

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

August 2014 Edition

## The Rhyzome

We are now wrapping up our lazy summer, even though we still have more than our share of the heat to endure. We had a lovely evening at Holly's in July. Much thanks to Holly for sharing her beautiful home and garden. Even the rain didn't keep us down. I hope you are looking forward to visiting Sally at her home in August. I know she is excited to share her "new", sorta, greenhouse. This is a wonderful social event and we plan to see you there.

My best,

Cathy



Orchid Italica, also called the Naked Man orchid, can be seen growing in the Mediterranean region. Dennis submitted this for the newsletter. Please feel free to send in any orchid information that you think would be of interest to the group. Don't you love orchid nicknames?

FOR BOARD MEMBERS: There will be a board meeting at 5pm on Aug. 14th at Sally's.

### **Orchid Ramble and Intervention Sale**

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Sally and Peter Pancoast invite the PCOS and friends to come by and see how their garden grows. The Pancoast orchid collection can be described as a work in progress. It is a combination of flowers we like, flowers we would like to grow, and a science project. After retiring in January of '14, Sally has been busy trying to organize and define their collection with limited success. As a certified Orchid Hoarder, Sally's shade house is overgrown with seedlings and divisions. Not much is ever thrown away.

A demonstration of division techniques for various types of orchid plants is planned. There will be lots of divisions, back bulbs, seedlings, and kikis for sale.

If you have an orchid task, or need some help, please let me know (459-1996), and we can make it part of the program.

**DIRECTIONS:** 1390 Leslie Drive, Merritt Island. At the corner of Leslie Drive and Courtenay Parkway (5 miles south of 520 and 5 miles north of Pineda.)

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## 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](http://www.aos.org)— This AOS site has the answer to almost any question.

5. Rambles at members’ homes.  
Hope you haven’t missed any.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

September 19-21 Ridge Orchid Society Show  
Lake Mirror Center  
122 S. Lake Ave., Lakeland, FL

A former member is selling his plants at a low price since he can no longer care for them. Cathy should have more information at the ramble.

### 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](http://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.

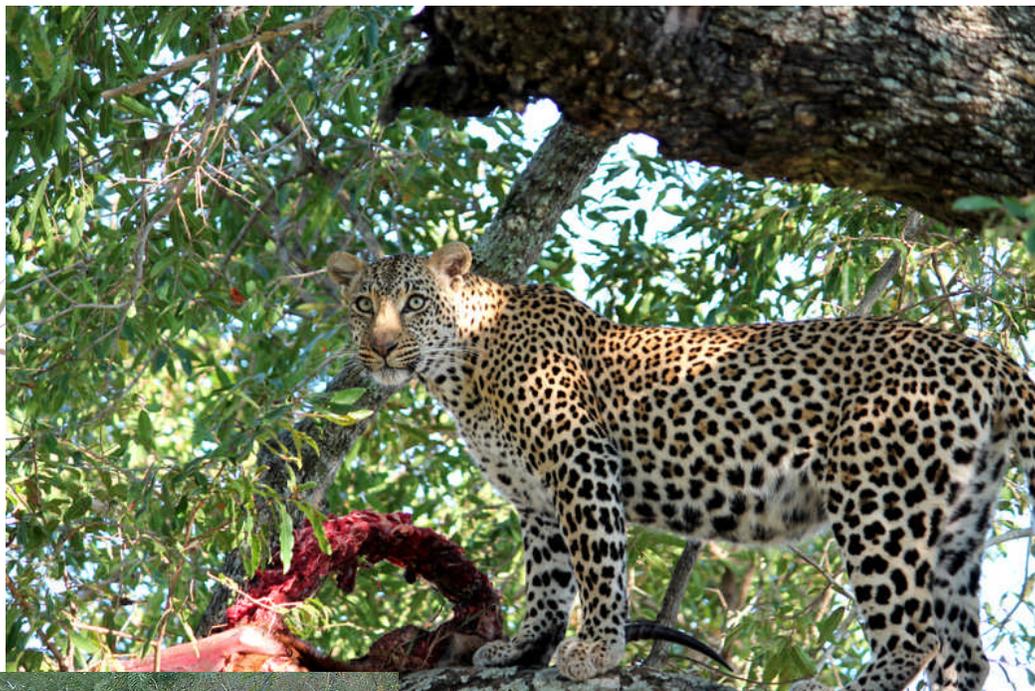
Ask Betty Adamson for an application if you’re interested in joining.

For all current members, remember that your renewal notice will arrive in the Orchid Magazine prior to your month of renewal.

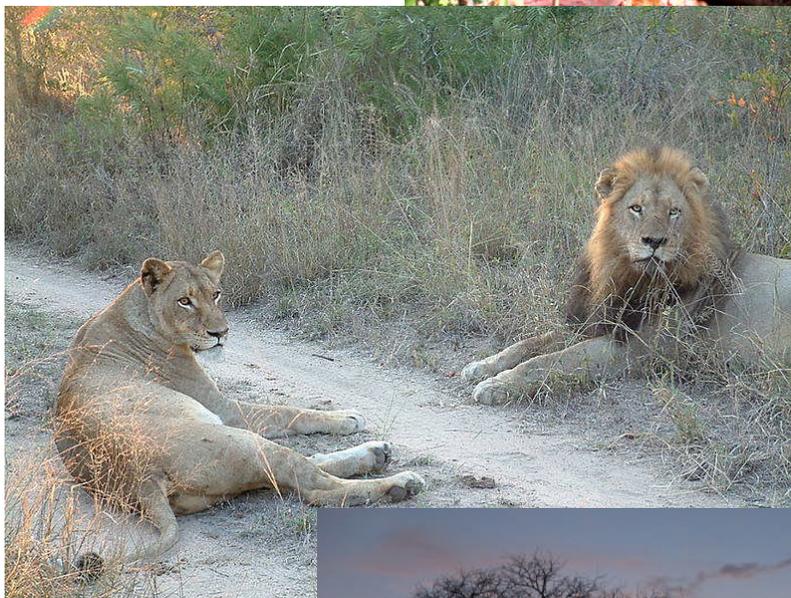
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## Orchids of Africa, part 3—South Africa

In the country of South Africa, Sabi Sands Game Reserve abuts the enormous Kruger National Park. The animals roam freely between the park and the reserves, and so does *Ansellia Africana*, which is sometimes called ‘The Leopard Orchid’. Just like the leopard, they are seen lying on branches of leafy green trees, as shown below. Just like the leopard, they are yellow with brown spots. Perhaps you have an orchid in your collection that has a descriptive nickname, too.



Once in a lifetime photos are by Charlie and Patti Scholes, and their daughter, Kathy.



On Safari at  
Elephant Plains  
Game Lodge

