

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

September 2014 Edition

## The Rhyzome

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Excited to be getting back to our regular meeting times. We were all so lucky to keep in touch this summer at the wonderful "Rambles". Thanks again to Jan, Sarah and Joyce for June-Holly for July-Sally for August. What a busy summer! Hope to see you all at the September meeting. I'm looking forward to the presentation on pests as sometimes I feel clueless. Our Annual Picnic is coming up September 14th. Lots of good food, Bingo and a fun social time. Set these dates and see you there. At the September meeting, we will select a 2015 Show Theme, so please have yours ready to turn in. Sometime in the beginning of September a survey form will be sent out by e-mail. Please fill it out and give it to me at the next meeting.

My best, Cathy

"Originally many orchids were erroneously misclassified as Epidendrums. Eventually, Epi's, as we know them today, evolved into 3 main genera, Epidendrum, Encyclia and Prothechea (cockleshell orchids). The program will show you how to differentiate between them, and provide culture tips on how to grow them. All are members of the cattleya family, and most are easy to grow in Florida. Many have long-lasting flowers that are floriferous and fragrant, providing us with a wide range of colors and shapes. Their hybrids, Epicats, have become popular in recent years."



C. Bactia 'Grapewax' AM/AOS

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 2 months**

**Wed., Sept. 10th Board Meeting at Kiwanis Island**

**Wed., Sept. 10th, 7pm General Meeting at Kiwanis Island**

The program will be a discussion of Orchid Pests and Diseases, featuring an AOS power point presentation. If you have a plant with a "health" related issue you may bring it to the meeting but please securely cover it in a plastic bag (garbage bag) before bringing it into the meeting area. Information about a variety of "treatments" will be available. Informational videos on plants problems are available on the AOS website and YouTube.com. Members are welcome to bring their extra plants to sell or share with other PCOS members. Member plant donations are always appreciated.

**Sun., Sept. 14th Annual Picnic Noon-4pm at Kiwanis Island Park Main Pavilion**

Sign up at the September meeting or e-mail Joyce at joyceschofield1@att.net to reserve with the dish you will bring. See page 4 for more information.

**Wed., Oct. 8th Board Meeting**

**Wed., Oct. 8th, 7pm General Meeting at Kiwanis**  
Program on Epidendrums and Encyclias by Vern Bloch. Vern will have a selection of four-inch pots of species, and some Epicats, that will be offered for sale as part of this program. See short article at left. **Member plant sales will not be allowed at this 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**—  
This AOS site has the answer to almost any question.

5. Rambles at members’ homes.  
Hope you haven’t missed any.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**September 19-21** Ridge Orchid Society Show  
Lake Mirror Center, 122 S. Lake Ave., Lakeland, FL

**October 4-5** Florida West Coast Orchid Society Show  
St. Pete Garden Club, 500 Sunset Dr. S.  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**October 24-26** Delray Beach Orchid Society Show  
Old School Square Gym, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Bch

**October 25-26** Gainesville Orchid Society Show  
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58 Dr., Gainesville, FL



A picture was sent to me showing this beautiful dendrobium in Cocoa Beach that receives banana peels for nutrition. Any comments on this interesting idea? Obviously, the plant seems happy.



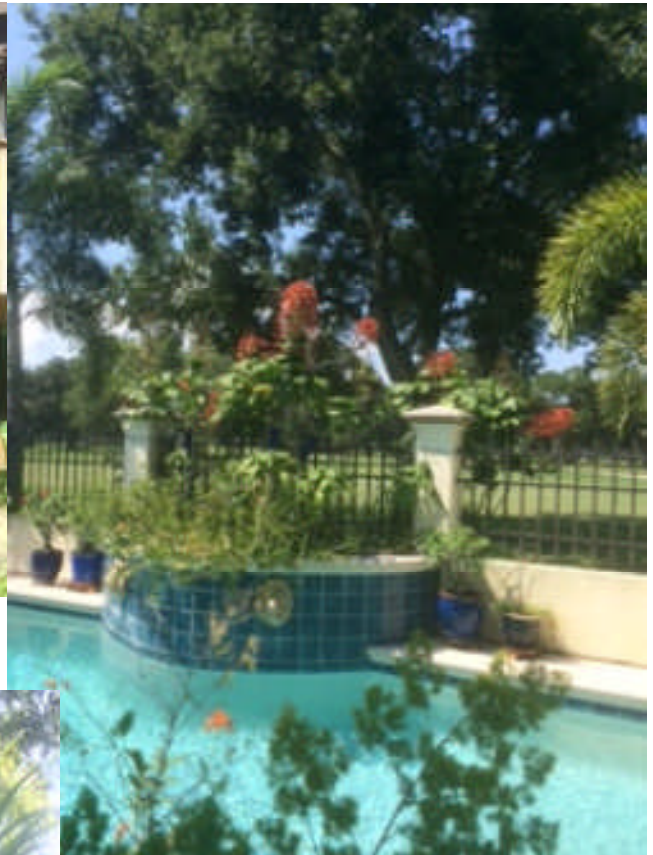
PCOS is an affiliate of the **American Orchid Society (AOS)**. There’s an abundance of information on the AOS website. For the last few months, a selection of the articles available on the AOS website have been featured in our newsletter. Please visit [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) for articles, advice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



## **JULY RAMBLE AT HOLLY'S**



Many thanks to Holly Pardi for opening her home and gardens to the club in July. Again, the rain didn't keep us away, and many went home with plants Holly shared with the group.

### **PCOS ANNUAL PICNIC**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2014, NOON – 4pm**

**KIWANIS ISLAND PARK MAIN PAVILION**

**MAIN DISH OF PULLED PORK AND CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB.**

**MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP FOR APPETIZERS, SIDE DISHES OR DESSERTS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**



August's ramble was a wonderful experience for attending members. Judy, Ruth, and Ed check out the new orchid house, which is already filled to capacity and overflowing to the outside, as shown below. Members got some great ideas on how to house their orchid collection.

Photos by Bill Croucher and Jan Castillo

## AUGUST RAMBLE



**A big thank you to Sally and Peter for this fun experience.**

John Hicks shared his cymbidium with the club years ago, and now Sally divides her healthy piece of John's orchid again for members. BJ brought a plant given to her by Charlie Scholes, which was divided and shared with members. Thank you, Sally, for a great dividing and potting lesson and to all members who generously share their plants and their expertise with other members.



### Raffle Fun

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