

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhizome

November 2023

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is interesting to talk to new orchid enthusiasts because many times their interest starts with one gifted orchid. They don't know what kind of orchid they have and are told to use ice cubes to water it. Ice cubes are always wrong and to properly care for their new treasure, they need to know what kind they have. Joining PCOS is a good first step. As time goes on, the old axiom takes over, "One is too many and a thousand is not enough". Experienced growers many times find they want to specialize. Charlie Scholes and Ed Kidder really prefer cattleyas. Charlie likes the large variety and Ed is really getting into species and very old heritage cattleyas. They both grow beautiful orchids. We had one member who only grew Paphiopedilums, and a friend of mine in Miami only wanted orchids that were fragrant.

Recently, for our raffles and member events, PCOS has purchased a number of orchids from former grower and hybridizer Vern Bloch's nursery. I have noticed that many of his plants are a cross with *Brassavola nodosa*. He clearly had a preference for these hardy, fast growing plants. They make a nice addition to any collection. Probably most of our members are like me and grow many different genera, and specialize only in what will grow at their residence.

Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids, our November speaker, is a local grower who can answer any questions you have about growing orchids in Brevard. He always brings interesting raffle plants and plants to sell. Please come to learn from and enjoy his extensive experience.

*Margaret*



*Stelis argenteata* 'The Silvery Stelis'  
Okay, maybe it is kind of cute.



### CALENDAR

**Wed., Nov. 8th, 6pm** Board Meeting

**Wed., Nov. 8th, 7pm** General Meeting at  
Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club at  
1493 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955

**Speaker: Thanh Nguyen**

**Wed., Dec. 13—Holiday Party**

### ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

#### 2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS:

President—Margaret Croucher

Vice President—Ed Kidder

Secretary—Janet Scenna

Treasurer— Mary Ellen Jelen

Directors—Tammy Cheng, Anna Palermo,  
Carolyn Anderson, Tom Dixon, Bert Forbush



*Beautiful Day*

*Great Chefs*

*Happy People*

*Yummy Food*

*Orchids*

*Bingo*

*Many thanks to Kathy and her team for another great picnic.*



# Picnic 2023



*Thanks again to Zack for calling*

*Such concentration*

*orchid bingo.*

*Orchid prizes*



# OCTOBER MEETING



Our speaker, Maria, shared her expertise on mounting orchids. Below are some of the types of mounts she has used. Her presentation was enjoyed by all.



1. Cork
2. Wood
3. Ceramic
4. Tree Fern
5. Plastic
6. Coconut fiber mat
7. Wire
8. Bamboo



The Board presented our check to Candlelighters of Brevard.

## ORCHID FORUM ENTRIES

Witha shares her forum entry with leader, Betty.



Ginny O's Rlc. Love Triangle (at right) has a nice scent and usually blooms in threes.



Betty's Onc. Moon Shadow 'Tigertail' (above) is in sphagnum moss. She did not repot when purchased, but will repot in additional sphagnum, not disturbing roots. It was blooming in May, then again 6 months later with a longer spike. Grown outside receiving a lot of rainwater.



Margaret's Blc. Yen Surprise 'Seiko' AM/AOS

A division was given to her by Karen Chandler, who bought this beauty at the show two years ago.

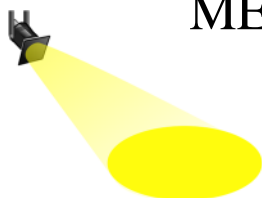


Patti's Den. Burana Pink (above) is grown in a clay pot, like all of her dendrobiums, because they like to be steady and tight in the pot, particularly on their windy canal.

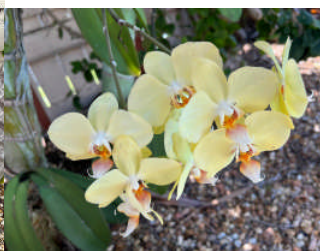
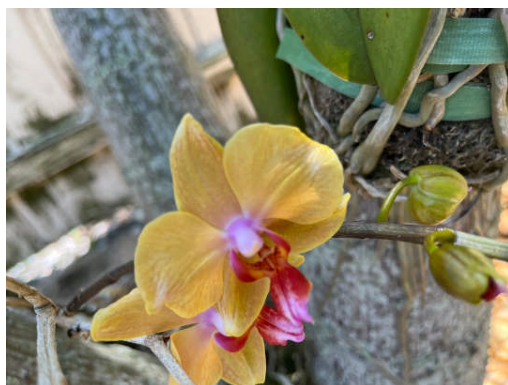
## GREAT PLACES FOR MEMBERS TO FIND INFORMATION ON ORCHIDS:

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](http://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.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Lisa joined in 2022 and has most of her orchid collection mounted on trees. The picture on the first page of the newsletter shows one of her phals. As shown below, they have nice root growth and seem to be thriving. Fortunately, she lives beachside, so she doesn't need to take them in during winter.



**American Orchid Society**  
*Education. Conservation. Research.*  
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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](http://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](http://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/>

# 2023 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN BE PART OF THE TEAM!

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## **PICNIC**

*Many thanks to Kathy Ballance  
and helpers for a great picnic.*

## **PARTY CHAIR**

Tammy Cheng and Anna Palermo

## **SHOW CHAIR**

Carolyn Anderson

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**Nov. 4-5 Apopka International Fall  
Orchid Festival in Apopka**

**Dec. 9-10 Fort Pierce Orchid  
Society Show  
River Walk Center  
600 N. Indian River Dr.  
Ft. Pierce, FL**

**Nov. 11-12 Deerfield Beach Orchid Society  
Show**

**Jan. 5-7 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show  
Charles R. Dodge City Center  
Pembroke Pines, FL**

**Jan. 27-28 Florida West Coast Orchid  
Society Show  
Seminole Rec Center, Seminole, FL**

DEERFIELD BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY  
presents

# ORCHID Obsession

11th Annual Orchid Show & Sale



**November 11 and 12, 2023**  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Admission \$5.00  
Children under 12 Free

**Safe Schools Institute**  
1790 Spanish River Boulevard  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

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Orchid Obsession Orchid Art by Patti Resso

## Happy Thanksgiving

*Sally's ZOOM call background for the month of  
November: What a cute idea.*

