

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

October 2020

There is no meeting in October, but that doesn't mean you are on your own. If you have any orchid growing questions, you can e-mail our forum leader, Betty, at jad-amson1@cfl.rr.com.

If you are interested in joining AOS, there is information on page 2. Please contact Betty, who is also our AOS rep if you are going to join, because our society will get a bonus.

Charlie Scholes will be dividing his orchids over the next few months. If you are interested in a root bare division, respond to Patti, the newsletter editor, and she will put you on a list. When an orchid is available, I will let you know and you can come by and pick it up.

CALENDAR

No meeting in October.

April 10, 2021—American Orchid Society Centennial

Celebration—Our society will be a sponsor of this very exciting event. Individual sponsorships are also encouraged. If you want more information contact Betty/AOS Rep.



SUNSHINE

Deepest and sincere sympathy to the family of our dearly beloved President Michael. We will treasure our special memories of him.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Joe Grezzafi. Joe was a long time Melbourne orchid grower.

Best wishes to member Lisa Broddle and her husband who are moving to Daytona Beach. We will miss you.

Special thanks are sent to Charlie Scholes and Sally Pancoast for their generous sharing of orchid divisions to members.

Let's keep in touch with each other during this pandemic. We sincerely miss each other and are looking forward to hopefully reconvening soon. Share anything of orchid interest or importance with Patti so she can keep us all informed. We have a very special membership and we all have greatly missed being together. Keep the spirit!! BA

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.
6. Our society newsletter is available on platinumcoastorchidsociety.org

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

Scary Orchid House Stories



Charlie was bringing orchids inside to divide when he came face to face with this threatening but non-poisonous corn snake/rat snake. This is a good reason to check your orchids carefully before bringing them inside.

OCTOBER SCARY STORY PROJECT

Please send the newsletter editor examples of your scariest orchid story. If possible include photos.



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How do I water my orchid?



Use a pencil or wooden skewer to determine whether an orchid needs to be watered.

Avoid overwatering which leads to the demise of many more orchids than underwatering. Constant wetness will cause the roots to rot, which leaves the plant without a means for taking up nourishment which then causes the leaves to droop and will eventually kill the plant. The classic advice is to water the day before the plant dries out. If you have to let the plant go dry to figure out what a dry plant weighs, it will not kill the plant and will make you a better grower. Another measure is to use the pencil trick (the point of a sharpened pencil, when inserted into the medium, will darken with moisture if the plant has enough water). And, there's always the old standby - put your finger in the mix. If it feels wet, it is wet. If you aren't sure whether it is time to water, wait one more day.

"Evenly moist," while the most commonly given advice on watering, is the least easily explained. Because most plants are grown in plastic containers a good diagnosis is the weight of the plant: heavy - does not need watering; light - does require water. With a little practice, one can easily tell the amount of moisture remaining in the container.

Water your orchid early in the morning. This insures complete water evaporation on the foliage as well as the crown by nightfall. If your home is very warm or has low humidity you will most likely need to water more often. The best place to water your plant is in the kitchen sink. Use lukewarm water (do not use salt softened or distilled water) and water your plant for about 15 seconds and be sure to thoroughly wet the media. Then allow the plant to drain for about 15 minutes. It may appear dry but it has had enough water. After the plants are watered, they should be placed so that the pots do not stand in water. Some people like to place the pots on "humidity trays" or in trays or saucers of gravel or pebbles and water. The pot is placed on the pebbles above the water line. This helps to insure that the base of the pot is not immersed in water, increases humidity for the plant, and provides some air circulation under the pot.







(From AOS website, where a multitude of advice like this is available to all beginners.)




OrchidPro is available on the AOS website for members interested in judging ins and outs.

Below is a sample of comparing awards shown in [OrchidPro](#). Remember to sign on to aos.org and look for OrchidPro on the drop down menu. Click on any one photo in LATEST AWARDS to read the details, measurements and description for each award. Find out when and where it was exhibited, and the exhibitor for each orchid. While you are there, select OTHER AWARDS button to compare the current award to previously awarded clones. The diversity of orchids seen in the judging system is awe-inspiring. Check in frequently to view the 100 most recent awards. Orchids are a continuing education.



Dendrobium hekouense 'Chandra P'
AM | AOS (81 points)
Award No: 20202290
Date: Sep 13, 2020
Event: California-Sierra Nevada Center Monthly Judging
(Sacramento, California)

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 <p>Dendrobium hekouense 'Chandra P' AM AOS (81 points) Sep 13, 2020</p>	 <p>Dendrobium hekouense 'Chandra P' CCM AOS (82 points) Sep 13, 2020</p>	 <p>Dendrobium hekouense 'Cordelia' CHM AOS (84 points) Aug 19, 2017</p>
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UPCOMING WEBINARS FOR AOS MEMBERS

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	October 06, 2020 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	October 20, 2020 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	November 10, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	December 02, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Paphiopedilums, Their Care and Understanding	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dave Sorokowsky Owner Paph Paradise Awarded grower and AOS Judge	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer