

Platinum Coast Orchid Society



The Rhyzome

March 2020

We enjoyed speaker Arthur Katz, at the February meeting.

In March, local grower Vern Block will speak and will have orchids for sale.

Be sure to bring in your blooming orchids for the forum, and if you signed up to bring food to the meeting, don't forget. Even if you didn't sign up, you are always welcome to bring a favorite treat as a surprise. Please let Kathy know at the meeting if you would like to help in the future.



MEMBERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH OUR EXHIBIT FOR THE CFOS SHOW

No experience needed. This is a great opportunity to be involved with putting in an exhibit, but with no stress. There will be members who have done this before and they really need people to help with carrying in supplies from the parking lot. You can watch and learn from them and at the same time see behind the scenes at another area orchid show.

Please let Laura know at leblackmon@bledsoe.net if you can help on Fri., Mar. 27th or Sun. Mar. 29th.

Betty conducted the Orchid Forum at the February meeting. There was a wide variety of orchids on display.



CALENDAR

Wed., Mar. 11—6pm Board Meeting

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Speaker: Vern Block

Vern will have orchids for sale, also.

Tues., Mar. 17—6-8pm Show Meeting at Hobb's

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to the family of former member Mary De-Sorbo.

We continue to send our best wishes to John Hicks and his family.

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.

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

UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

- Mar. 7-8 Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show** at the Tampa Scottish Rite Center in Tampa
- Mar. 13-14 Englewood Area Orchid Society** at Englewood United Methodist Church in Englewood
- Mar. 13-14 Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show** at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables.
- Mar. 20-22 Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show** at North Collier Regional Park in Naples.
- Mar. 21-22 Jacksonville Orchid Society Show** at Garden Club of Jacksonville, in Jacksonville.
- Mar. 28-29 Central Florida Orchid Society Show** at National Guard Armory in Orlando
- Mar. 28-29 Nature Coast Orchid Society Show** AT VFW Post 8681 in Spring Hill

FEBRUARY MEETING Guest speaker, Arthur Katz, helps with orchid identity.



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How Can I Help at Our Show??

No experience necessary:

1. **Hang up a poster**—Posters will be available at the March meeting.
2. **Pass out some flyers**—They will be available at the March Mtg.
3. **Ask local businesses to sponsor us**—Sponsor sheets will be available at the March meeting.
4. **Put a magnetic ad on your car**—Available at the Apr. mtg.
5. **Put a sign in your yard or on a busy corner**—Available at the April meeting.
6. **Work at the ticket booth**—Sign up for a time slot to help sell tickets at the entrance to the show. See Al for the sign up sheet at the March mtg.
7. **Work at the courtesy booth**—Sign up for a time slot to help at the courtesy booth, selling raffle tickets. See Bert at the March meeting.
8. **Work at the membership booth**—Patty has sign up sheet.
9. **Help with set-up or clean-up**—Sign up at the March meeting to help with set up at noon on April 29th. Set up tables and put covers on. Some helpers also needed on Apr. 30th to help vendors. May 3rd at 4pm will be clean up and everyone is needed. Once you do it, you will know why most of us always show up.

Some experience necessary:

9. **Be a judges' clerk**—You need some knowledge of orchid types.
10. **Put in a niche**—See Darlene at the March meeting to get the information. You need to be at the meeting where a demonstration is given (probably April), so you will know what the judges expect. It is helpful if you have orchids of your own, but members are always happy to lend you some. Install date is April 30th.