

Platinum Coast Orchid Society The Rhyzome

March 2013 Edition

President's Message:

Plants are blooming and gardens are sprouting! What a great time of year! We had a nice variety of blooming plants for Betty Adamson's show and tell at our February meeting. Betty also moderated a Q&A session to address member's questions about orchid growing. This will be a staple of our future meetings. Show preps are coming along nicely. Planning meetings are scheduled for 6:00 PM, March 20 and April 17 in the Karen Rood Community Center at Kiwanis Island Park. We are still looking for non-orchid vendors for the show to set up a "tent garden" outside the entrance under the oak trees. If you know of anyone that vends gardening or orchid-related products please have them contact me or Cathy to apply. We are seeking a head clerk for the show judges' team. This important position is the interface between the judges and the show administration. Organizing the clerks into teams, providing instructions, and collecting the score sheets for recording are essential tasks. If you have clerked before you have the experience to be the team leader. We encourage everyone to obtain one cash award sponsor and one donated merchandise item for the raffle or hourly door prize drawings. Sponsor forms are available. Please contact me or Cathy if you are interested in helping with the show or have questions.

Bylaw Revision: The changes to the Standing Rules and Bylaws published in the February Rhyzome were adopted by the membership at the February meeting with one exception. A motion was approved to change the wording of ARTICLE XI, Dissolution. The following change will be voted upon by membership at the March meeting.

"Section 1 The corporation shall be dissolved after one year of inactivity. It may also be dissolved at any time by a two-thirds vote of members in good standing. In the event of such dissolution all assets of the Society shall be reduced to cash with one hundred percent going to the American Orchid Society, with 25% earmarked for the Florida North Central Judging Center."



Nobile Red Wave

Grower: Dennis Gollehon

Calendar

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| March 13 | Board Meeting |
| March 13, 6pm | Back to Basics
in the Pavilion outside. |
| March 13, 7pm | General Meeting
Speaker, Vern Bloch
B. nodosa hybrids |

Sunshine

Best wishes to John Hicks as he continues his medical treatment. Continuing best wishes are also sent to Louise Loy as she receives her treatment. Member Marie Williams hasn't been able to attend our meetings and we miss her presence. Hopefully these members will be able to attend our May show and join us in our special celebration.

I am continuing to collect the items for the golden anniversary show table. Thanks to all who have contributed. It is exciting to see the different variety of collectibles, keep adding to them!

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BACK TO BASICS (Apr.-Oct.)

Bob Libbey

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PCOS Embroidered Shirts
Platinum Coast Orchid Society with flower in the center.

Available at :

Robin's Nest Embroidery
1314 Clearlake Rd., Ste. 4
Cocoa, FL

Phone: 321-636-4320

Sizes Small-XL \$28.00

2X \$30.00 3X \$34.00

If you bring your own shirt, embroidery charge will be \$10.

SHOW NEWS

THE RIGHT JOB FOR YOU!

We need all hands at the show to make it a success. Check below and decide which job is the right fit for you. Most members will choose several jobs, and of course, if you work the show, you receive free admittance.

PUT UP SIGNS ALONG ROADS (WEEK OF SHOW)

SET UP (WED.)

Involves heavy lifting or covering tables.

HOSPITALITY FOR VENDORS (THURS. 8 AM)

Pick up, set up, & clean up food for vendors.

REGISTRATION AND PLANT PLACEMENT (THURS.)

Helping people register plants. This job requires some knowledge of orchids and the program.

SOCIETY EXHIBIT (THURS.)

Help set up our society exhibit. Some lifting.

CLERKS (FRI.)

Help judges find plants that are on their list.

TICKET BOOTH (FRI—SUN., schedule day/time)

Work with Nadine to collect tickets at the door.

HOSPITALITY TABLE (FRI-SUN, schedule day/time)

Helping Joan with raffle tickets and hospitality.

BREAK DOWN (SUN. 4pm-7pm)

Heavy lifting, uncovering tables, sweeping, etc.

SPONSORS

Don't forget to find a sponsor and have them fill out the form you received at the meeting. Return the form and donation to Marsha Lovas at the next meeting. We would like to have all sponsor names in the program.

PREPARING YOUR ORCHID TO BE JUDGED

The following site may give you some good ideas when you are preparing your orchid for judging
<http://orchidworks.com/showguide/grooming/groomed.htm>.

NICHES

If you are interested in doing a niche for the show, please let Judy Law know. There are only 6 spots available, so claim yours quickly.

Golden Anniversary Show

Betty Adamson will be the chairman for a special Society table for the May PCOS Show and is already starting to work on making it special! She is requesting 'golden anniversary' collectibles from members both for the table and for general decorating. Watch for appropriate items at garage sales, thrift shops, etc. She is also collecting Society memorabilia that any members may have. Be sure you have your name on those items to be returned.

Show Theme - Platinum Gold

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

If you have not paid your 2013 membership dues, please give them to Joyce Schofield. If you have had any change of information, please let Joyce know that when you pay your dues. Those members who joined at the 2012 Show are paid through 2013. \$15 per member, \$25 per duo in same household.

