

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

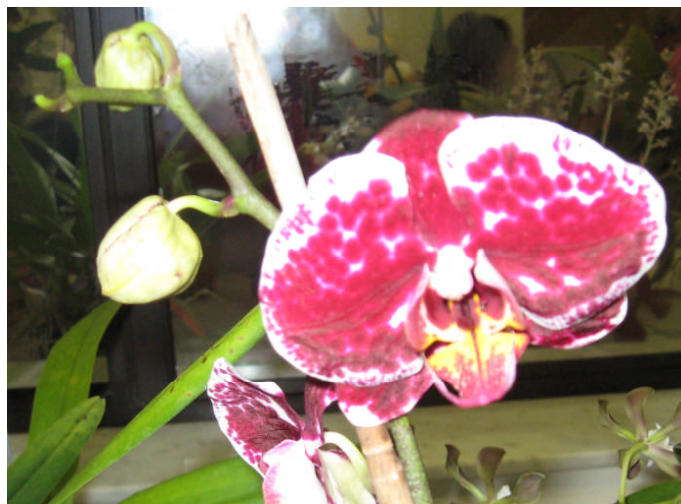
March 2014 Edition

## The Rhyzome

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our busy time of the year is here. The show is in just "10" weeks. We are so proud to host this beautiful show. Our vendors and community look forward to it every year. The actual task of putting it on may seem daunting, but really with everyone doing a little to help it can be a breeze. We will be presenting opportunities to volunteer and I hope you will give us just a little bit of your time - "OR A WHOLE LOT". Wasn't last month's program great? Hope your plants are still alive! Thanks so much to Sally Pancoast! Our March program will be exciting. If you remember last year, Betty Moore made arrangements with the most common of materials and greenery. The arrangements were so beautiful, lots of ideas for the show.

See You Wednesday, Cathy



New Member, Christina Roviro, shared her Phalaenopsis with us at February's meeting.

### CALENDAR

- Feb. 26th** Show meeting 6:30-8pm  
Karen Rood bldg. at Kiwanis
- Mar. 12th** Board meeting  
General meeting at 7 pm  
Betty Moore will give one of her  
wonderful pedestal demonstrations
- Mar. 26th** Show meeting 6:30-8pm  
Karen Rood bldg. at Kiwanis

### SUNSHINE

Our thoughts are with member, Christina Rovira, who recently lost her husband.

We're glad to hear that member, Betty Adamson, is recovering from her injuries. We hope to see her at the March meeting.



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## 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. Check out the great articles in this month’s edition.
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.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

- Mar. 1      Englewood Area Orchid Soc.Show**  
Englewood Methodist Church, Englewood, FL
- Mar. 2      Key West Orchid Society Show**  
West Martello Tower, Key West, FL
- Mar. 1-2    Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show**  
Egypt Shrine Center, Tampa, FL
- Mar. 7-9    Pt. St. Lucie Orchid Society Show**  
2195 SE Airoso Blvd., Pt. St. Lucie, FL
- Mar. 14-16 Greater Pensacola Orchid Soc. Sh.**  
Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds, Pensacola, FL
- Mar. 15-16 Jacksonville Orchid Society Show**  
Garden Club of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL
- Mar. 21-23 Martin County Orchid Society Sh.**  
Martin County Fairgrounds, Bldg. G, Stuart, FL
- Mar. 29-30 Orchid Soc. Of Highlands County**  
Bert J. Harris Jr. Ag Center, Sebring, FL

### Raffle Fun

Every current member who wears a nametag to the meeting will receive a raffle ticket for an orchid drawing.



At February’s meeting, members enjoyed the program and potting event. At top right, B.J. Henriksen shared her Nodosa “Little Stars”. At left, Margaret Croucher’s Epc. Rene Marques ‘Tyler’.







A big thank you to Sally for her great program and for giving each member an opportunity to plant their very own orchids. The time and preparation for this type of hands on program is really appreciated by all members, and it was a chance for our newer members to have the entire potting experience, right down to attaching a label with crosses.



At left: Charlie shared his experience with Blc. Mary Schroeder 'Orchid Heights', which he brought in a bag at Home Depot in North Carolina 12 years ago. He has divided it many times over the last few years, so some members have pieces of it in their collections.



PCOS is an affiliate of the **American Orchid Society (AOS)**. There's an abundance of information on the AOS website. For the last few months, a selection of the articles available on the AOS website have been featured in our newsletter. Please visit [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) for articles, advice on growing orchids, and lots of free information.

Check out the Orchid magazine at our meetings, so you can see the benefits of being an American Orchid Society member.

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)

## PLATINUM COAST ORCHID SOCIETY STANDING RULES 2013

(Approved 2/12/2014)

The following rules are established under provisions of Article X, Section 2, PCOS Bylaws.

### 1. Dues:

The dues will be \$15.00 per year for adult members, \$3.00 per year for Junior members (16 years old or younger). A Dual membership will be \$25.00 for two adults residing at the same address. New members only, joining after October 1st shall have their membership run through December 31st of the following year. New members joining at the PCOS show will be given a "Show Special," meaning their membership is good from the date of application at the show and runs through December 31st of the following year.

### 2. Mileage:

Mileage is authorized to be paid to members conducting Society business at the following rates: Forty (40) cents per mile for trucks, vehicles pulling a trailer or any other vehicle getting 13 miles per gallon or less; Twenty-five (25) cents per mile for all other vehicles. Mileage is paid for out of town travel and local mileage that is driven as a special trip and not part of one's normal commute or errand run. The policy should not be construed to include personal local mileage. Payment requires Board approval.

### 3. Refreshments:

The member who is host/hostess for refreshments on meeting night may be reimbursed for expenses up to \$50.00 if receipts are turned in; spending up to \$50.00 for special events with Board approval. Paper products and drinks will be furnished by the Society apart from the hostess expenses.

### 4. Sunshine Committee:

The Sunshine Committee may spend up to \$25.00 for flowers for members who are hospitalized and up to \$60.00 is authorized for flowers for funerals of members or their immediate family (immediate family is defined as spouse, children, mothers, fathers).

### 5. (Deleted)

### 6. Guest Speakers:

Guest speakers will be paid a minimum of \$25.00. Additional reimbursements will be made on an individual basis for lodging, travel, etc. Membership approval is required for over \$200.00.

### 7. Plant Sales:

All members that are "paid up" for the current year prior to the start of the plant sale are eligible to purchase plants.

### 8. Meetings:

Membership Meetings shall be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Kiwanis Island Park Complex except as follows:

A "ramble" to view members' home orchid gardens may be substituted for the June, July, or August membership meeting.

The November meeting shall be a plant sale and elections held at a place to be determined by the Board.

The December meeting will be a Holiday Party at a location and date to be determined.