

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

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The Rhyzome

January 2016 Edition



CALENDAR

**Jan. 13th, 6 pm Board Meeting for
2015 and 2016 boards in the
gym conference room**

**Jan. 13th, 7 pm General meeting/
Installation of new officers.
Doyle Carlton Pavilion
Kiwanis Island**

Our new officers will be installed at the January meeting. We are grateful to those officers who served in 2015 for their hard work on behalf of our society.

It may seem early, but the show planning committee will meet this month. If you are willing or interested in taking a chair position or in helping in anyway, please let Betty know. We don't want to overlook anyone who is ready, willing and able. There is a place for every member of our society in the show production, and we want to use your special abilities in the right areas. See page two for some ideas.

Be sure to bring your blooming orchids for the plant forum. There should be plenty of time for discussion.

Our party was fun for all. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and to members for the wonderful side dishes. It was a great time to get to know one another better.



OFFICERS FOR 2016

President	Dave Colchin
Vice President	Jodi Kittleson
Treasurer	Margaret Croucher
Secretary	Elaine DeRiso
Directors	Maria Maloney
	Walter Bryant
	Clive Gay
	JoAnn Amos
	Nadine Kern

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.

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PCOS needs YOU!

If you are willing to do the following, please let Dave Colchin know at the January meeting:

1. Assist in running the raffle every month at the meeting
2. Work on club publicity
3. Come early and set up for the meeting

SHOW—The following chairman positions need to be filled at the January meeting. Please let Betty know if you are interested in taking one of these positions or just click reply and Patti will pass on the information.

1. Pedestal chair—contacts participants and organizes the pedestal set up.
2. Society exhibit chair—responsible for the design and set up of our society exhibit.
3. Transport/Set up/clean up—responsible for picking up and driving truck and for set up.



Haven't seen the job you want yet? Don't worry.

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RAFFLE

Karen Snee

PUBLICITY

REFRESHMENTS

Kathy Jacobson

SHOW CHAIR

Betty Adamson

PLEASE START THINKING ABOUT WHERE YOU AND YOUR TALENTS FIT INTO YOUR CLUB. PLUS THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP AT GENERAL MEETINGS:

Come early and help Kathy set up refreshments or carry them to and from her car.

Come early and set up chairs and tables or help put them away after the meeting.

We will need a general publicity chair and someone to do the raffle.

Judy would like a co-chair for programs.

**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.
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.

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to members Camille Theobald and John Hicks as they continue their medical treatment. To all our members we wish you a healthy New Year and successful growing with many beautiful blooms!

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Jan. 15-17 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show

War Memorial Auditorium
800 NE 8th Street, Ft. Lauderdale

Jan. 23-24 Miami Orchid Society’s

Tamiami Int’l Orchid Festival

Dade County Fairground Expo Center
Fuchs Pavilion, 10901 Coral Way, Miami

Feb. 6-7 Venice Orchid Society Show

Venice Community Center
326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice

Feb. 26-28 Naples Orchid Society Show

Naples Botanical Garden
4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples

DUES

The new year means the treasurer will collect your 2016 dues. You may give your dues to Margaret, our new treasurer, at the meetings, or you may send her a check. Those members who joined at the show in 2015 do not owe dues this year, due to the show special. The newsletter will continue to go out to everyone currently on the membership list through April of this year. After that, the membership list will be updated. The dues continue to be \$15 per member or \$25 for a couple living in the same household.

At right: Jim, John, Barry, Shearer, and Patti were sitting at the right table.....They got to go first.

Below: Karen, Walter, Ed, Bill, Margaret, and a guest had fun while they waited their turn.



Elaine was the first to find her song partner. Thanks to all who actively participated.

Holiday Party 2015



At left, Marsha and her guest enjoyed talking to Camille, Elaine, and Ginny.



Buck, Dave and Beverly
celebrate the season.



Above: Fran won the poinsettia for her good guess. Maria, Trish, and Christina celebrate with her.

Below: Charlie and Betty see a photo opportunity, while Sally, Barry and Shearer discuss the show.....already?



Monthly Checklist for January and February

Cattleya Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

Cymbidium We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

Lycaste The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

Odontoglossums Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using Oncidium and Brassia, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

Paphiopedilum The standard Paphiopedilum insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

Phalaenopsis Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

Zygopetalum For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

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