BACK TO BASICS WITH BOB

Back to Basics with Bob will resume at the March meeting. Please meet Bob Libbey outside in the pavilion area with your plant and supplies, if you would like him to teach you how to repot. Bob Libbey and Charlie Scholes are available at all meetings, if you have any questions about your orchids.

**Back to Basics is for Members Only, and is a special benefit of membership in PCOS.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Mar. 1-3 Martin Co. Orchid Society
Martin County Fairgrounds, Stuart

Mar. 1-3 Tampa Bay Orchid Society
Egypt Shine Center

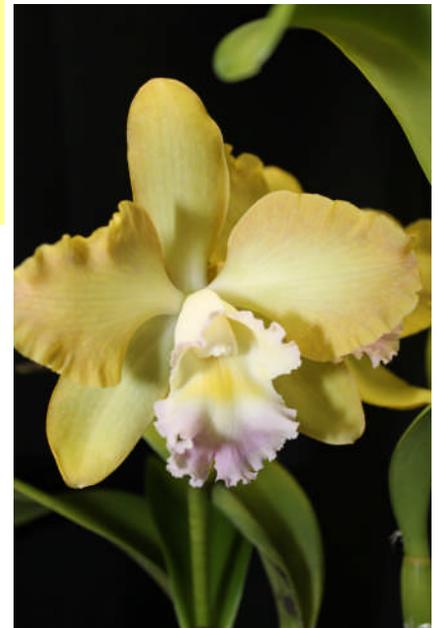
Mar. 8-10 Coral Gables Orchid Society
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Mar. 8-10 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
2195 S.E. Airso Blvd., Pt. St. Lucie

Mar. 23-24 Orchid Society of Highlands County
Bert J Harris Agricultural Center
Sebring

Blc. Memorial Joe Lopez
"Mama Josie"

Grower: JoAnn Amos



PCOS at CFOS

Platinum Coast will be entering a table top display in the Central Fl. Orchid Society show. The theme of this year's show is **ORCHID MARKET PLACE**. The show is being held at the Maitland Civic Center, just north of Orlando, on April 6th and 7th. We will be setting up the display on Friday morning, April 5th.

If you would like to help set up our display, have orchids for us to use, or have any ideas for the display please contact me at sallypancoast@cfl.rr.com. We will try to schedule a meeting for those who are interested.

Virus testing

Cymbidium mosaic virus and Odontoglossum ringspot virus

Sally Pancoast is ordering Virus Test Kits from Agida. The minimum order is 25, so will I have plenty to share. The cost of each test unit is \$5.25. I can bring the test kit to our meeting, and help you with the process. Let me know if you are interested.

These two web sites have great information about Orchid Viruses.

Orchid Viruses - St. Augustine Orchid Society Orchid Viruses, Color Break, Virus Symptoms, Prevention.

<http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests-viruses.htm>

<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=134>

Raffle Fun

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

AOS CORNER

AOS Orchids online! As I mentioned last month, the magazine *Orchids* is now available online. All AOS members are able to access the digital magazine by logging on to the AOS website using their current user name and password; then click on the link to view the magazine. It is portable; it may be download each month and available to read offline. It may be printed – as many pages as needed. No more waiting on the mail to see the new magazine each month. Each month will be readily available before the print copy is mailed.

If you are not a member of AOS, we invite you to join us. For the cost of a domestic membership (\$65 per year) in the AOS you will receive the digital version no matter where you are. Remember, one years' membership includes the twelve magazines per year, access to the members' only section of the website, free or discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta, the annual Orchid Source Directory, discounts at select orchid vendors and back issues of AOS publications as well as being part of a worldwide orchid community who share your passion for orchids. For exact cost of digital and print memberships, check the website at www.aos.org; Non US delivery of magazines may be part of your subscription basically for the additional cost of mailing.

\$50,000 for Orchid Research

The AOS is soliciting its members and the general public for practical or applied orchid research ideas that could be immediately used by hobbyists and commercial growers. The ideas will be reviewed and the winners will become proposals to be sent to various universities or institutions of higher learning. The AOS has received this generous donation that will be used to fund the research at the institution(s) submitting the proposal(s). Send your ideas to ideas@aos.org. No idea is too "far out." Please note, however, that submitting the idea to the AOS does not qualify for any of the research grant. The grants will be disbursed only to established research institutions.

AOS in San Diego – March 21-23, 2013

The Spring Members' and Trustees' meetings will be held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Show being held March 21-23, 2013 at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Diego, California. Join the AOS to attend the meetings, its traditional banquet, auction, elections and reorganization meeting by registering at www.aos.org; The registration fee for AOS attendees includes admission into the show for the weekend. Speaker and vendor information may be found on the society website at www.sdorchids.com;

Lynn Fuller, Chair, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



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 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.



At left: *Ludisia discolor*
Also called Jewel Orchid
Grower: Maria Keane

Below: Lc. JoAnn Amos
Grower: Charlie Scholes
This orchid was given to Charlie by JoAnn Amos, after whom it was named.

THANK YOU TO NADINE AND OTHER MEMBERS WHO BROUGHT VALENTINE TREATS FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING.



Above: *C. skinneri*
Grower: Sally Pancoast
As you can see in the photo, this orchid is just growing in a shallow wooden basket.

Below: Blc. Pamela Finney 'Big Bull'
Grower: Margaret Croucher

