

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

May 2019



Lc. Ruth Loveless

Thank you to all of the members who helped with the show:

What would we do without all of our members who show up every month to do the special jobs for each meeting? Check out the list on page 3, so you will know what goes into each and every meeting. If you would like to help with one of these jobs, now is the time to let people know. Thank you to the chairs for each of the show committees and to everyone in the club who came to help at the show. This is the way we get to know each other, so it benefits you if you are involved.

Member Sarah LeValley is cleaning out her bromiliads and invites members who would like some to come by and pick them up from her driveway soon. Her address is in the e-mail that sent this newsletter. Perhaps her yard will be on our ramble list for this summer.

CALENDAR

Wed., May 8th 6pm Board Meeting

Wed., May 8th 7pm Regular Meeting

Program—Joe Bryson

SUNSHINE

We're glad to see Lisa Broddle is recovering quickly from her knee surgery. She took on a big job at the show, even under these trying circumstances.



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.

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 SHOWS

May 11-12 Volusia County Orchid Society Show
Volusia County Fairgrounds

We need members who would like to help with the PCOS exhibit in the Volusia Show. Please let Laura Blackmon know if you would like to assist.

May 17-19 Redland International Orchid Festival
Homestead, FL



Phal.
Golden
Beaule



Many thanks to Darlene for doing a niche demonstration for the club at the March meeting. If you would like to sign up to do a niche at the show, please write back to the editor and she will forward your e-mail to Darlene.

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Kathy Jacobson

**** Many thanks to Kathy for her delicious April refreshments. Be sure to let her know how much she is appreciated.**

Monthly Checklist for May and June

Cattleya (see front page)

The last of the spring-flowering types – those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb – will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

Phalaenopsis (see page 2)

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay. (excerpt from www.aos.org)

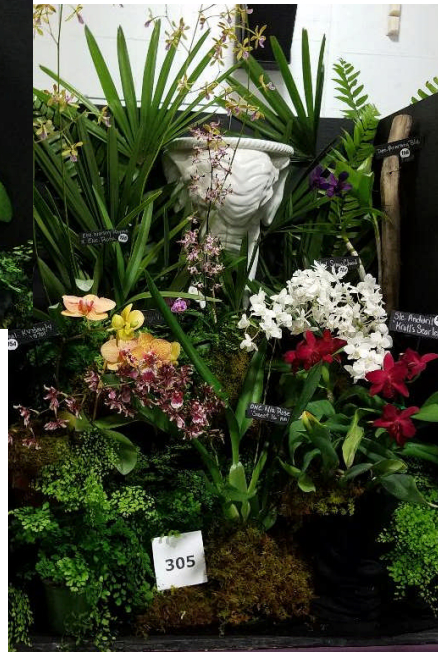
2019 SHOW SET UP—WEDNESDAY



ONE DAY LATER.....
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