

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhizome

October 2021

If you are a member that has plants you would like to sell, you may bring them to the October meeting.

Fred Clarke of Sun Valley Orchids will be our speaker in November. His program will be on “Becoming an 80% Grower”.

We will continue to wear masks at the meetings.

Our annual picnic is planned for Sunday, Oct. 24th at noon. The main dish will be provided, and attendees will bring their favorite dish.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. This is always a great opportunity to socialize and get to know each other.



Patti's Den. Burana 'Emerald Jade'

### CALENDAR

**Oct. 13th 6pm Board meeting**

**Oct. 13th 7pm Business meeting**

Member Sale and talk on Cattleya species

**Sun., Oct. 24 Picnic—Sign up at the October meeting.**

## Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	September 02, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	September 16, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	October 05, 2021 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	October 21, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Sarcochilus Australian Miniatures	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Black Orchids The Lure, The Lust and Licentiousness
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Jean Allen-Ikeson JC National Education Coordinator, AOS Editorial Board Chair	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee, ND Associate Judge, President of COC



The group at September's meeting enjoyed speaker Phillip Hamilton. He brought a great variety of orchids.

### SUNSHINE

*Wishing a speedy recovery to Sharon Biondi, Barbara Biondi, and Ed Kidder.*



## 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 how other’s in your area grow their 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](http://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](http://www.aos.org)

FOR AOS MEMBERS: The AOS also has a presence on Facebook. There is a [group](#) with close to 65,000 members, and a [page](#). Each allows you to post photographs and ask questions about your orchids. The group is the most active of the two, and group members usually respond quickly to posts. The page is parallel to the AOS Instagram account. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839> <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanOrchidSociety>

## UPCOMING SHOWS AND EXPOS

(Check on these as it gets closer.)

October 1, 2, & 3 -Tamiari International Orchid Festival—The Fruit and Spice Park, Redland (Hbmestead), Florida

October 23-24— Ridge Orchid Society 59th Annual Show “The Sound of Orchids”, WHStuart Center, 1702 US Hwy 17, S Bartow, Florida

October 23-24— Gainesville Orchid Society’s “Orchids in the Garden”, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Drive, Gainesville, FL

October 28-31— East Everglades Orchid Society’s “Fall in Love with Orchids” Show and Sale, R.F. Orchids, 28100 SW 182 Ave, Hbmestead, FL

Upcoming in November are the Deerfield Beach and Ft. Pierce Shows



Margaret’s Bulb. Doris Dukes ‘Purple Banana’

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# Monthly Checklist for September and October

## Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.



## Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

## Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial. From [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)