

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

Brevard County, Florida

The Rhyzome

May 2011 Edition



The PCOS exhibit won the AOS Trophy.

President's Message

Dear Members,

Our Rhyzome editor, one of the show co-chairman, along with Dennis, has covered in great detail, along with pictures, the tremendous success of our 48th show. These two individuals, who are relatively new in the Society, did an absolutely incredible job, both planning and directing the show throughout the three day duration. Neither had ever done this before but frankly no one would have ever known but what they were long time organizers.

It goes without saying that there were many other members, who contributed to ensure that every aspect was covered. Many of these individuals have been 'carrying the load' for several years and deserve a tremendous amount of credit. For those of you who are new members and contributed for the first time, we are happy to have you and appreciate your interest and participation. One of our newest members, Barry Kennedy, contributed immeasurably with his expertise and various work in the printing area. His work was spectacular and a great savings for the society. I will see to it that we increase his orchid collection!

I conclude by saying thank you each and every one, who participated, for helping us, once again, to succeed.

We all know that it takes a tremendous amount of effort to do it right and we can say, without reservation, we know how to present a quality show! The members, Ed Lehnert, Dennis Gollehon, Charlie Scholles, & The Hicks Family who did the heavy lifting, i.e. the loading and unloading of the warehouse show supplies, deserve special recognition. The efforts of each and every one of you who helped with the set-up and tear-down are truly the people who make it happen! The Platinum Coast Orchid Society has been recognized as a society that consistently presents a top quality show and our 48th one was no exception. Our co-chairmen, along with all of you who contributed in various ways are truly to be commended. I believe we 'rendezvoused', worked together to get the job done and had fun. Congratulations to all! Happy Growing.

Jim

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 11th 6:15 pm
Board Meeting
Kiwanis Park

May 11th 7:00 pm
Business Meeting
Kiwanis Park

May 25th Ramble
6:30-7:30 pm
See page 2 for
information and
directions.



***A special,
special
thank you to
everyone
who gave
their time to
make this
show a great
one that was
lots of fun.***

**Ramble
Back to Basics**

PCOS will sponsor rambles to different members' homes to see the many settings and ways in which orchids can be grown in Brevard County. This will be a great opportunity for members to socialize while learning from each other. If you would like to volunteer your orchid home for one of these events, please contact Patti Scholes.

The first ramble will be held on May 25th at the home of Joyce Schofield, 118 Chipola Road, Cocoa Beach, from 6:30-7:30pm. It is advisable during the summer months to apply mosquito repellent.

DIRECTIONS: From Merritt Square Mall, go east on SR 520. Turn right onto A1A. Turn right onto Minuteman Causeway. Turn left onto Chipola Rd. Joyce's house is on the right. Enter backyard through the gate on the right side.

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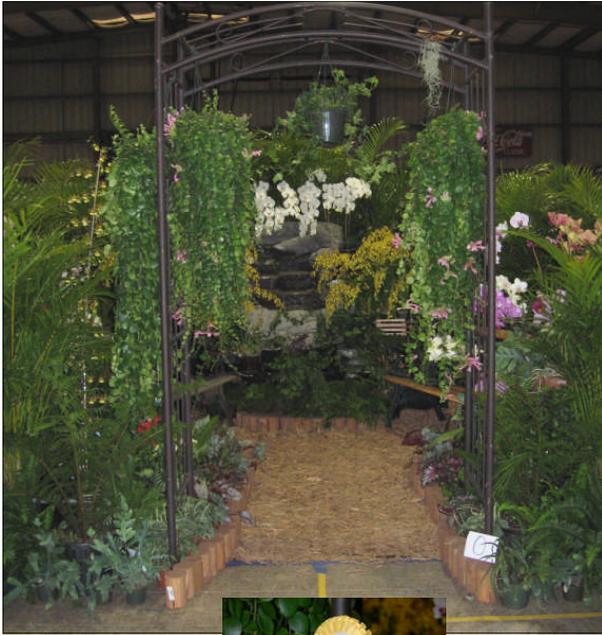
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A Great Place to Rendezvous The PCOS Exhibit and winner of The American Orchid Society Show Trophy



Above: Show co-chairmen Dennis Gollehon and Patti Scholes with Betty and Jim Adamson

Below: PCOS President Jim Adamson and Show Chairman Dennis Gollehon with the American Orchid Society Show Trophy Certificate



Sally Pancoast's beautiful oncidium featured in the exhibit (on either side of Jim and Sally in the photo at left) won the Platinum Coast Orchid Society President's Award. Sally's Onc. Sphacelatum actually belongs to her husband, Peter. He got them from his parents who acquired them as one plant over 50 years ago.

