

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

May 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We had a wonderful selection of plants for our April meeting Plant Forum and unfortunately, we were running short on time and many of the plants could not be discussed. Please keep bringing in your orchids and we'll try to allot enough Forum time to discuss them all. We consider the Forum to be a great learning tool. My favorite part is seeing the variety of genera our members grow and the flowers, large and small, that are so different and interesting.

Our terrific Show is in a few days!. Our May meeting following the Show will feature a potting demonstration by Sally Pancoast who will have lots of tips for us. It will be a good time to bring in some of your new purchases from our Show. I'm sure we all have that moment when we look at our new plants and think, what do I do now? We can help with that at this meeting.

Also, at our last meeting, there was some confusion expressed to me regarding the requirements for PCOS members to be eligible for free admission to our show. To clarify the policy, any member who volunteers for at least one work assignment at any time during the show—from Set Up on Wednesday through Clean Up on Sunday—is welcome to attend the show at any time on any days during the show operating hours. Attendance does not have to be on the day of any work assignments.

Margaret

Calendar

SHOW SCHEDULE

May 3rd @ noon—Set up at Kiwanis

May 4th anytime 8-6—Kiwanis Gym—registration, niche set up, set up and help vendors.

May 5th @ 8:30 Clerks meet in Annex 9am—Show begins. Report for volunteer duty at designated time.

May 6th & 7th—Report for duty at designated time.

May 7th— 4pm Show tear down.

Wed., May 10th @6pm—Board meeting

Wed., May 10th @7pm—Program:

Repotting with Sally Pancoast

Fri., May 12th—Exhibit set up at the VCOS Orchid Show. If you volunteered to help, please check with Margaret for times.

Inground signs should be out on the roadways on Mon., May 1st.

After the Show, pick them up and return them at the May 10th meeting, along with the magnetic signs.

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

MAY 5-7 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show
Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium

MAY 13-14 Volusia County Orchid Society Show
Volusia County Fairground

MAY 19-21 Redland International Orchid Festival
Redland Fruit and Spice Park, Homestead, FL



Charlie’s Cattleya Eleanor Roosevelt #15 given to him by Ed Kidder.

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to Shearer Kennedy as she continues her treatments.

April Meeting



Members brought in a wide variety of orchids for the April plant forum, many of them wishing that these beauties had waited until May 1st to bloom. Betty leads the orchid forum below.



At left, Sally explains how to register plants for our AOS judged show.



Below: Betty explains how to do a niche, while Jodi and Gheri work on a sample. And then voila! Niche Chairman Gheri, with the finished product.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: (At right) Gheri joined PCOS last year at the show and she already has taken on a job. She told the editor that she has learned so much about orchids this year. Her favorite program was Art Chadwick's on the First Lady Orchids. Gheri has developed a system for keeping track of her orchids and their parentage, and has had great success in mounting orchids on trees in her yard. It was nice to meet her daughter, Katrina, at the last meeting.



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