

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

March 2015 Edition

The Rhyzome



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President's message:

Hope everyone is looking forward to our Big Show as much as I am. We will be having some wonderful speakers in March and April to get us all psyched up. In March we will have the pleasure of our Head Judge, Joe Bryson. He has worked with our show for some years and will be discussing plant classification. This is an important presentation as each member should be prepared to have the proper classification for the plants they are entering. I'm sure we will all learn a lot. In April our own stars of niches and pedestals will be getting us all ready to set up some beautiful displays. As always, we would like you to consider any area of the show where you can help. Patti has listed where we could use some help. Remember, "Many hands make small work". My best, Cathy

SHOW NEWS

There are many opportunities to participate and help at the show. Consider doing a pedestal or niche by yourself or with someone else. If something interests you, be an apprentice to a committee chairperson, so you can "learn the ropes". Of course, all members should actively participate by finding sponsors, putting signs in yards and on cars, and helping with set-up and tear down. This is your show and with everyone's help, it will be wonderful. Make a decision right now about which area interests you and get involved. See last page for opportunities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 11th, 5:30pm Board Meeting

March 11th, 7pm General Meeting

Program: Identification and registration of orchids.

Speaker, Joe Bryson, will have orchids for sale.

March 18th 6-8 Show meeting *

April 15th 6-8 Show meeting *

***Show mtgs. held in Karen Rood Bldg. and open to all who are interested in helping.**

JOYCE IS COLLECTING DUES FOR 2015.

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REFRESHMENTS

March—Christina Rovira

April—

May—

June—

Please consider being responsible for refreshments at a monthly meeting. If you have signed up and are not listed here OR if you would like to sign up for a month, please let Patti know at the meeting (or you can just hit reply and send by email.). Be sure to keep your receipts so you can be reimbursed by the club. You can make it simple by just picking up some iced tea and cookies at the store or you can surprise us with some special treats.....it's up to you.

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 to help you identify the best way to grow your orchids.

EXHIBIT FOR C. FL ORCHID SHOW

If you have a bamboo standing screen, interesting driftwood or rocks, please let Patti know so she can plan for the CFOS exhibit. On April 8th, if you have a blooming orchid, please bring it to the meeting with your name attached to the bottom, so she can use it in the exhibit that weekend. If you have a van or SUV and can transport some orchids over and back, we need help.

UPCOMING SHOWS

- Mar. 6-8 Martin County Orchid Society Show**
Martin County Fairground, Bldg. G
Stuart, Florida
- Englewood Area Orchid Show**
Englewood Methodist Church
Englewood, FL
- Mar. 7-8 Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show**
Egyptian Shrine Activities Center
Tampa, FL
- Mar. 15-16 Orchid Society of Coral Gables Sho**
Fairchild Tropical Gardens
Coral Gables, FL
- Mar. 20-22 Orchid Society of Highland County**
Bert J. Harris Ag Center
Sebring, FL
- Port St. Lucie Orchid Show**
Pt. St. Lucie Community Center
Port St. Lucie, FL
- Mar. 28-29 Jacksonville Orchid Society Show**
Garden Club of Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL
- Orchid Lovers of Spring Hill Festival**
VFW Post, Spring Hill, FL

SHOW HELPERS

MAKE A CHOICE AND E-MAIL THE EDITOR @ orchidpat@aol.com

NICHE—Work by yourself or with a friend to create an orchid niche. A demonstration will be given at the April meeting. Set up will be on Fri., May 1st. No experience necessary.

PEDESTAL—Create an orchid design, simple in nature and form. A demonstration will be given at the April meeting. Arranging will be on Fri., May 1st. No experience necessary.

CLERK—Assist judges by locating the orchids on their list, placing ribbons, and taking notes. Specific directions for decorum will be given to you prior to this event. Clerking will be at 8 am on Sat., May 2. No experience necessary, but it is helpful if you know the difference between types of orchids, so you can find them quickly.

HELP AT THE COURTESY BOOTH—Helpers will choose a day and time slot to assist with the raffle and welcome visitors to the show on Sat. and Sun. No experience necessary.

REGISTRATION—Knowledge of orchids is important, but helpers can display orchids registered, as well as assist with paperwork. There will be a program in March on registering plants.

TICKET BOOTH—Assist chair with collecting entrance fee on Saturday or Sunday.

SET UP/TEAR DOWN—On Thursday at 1pm and at the close of the show on Sunday at 4pm.

TRANSPORTATION—Arrange and be in charge of driving the truck with supplies for the show.

Raffle Fun

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



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.

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