Peter's first memory of the plant was that it was growing in a palm tree that was located in the yard of his childhood home in Miami.

It fell off the tree and grew and bloomed happily on the ground for several years. At some point, 30+ years ago, the plant was picked up from the ground and placed in a large tub or wheel barrow.

When Peter and Sally moved to Merritt Island, the Onc. Sphacelatum was moved north with the rest of their orchid collection. By then its container had rusted, rotted, or disintegrated and the plant needed to be repotted. The original plant was divided into "momma and child" and numerous other smaller pieces of the very large specimen plant were given to friends.

The road to fame began at the PCOS show in 2009. The larger Onc. Sphacelatum "momma" received the "Best Oncidium Alliance" award which it also received this year. It grows in full sun in the Pancoast's yard and receives the same attention or lack of attention as the rest of the collection—feeding and watering as season and temperature dictates.

AWARD WINNERS

American Orchid Society Show Trophy
Platinum Coast Orchid Society

Candlelighter's Award:
Florida Suncoast Orchids

PCOS President's Award:
Sally Pancoast

Best 50 Square Foot Open:
Ritter's Orchids

Runner-Up 50 Square Foot Open:
Odom's Orchids

Best Niche Amateur:
Cathy Gillam

Best Flower Design, 7-A:
Ginny Oliphant

Best Flower Design, 7-B:
Dennis Gollehon

Best Flower Design, Grand Prize:
Ginny Oliphant

Best Orchid Society Exhibit:
Central Florida Orchid Society

Best Variety of Genera:
Ritter's Orchids

Best Show Theme Interpretation:
Central Florida Orchid Society

Best Cattleya Alliance—Large flowers:
Willie Oquendo

Best Cattleya Alliance—Small flowers:
Willie Oquendo

Best Other Laeliinae Genera:
Ed Gilliland

Best Cypripedium Alliance:
Georgeanne Lewis

Best Phalaenopsis and Doritaenopsis:
Indian River Orchids

Best Vanda:
Suncoast Orchids

Best Ascocenda:
Ed Gilliland

Best Oncidium Alliance:
Sally Pancoast

Best Dendrobium:
Ritter's Orchids

Best Miscellaneous Genera & Hybrids:
Tropical Isle Orchids

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Our exhibits in other society shows

- Our society does exhibits for other society shows.
- Members volunteer to set up exhibits, and help is always needed (I have heard that no experience is necessary).
- **Blooming orchids are needed for these exhibits and if you fill out a registration form when you lend your orchids, your orchids will be judged.**
- We are doing an exhibit for the Volusia County Orchid Society Show***.
- If you would like to help with this exhibit, contact Glenda Titler at 637-0948.
- If you would like to lend your orchids for that exhibit, you can give them to Glenda. Remember to fill out the registration form if you want your orchid to be judged.
- If you would like to help with this exhibit, either by helping with the set up or by lending orchids, please contact Glenda Titler.

Many thanks to the following volunteers who worked on the exhibit at the Central Florida Orchid Show, because they brought home the third place ribbon:

Glenda Titler

Dennis Gollehon

Elaine Chambers

JoAnn Amos

Betty Adamson

In addition, Glenda, Betty, and Dennis brought home blue ribbons for their individual orchid entries. Another reason to send your orchids to be used in the exhibit.....

Sunshine

We continue to send get well wishes to member, Ruth Larson. We missed you at the show and all the contribution you always make there.

We were pleased that Barbara Olson and Kathy Kennedy were able to attend the show, keep improving.



Central Florida Orchid Society's exhibit in our show won the Best Society Exhibit Award.

