

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

September 2022

September will kick off an exciting few months. In addition to our Annual Picnic at Cocoa Beach Country Club Pavilion on October 23rd and our party in December, we have three great speakers lined up. This month, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in California will entertain us. In October, Fred Clarke of Sun Valley Orchids in California will be back, and in November, we'll welcome Phillip Hamilton of Bredren Orchids in Florida.

We all look forward to our two social events where we can get to know each other better. It was great to meet and chat with several new members during the summer rambles. Kathy will need help setting up for the picnic, so let her know at the meeting if you would like to help.

Over the next year, there are so many opportunities to get involved. There are many small jobs that make this a smooth operation: helping with the picnic or the party, bringing refreshments for the meeting, or taking a job at the show. Take a look at the right hand side of the last page, to see some of the opportunities and then sign up. You'll be glad you did.

Holly's orchid from Vern Bloch. Do you know the name?



Mary Ellen Jelen's Vanda Motes Milk Maid

CALENDAR

Wed., Sept. 14th 6pm—Board meeting

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

October 12: Fred Clarke of Sun Valley Orchids

October 23: Yearly Picnic

November 9: Phillip Hamilton of Bredren Orchids

December 14: Holiday Party

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to Nadine, while she recuperates at home. We look forward to seeing her again soon.



AUGUST RAMBLE



Many thanks to Mark and Sharon (at top left) for welcoming the group for the August ramble. It was also a great time to visit with each other, meet new members, and find that one orchid you didn't have. Refreshments and some of the local bananas were enjoyed by all.





Above: Art Chadwick , our speaker last February, sent us this photo and press release. He will join us again in February of 2023.

First Lady Jill Biden Receives Her Namesake Orchid

First Lady Jill Biden was presented with her namesake orchid in a ceremony at The White House on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Grower Art Chadwick of Chadwick & Son Orchids in Powhatan, Virginia displayed two examples of the Biden orchid which blooms every July with large yellow/green flowers. The hybrid is officially registered with the Royal Horticultural Society.

Also attending the event was White House Chief Floral Designer, Hedieh Ghaffarian, who uses orchids regularly throughout the executive mansion.

Dr. Biden was wearing a blue floral dress and yellow high heels—the colors of Ukraine— having just come from a meeting with the First Lady of Ukraine, Olena Zelenska.

The event took place in the Vermeil room of the East Wing and was arranged by Virginia Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger. Portraits of former first ladies, Lady Bird Johnson, Jacqueline Kennedy, Pat Nixon, Mamie Eisenhower and Lou Hoover adorned the walls and provided the backdrop for the presentation.

“We are thrilled to personally present the First Lady with her namesake orchid. The Biden hybrid is unique in both its color and blooming time,” said Art Chadwick. The botanical name of the orchid is *Brassolaeliocattleya* Jill Biden (Goldenzelle x Sea Swirl) and is of the corsage type that was popular from the 1930’s to the 1960’s.

Following the presentation, Dr. Biden requested that one of the plants sit on her desk and the other sit on her husband’s desk in the Oval Office.

Dr. Biden is the 19th consecutive U.S. First Lady to have a namesake cattleya orchid. The tradition dates back to Woodrow Wilson’s wife, Edith, and the entire orchid collection resides at the Smithsonian Gardens in Washington, D.C.

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

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.

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>

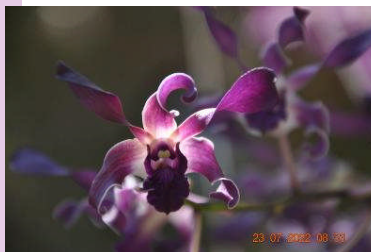
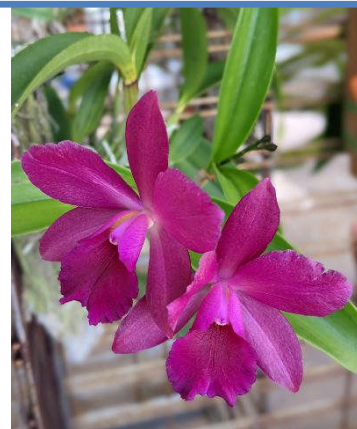
UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

SEPT. 17-18 Ridge Orchid Society’s Diamond Jubilee
“60 Years of Orchids” WH Stuart Center
in Bartow, Florida

SEPT. 30– OCT. 1 Tampa Orchid Club Expo at USF
Botanical Gardens in Tampa, FL

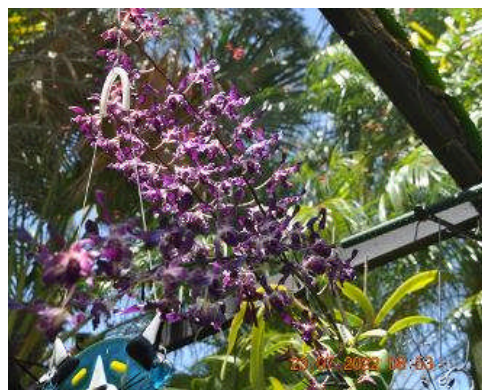
OCT. 22-23 Gainesville Orchid Society Show
“Orchids in the Garden” at Kanapaha
Botanical Gardens in Gainesville, FL

Mary Ellen’s Gtc. Jose Darkstar



Orchids keep blooming even when we are gone.—

Witha arrived home from vacation to find these orchids with beautiful summer blooms.



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