

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

Brevard County, Florida

The Rhyzome

October 2011 Edition

Message from the President:

Attention All Members!

If you missed the picnic on Sunday, shame on you! It was a beautiful day. It was cooler than we expected, so it was very pleasant. No rain storms either. The food was outstanding. The bingo prizes, beautiful orchids, of course, appeared to be a big hit, also. Our picnic chairman, Denise Baumann, deserves great credit. This was her second year, and she deserves praise and thanks for once again assuming the chairmanship. A special thanks also to Joyce Schofield for taking care of obtaining the pavilion, as well as being the leader in the kitchen. There were many others who contributed and everyone appreciated your help as well.

Look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming meeting. Be there and get a report on what we plan for our November meeting. In case you missed the last meeting, we will be having a plant sale in November and the meeting will be at the Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club. More about it soon, watch for details. In addition to a plant sale, we will have our annual election of officers. Jim



Blc. Vidalee Limelight
Grower Joyce Schofield

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 12th 6:15 pm
Board Meeting
Kiwanis Park

October 12th 7:00 pm
Business Meeting
Kiwanis Island

October 26th 6:30 pm
Back to Basics Meeting
Cocoa Beach Library

November 9th
Big plant sale for
members of PCOS
Cocoa Rockledge
Garden Club



Onc.
Grower Nadine Kern



Dearly Beloved member, Ruth Larson, recently passed away. Ruth was a wonderful and dedicated society member and an exceptional grower. Her warm and charming personality captivated everyone. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and especially to her daughter and member, Judy Law.

Sunshine

Special thoughts are with our Vice President, John Hicks, as he undergoes tests.

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Picnic

Food

Fun

Flowers

Fellowship



AOS Corner

Now that Summer is behind us, let's hope the weather calms down so we can all enjoy the upcoming orchid show season. Some of you are starting to hold their meetings again after a summer hiatus. The AOS has had a busy summer as well. There are new novice culture sheets for most of the more popular orchids. If you are a member of AOS and have not already registered for access to the new website Members' Only, I hope you do it soon. One major difference in the new website is that it may be translated into a multitude of foreign languages. The translation is done with a drop down menu on the left hand top portion of the site. Also, the site is continually being populated with up-to-date orchid information. In addition, there is a new member's profile where you can renew your membership, change your mailing address or email information and manage your AQ+ subscription. Plus, each month, Ron McHatton produces a fabulous electronic newsletter filled with all kinds of orchid culture information. If you are already an AOS member and not receiving notifications of these monthly newsletters, AOS does not have your email address. To be added to the distribution list, send your email address along with your full name to Terri Rivera at trivera@aos.org. Please note: if you are having difficulties signing into the 'Members Only' section, it may be that your prior registration is no longer valid. With the new website, each member must renew their registration. Instructions for doing so are on the home page of AOS.

You will also find a tab on the home page about the Myrtle Head Savanna Conservation Committee project. It is up and running and donations are being made. You can read more about this joint project with Nature Conservancy in the August *Orchids* as well as the website. If you or your society has funds for conservation, please consider this worthwhile project. It certainly deserves all our support and it would be great if AOS could reach its monetary goal soon. If you are unable to make an online donation on the AOS webpage, you may send a contribution by check to AOS. Just make sure to note on the check that it is for the Myrtle Head Savanna Project so you receive proper recognition.

All my arrangements for attending the AOS Fall Members' meeting in San Antonio are made. The Alamo Orchid Society has put together a wonderful meeting and I look forward to being there. It runs from October 25 – 30 and has a great line up of speakers and vendors. In addition to Trustee and Committee meetings, the traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast will be held and I hope to see some of you there. Check out the Alamo Orchid Society website at www.alamoorchidsociety.com for registration or more information.

Lynn Fuller, Chair, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

Upcoming Shows

South Florida Orchid Society Show

Oct. 1-2 8am-5 pm

"Falling for Orchids" and Speakers Day Event

Bank United Center at the University of Miami

1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables

Brevard County Orchid Society Show

Oct. 29 & 30, 2011, 9am-5pm

Melbourne Auditorium

625 E. Hibiscus Ave., Melbourne

\$4 Admission, printable coupon on website

SUGGESTION FOR SHOW THEME

SUBMITTED BY _____

If you have a suggestion for our 2012 show theme, please fill out the form above and submit to Dennis Gollehon at the October meetings. Some of our past themes were: *Orchid Rendezvous, Orchid Portraits, Springtime and Orchids.*

Slate of Officers for 2012

President: Dennis Gollehon
Vice President: Joyce Schofield
Treasurer: Margaret Croucher
Secretary: Nadine Kern
Director: Leeann McCollough
Director: Marsha Lovas

Elections will be on November 9th

The following places are being considered for our 2012 Show:

**Expo Sports Arena
Kiwaniis Island
Viera Community Center
Sharpes Community Center**

A determination will be made by the Board when all information has been gathered, concerning space and cost.

