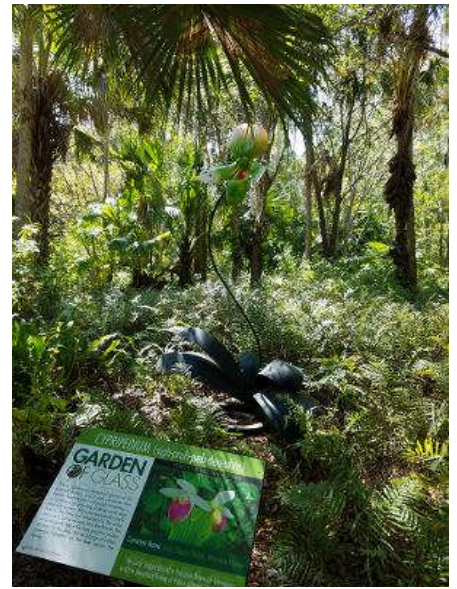
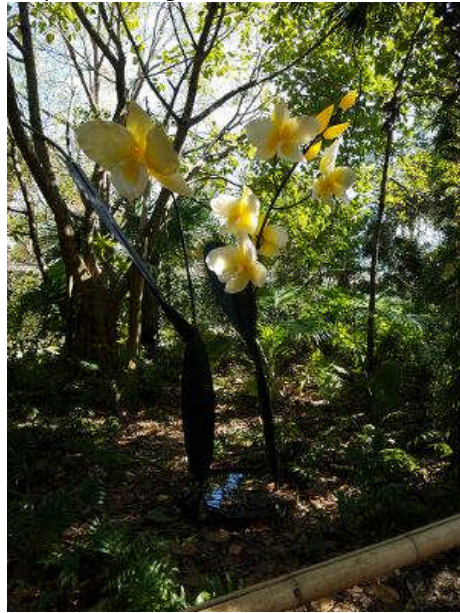
Also, pick up sponsor sheets posters, cards and magnetic signs.



FEBRUARY'S ORCHID FORUM SELECTION

Art Chadwick entertained us with his program about the First Lady Orchids. Members loved checking out the orchids he brought with him, as Art gave advice to others.

A Lovely Exhibit is in our area at McKee Gardens in Vero: Justin Gamrath's blown glass exhibit is a bonus if you visit in March. Below, blown glass Phals, Cats, and Paphs. Also, many living orchids, like the vanilla plant, far right bottom.



Show 2023

1. A transportation chair is still needed for the show. See Jodi if you would be willing to do this.
2. We are still looking for members with pick up trucks to volunteer to get the tables to and from Kiwanis.
This will be needed Wed., May 3rd, from noon until about 4pm and again on Sunday from 4:30-6:30.
3. There are so many possibilities for helping at the show. At the next meeting, each chair will explain the help they need and enlist volunteers. There is a place for everyone.
4. Where do you fit in? Items in red require no orchid knowledge:
 - Set up and tear down tables—some heavy lifting?
 - Help set up, which even includes light work, like putting table cloths on tables?
 - Registration of plants?
 - Helping at the ticket booth?
 - Helping at the courtesy table?
 - Assisting judges as a clerk?
 - General assistance by helping vendors unload and load?
 - Help with tear down, which includes folding tablecloths, sweeping, helping vendors?

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 FLORIDA SHOWS

- MAR. 3-4** Englewood Area Orchid Society Show
“Bewitched by Orchids”
Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park,
Englewood, FL
- MAR. 3-5** Martin County Orchid Society Show
Martin County Fair Grounds, Bldg. G,
Stuart, FL
- MAR. 4-5** Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show
“For the Love of Orchids”
Sons of Italy Hall, Tampa, FL
- MAR. 18-19** Jacksonville Orchid Society Show
Mandarin Garden Club, Jacksonville, FL
- MAR. 18-19** Nature Coast Orchid Society Show
VFW Post 8681, Spring Hill, FL
- MAR. 25-26** Orchid Society of Highlands Show
“Art in Bloom”
Agri-Civic Center, Sebring, FL
- APR. 1-2** Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show
“Hoot Loves Orchids”
Port St. Lucie Polish American Club
Port St. Lucie, FL
- MAY 5-7** Platinum Coast Orchid Society
Show!!!!

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to Ruthie McKinney as she continues her medical treatment. Speedy get well wishes to Sally Pancoast as she recovers.

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