

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

August 2015 Edition

The Rhyzome



SEPTEMBER BUSINESS ONLY MEETING

All business.....that's what the September meeting will be. Several issues need to be decided concerning the length of next year's show and donations from the proceeds of this year's show. We also need a volunteer to chair the show next year. Please think about these things over the summer and the part you can play as we plan for nominations and committee chairs as well as a vote on the above.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR/SAVE THE DATE

Sat., August 1st, 6-8 pm. Ramble at Rosa's

420 Green Turtle Cove, Satellite Beach

Directions: From Cocoa Beach, take A1A, to just past Pineda Causeway. Turn right onto Ocean Blvd. Turn left onto Patrick Drive. Take the second right onto Sail Way. Take the first left on to Green Turtle Cove.

From US1 take Pineda east. Exit onto Patrick Drive, take right on Sail Way and left on Green Turtle Cove.

*If you want to stay for sunset drinks, bring your own spirits.

Wed., Aug. 12th Board Meeting

Wed., Aug. 12th, 7pm General Meeting and social.

Jim Adamson will share his potting secrets.

Wed., Sept 9th, 5:30 Board meeting

Wed., Sept. 9th, 7pm Business Meeting only.

Sun., Sept. 20th Noon Annual Picnic in the pavilion at Cocoa Beach Country Club. Games, prizes and great food. Bring your favorite side dish and your family. Sign up for this event with Joyce Schofield, so we will have an accurate count.

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REFRESHMENTS

August—Patti and Charlie Scholes

September—Betty and Jim Adamson

October—

November—

Please consider being responsible for refreshments at a monthly meeting. If you have signed up and are not listed here OR if you would like to sign up for a month, please let Patti know at the meeting (or you can just hit reply and send by email.). Be sure to keep your receipts so you can be reimbursed by the club. You can make it simple by just picking up some iced tea and cookies at the store or you can surprise us with some special treats.....it's up to you.

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 AOS article on the next page.
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. 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 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.

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July Ramble



Many thanks to Bill and Margaret for opening their home to us for the July ramble. It was great to learn so much and to have the opportunity to socialize with so many of our new and “old” members. A good time was had by all.

As shown above, the dendrobiums are in a group on the screened patio, receiving diffused sunlight most of the day. The dens are planted in staylite or lava rock, because it never breaks down. Then repotting, which dens don't like, is not so traumatic to the root system. It also helps stabilize the pots, since many of her dendrobiums are huge.

The schomburgkias hang outside in full sun with no screen protection.





The vandas are grown hanging at the highest point on the screened patio, since they want the most sunlight and have long dangling roots. Behind them in a section that has two layers of screen are the cattleyas, which need less sunlight.

Some oncidiums and epidendrums thrive nicely outside elevated on trays, receiving direct or indirect sunlight for a short duration most summer days.



Trying a technique found in "Orchids" magazine, Margaret and Bill made their own orchid hanger using a clay pan to which the orchid has attached itself.