

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

August 2019



Monthly Checklist for July and August

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

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CALENDAR

Wed., Aug. 14 - 6pm Board Meeting

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Speaker Thanh Nguyen will be with us.

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to Margaret Smith for a speedy recovery from her shoulder injury.

Please contact Betty Adamson at jadamson1@cfl.rr.com if you know of any member who needs some sunshine.



Jodi presents the PCOS check to Candlelighters.

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.

www.aos.org

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

Oncidium intergenerics

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as *Odontocidium*, *Wilsonara* and *Colmanara*, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

Vandaceous

Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants.

(Above is an excerpt from www.aos.org
Visit the site for additional seasonal care.)

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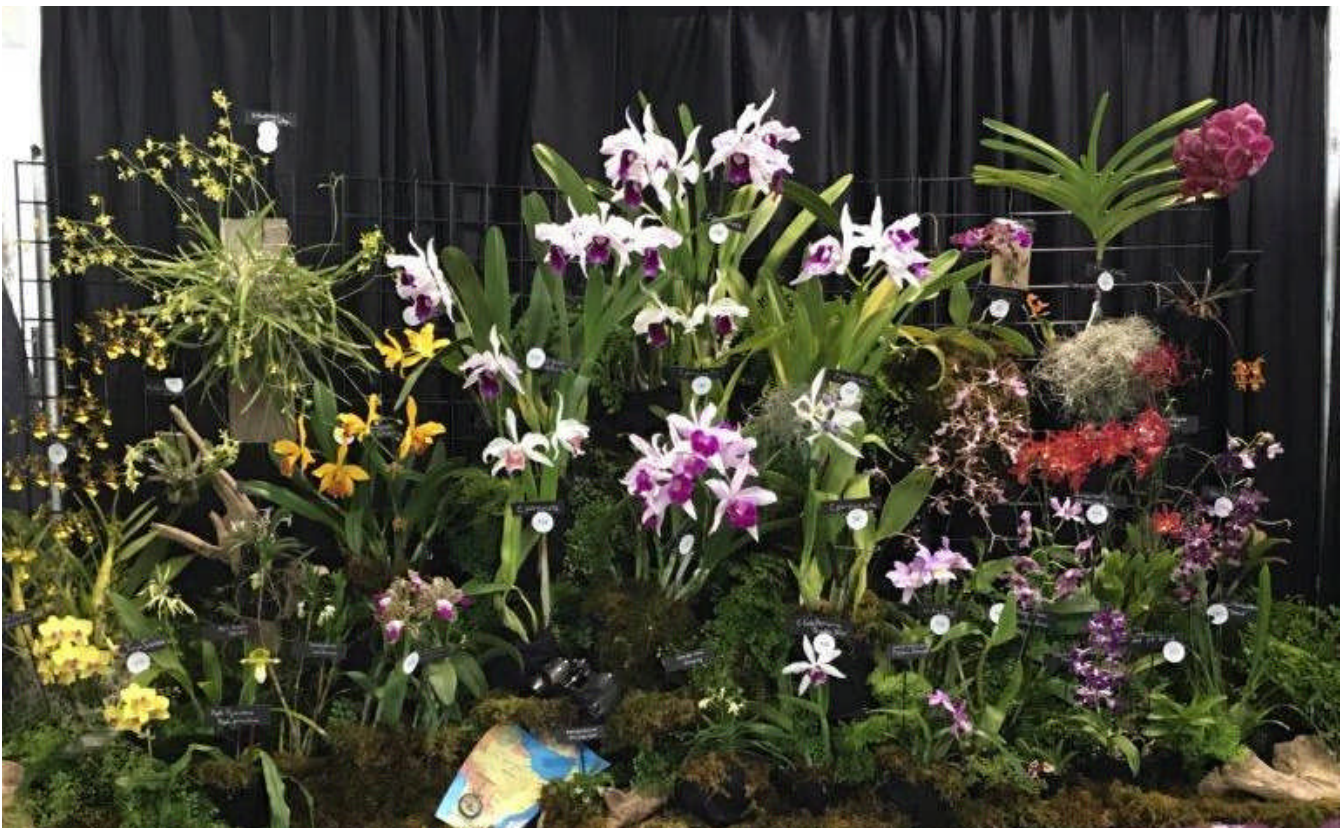
Kathy Jacobson

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

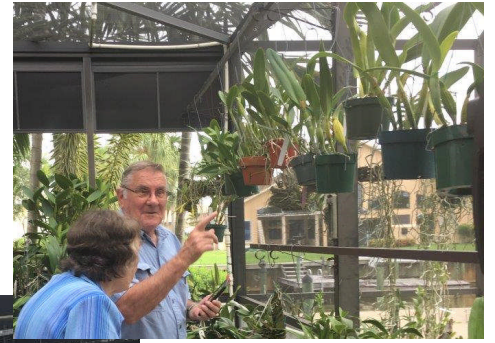
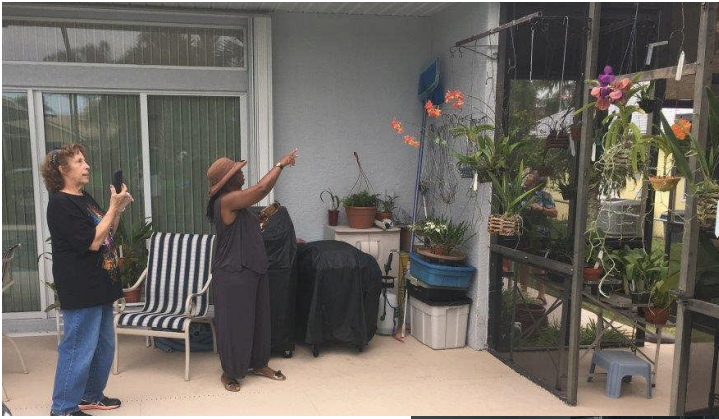
PCOS exhibit in CFOS show



Many thanks to our great exhibit team: l-r Laura Blackmon, Peter and Sally Pancoast, Margaret Croucher, Mike Ellis, and Al Valentine . What would we do without them?

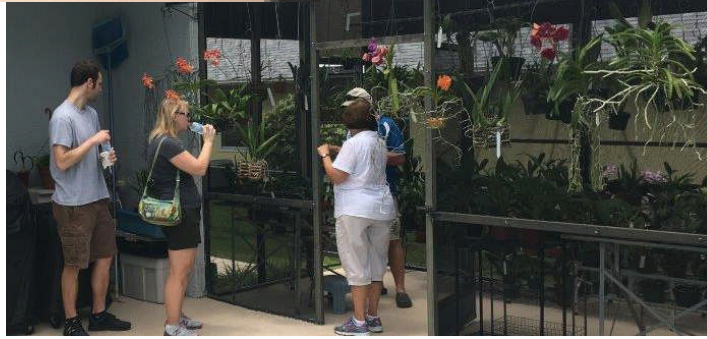


PCOS received a Second Place on the Exhibit. Nice color flow!!



Vandas on horizontal pole inside pool screen.....

Double screened room connected to pool area for cattleyas and other orchids that need less sun.



Summer Ramble

Dendrobiums on pool patio deck.....

Vandas and others outside in pergola.

Many thanks to Bill and Margaret for opening their home and orchid areas to us.