UPCOMING SHOWS

May 6-8

Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show
Egypt Shrine Center
Tampa, FL

*****May 7-8**

Volusia County Orchid Show
Volusia County Fairgrounds
Deland, FL

May 13-15

Redland International Orchid Festival
Redland Fruit and Spice Park
Homestead, FL

May 27-28

Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show
Orlando Garden Club
Orlando, FL

AOS CORNER

As many of the societies take a summer hiatus, here are some suggestions to help keep your orchid experience going through the summer. As an example, as you are repotting (either individually or as a society), perhaps you could solicit the assistance of new members of your society, give them some hands on experience and share divisions with them....a win-win for everyone. Visit commercial orchid firms listed on the AOS web site and in the Orchid Source Directory (I've heard of some members who keep theirs in their car so they can check while traveling on whose nearby). As you are planning your summer vacations or outing take advantage of reciprocal garden admissions AOS members enjoy. Use some hot lazy summer days exploring the members only section of the AOS web site.....lots of hidden nuggets to enrich your orchid journey and improve growing or spark a new or renewed interest in a particular variety. Check out some of the summer orchid events (listed in *Orchids* as well as on the AOS website – keep checking for new additions) including Redland Orchid Festival, Shore Orchid Festival, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Fair, Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day, Houston Orchid Society Summer Workshop or Phalaenopsis Symposium.

As I write this, I'm preparing to go to the Spring AOS meeting in Shreveport, LA. The Affiliated Societies Committee will be holding their committee meeting as well as its traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast. I'll do a brief report next month on those meetings as well as forward along any information from the Trustees meeting. I would like to also remind all affiliated society representatives to let us know when any changes take place in any contact information for your society including, but not limited to the AOS Representative (who also must be a member of AOS), any newsletter editor and the President. Current email and snail mail information would be appreciated. You can send that information to affiliated_societies@aos.org.

Have a wonderful month.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

AS THE SHOW BEGINS...

Dick and Carol Jeffreys and Nadine Kern (center) get ready to open the doors.



(Above) Judging Chairman, Marv Ragan, and the rest of the judges, introduce themselves to the clerks, while (below), the clerks listen attentively.



Above: Susan Manning-Roach and Sarah LeValley happily repot attendees' orchids at the potting booth.

Charlie Scholes and Cathy Gillam discuss potting procedures at the potting booth, and later he gives his dental hygienist advice, instead of vice versa.





Pedestals

The beautiful pedestals arranged by artistic members were a show stopper.

Top far right in black vase: Dennis Gollehon's award winning pedestal

At immediate right: Ginny Oliphant's award winning pedestal.



Above: Cathy Gilliam's award winning niche.



Niche Exhibits

New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined at the show:

Connie Boisee
Isaac Esseese
Suzy Glasner
Michael Musgraves
Patrice Paredes
Rena Phillips
Susan Pietrasko
Peter Super
Camille Theobald
Maria Yates

MEMBERS SHARING SECRETS

Why are most of us in the orchid society? To find out fellow growers' secrets. Here's one of Joann Amos's secrets. When repotting an orchid, she takes the old name tag off and places it in the bottom of the pot. Then if the new nametag falls off, you'll find the name when you repot the orchid again.

Do you have a secret you're willing to share? Send it to orchidpat@aol.com
Orchid secrets only, please!

Virus Workshop

Many thanks to Sally Pancoast for her informative presentation on orchid viruses. Each member present received a virus detection kit. Some members used theirs prior to the show to check on their plants. We appreciate the ImmunoStrips that were provided by Agdia. If you are interested in finding out more about these strips, you can e-mail info@agdia.com

SIGNAGE

Please collect all show signs from the roadside and return them at the next meeting. Also bring your magnetic signs, so we will have them for the show next year. If you are unable to attend the May 12th meeting, you can bring the signs to Joyce's house on May 26th. We would like to have all signs returned by that time, so they can all be stored together. Thank you to everyone who placed signs all over the county. It really made a difference.

Want to see more pictures?

Pictures from the show will be on the website soon, and we all hope Jan Castillo will do another amazing smile box for us.

Read about our show from a non-member's perspective on the following blog site:
<http://karenrodriguezphotography.blogspot.com>