

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

April 2017 Edition



C. Mary Schroeder blooming now in several members' yards.

It is an exciting time of the year for our society with our show just around the corner! Please keep working those sponsors and remember we need all sponsor forms turned in at the next meeting on April 12th.

If you have already volunteered some time for the show—Thank You! Every little bit helps so even if you only have an hour or two, it is very much appreciated.

And don't forget to schedule some time to do a little shopping. Our show is truly a wonderful experience and a lot of fun.

We still have a few membership renewals outstanding. Please get yours paid so you don't miss out on all we have planned this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on April 12th.

Jodi

CALENDAR

April 12, 6pm—Board meeting

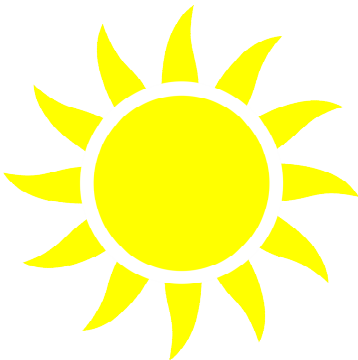
April 12, 7pm—Business meeting at Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club.

Pick up road signs, turn in all sponsor forms, and learn final details about the show. Plant forum and help with plant registration for those who missed the last meeting.

April 20, 6pm—Final show meeting at Kiwanis Island.

May 1st—Put show signs out.

May 3rd, 1pm—Set up at Kiwanis



Sunshine:

Continuing best wishes are sent to Maria Maloney. Hope everyone is staying well and strong for our upcoming show. We need your presence and help, it's a great time to get to work together and let the public see what a successful and spirited group we truly are! BA



Orchids of Iguazu Falls

Along the northern border of Argentina, just across the river from Brazil, the Parque Nacional Iguazu harbors many varieties of orchids, thriving on the mist from the falls and the detritus from the jungle.



Almost every tree in this jungle is host to an orchid or a fern. *Cattleya lundii* and *Epidendrum densiflorum* are local residents in the treetops, while silently below, the puma skulks. Thankfully, as a Unesco World Heritage Site, both flora and fauna are protected at Iguazu Falls.



WE WANT YOU!

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT OUR SHOW:

1. **FIND SPONSORS**—There are two kinds of sponsors needed, and the form sent with the March newsletter can be used for either. Trophy awards are sponsored with cash donations. Those names appear with the trophy certificate next to the awarded plant. Door prizes and some raffle prizes are sponsored by gift certificate or product donations. Bring your sponsor sheets and donations to the next meeting and give them to Sponsor Chair Elaine DeRiso. Last date to turn in sponsors to be included in the show program is April 12th at the meeting.
2. **SIGN UP TO DO A NICHE**—This is a small exhibit, using orchids, and provided ferns, with a subtle show theme flair. There are only two spaces left.
3. **PASS OUT FLYERS, PUT UP POSTERS, AND DISPLAY A SIGN ON YOUR VEHICLE.**—All signs will be available at the April meeting. The in ground signs that are only placed the week of the show, will be available at the April meeting. Please do not put them out until Monday, May 1st.
4. **SIGN UP FOR ONE OR POSSIBLY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 - A. Set up on Wed., May 3rd at 1:00 pm (Earlier if you are helping at the warehouse)
 - B. Work on exhibit, niche, arch display/décor, or registration on Thurs., May 4th.
 - C. Clerking for the judges—8:30 on Fri., May 5th
 - D. Ticket booth or courtesy booth on May 5th, 6th, 7th.
 - E. Take down/clean up at 4pm on Sun., May 7th.

This show is so much fun and is a great place for us to get to know one another. We want you in exactly the right spot for you, but we know many of you are multi-talented, so please feel free to sign up for everything and be there everyday. Wear your nametag, so visitors will feel free to approach you with questions. You can always refer them to the courtesy booth for specific answers.

**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 the best way to grow your orchids.
6. Visit the PCOS website and reread some of the articles in the newsletters from the past year or two.

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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UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

Apr. 1-2—Orchid Society of Highlands County, Bert J. Harris Jr. Ag Center, Sebring, FL

May 5-7—Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show, Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium, Merritt Island, FL



Jim Adamson gets us in the spirit for Cinco de Mayo.

Viva la Show!

May 13-14—Volusia County Orchid Society Show

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

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