

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

April 2010 Edition

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Above: Mary and Steve DeSorbo's Phal. Tian Nong Glory

President's Message:

Hello Members,

How about this great Rhyzome that Patti Scholes, our new editor, has put together. Things are looking up in many directions for PCOS and with everyone's help, we will only get better and better. We have lots of new members who have contributed in many ways, and the more who contribute, the easier it is for everyone, as you well know.

The plans for our Show are developing more and more every day. If all of the things we have planned materialize, we will have the best show we've ever had. Please try to attend the Cocoa Beach meeting, as well as the Cocoa meeting, to hear all about it. We are in the process of enjoying publicity opportunities that have heretofore been unheard of. It is our plan to bring many new ideas together to improve our organization, and we have the people to get it accomplished. Come on and join in. Look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Jim



FROM THE EDITOR

Please hold onto this newsletter, because a new one probably won't go out until after the show.

For those of you who don't want to print the entire newsletter, the calendar was placed on the 4th page by itself, so you can just print the show schedule.

If you would like to submit any information to the newsletter, please send the exact text to the editor by the third Wednesday of the month.

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter? It can be factual or humorous, but should be about your experiences with orchids.

If you are receiving the newsletter through the U.S. Postal Service, but have an e-mail address, please send your e-mail address to orchidpat@aol.com because each mailed newsletter costs almost \$1 to print and send.



Sunshine

Deepest sympathy to the family of Carroll Holland, an avid orchid and bromeliad grower, who recently passed away. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Billye Johnson and Rosa Blair. Continuing get well wishes are sent to Liz Laudadio as she receives her treatment. Best wishes also to Lois Hicks as she recovers from her eye treatment. Get well wishes are sent to Tom Ritter, of Ritter's Orchids, who is recuperating from a 'hit and run' accident.

JoAnn Amos's
Gold Digger

Sunshine Chairman,
Betty Adamson

SHOW NEWS

SHOW THEME:

"Springtime and Orchids"

SPONSORS: If you know of any business or individual who would like to sponsor the show by giving a donation or door prize, please contact Marsha Lovas at 243-2277.

PUBLICITY: Magnetic signs, posters, and publicity flyers, and ground signs will be available at the Mar. 24th Back to Basics meeting. Plan to help "get the word out" by distributing this information. If you have a contact at any newspaper, please call Jim Adamson.

NICHES: The basics of the niche will be demonstrated at the Back to Basics meeting. Sign up to do a niche. This is a rewarding way to use your creative spirit to help make our show more beautiful.

PEDESTALS: Do you love flower arranging? This event is for you! Just remember to use only orchid flowers in your arrangement. The Class A theme is "Showers of Flowers", and the Class B theme is "Springtime Serenade".

ENTRIES TO BE JUDGED:

Register your favorite blooming plants to be AOS judged. Bring them to the Expo on Thursday between 9 am and 5 pm. If Thursday is inconvenient you may bring your plants to the Expo Wednesday afternoon or evening with all of the information filled out on the Orchid Show Entry Form. Forms will be available on Mar. 24th for those who wish to get them early. Be sure to have the correct name on the plant. Plants without a name can be exhibited but not judged.

PRESALE TICKETS: All members are expected to obtain presale tickets. Members should pick up their presale tickets at the Mar. 24th meeting. Presale tickets are \$3.

SET UP/BREAK DOWN: This is a physical job and lots of help is needed to do the layout and table set up for the show.

Who to contact for information

Show Chairman	Jim Adamson
Co-Chairs	John Hicks Glenda Titler
Tickets	JoAnn Amos Glenda Titler
Publicity	Jim Adamson Patti Scholes Joyce Schofield
Sponsor Chairs	Marsha Lovas Karen Snee
Niche Chair	Rosa Blair
Pedestal Chair	Elaine Chambers
Clerk Roster	Sally Pancoast
Hospitality(judges)	Joyce Schofield
Plant Registration	Susan Manning-Roach Flossie Staton John Hicks, Jr.
Courtesy Table	Joan & Ed Lehnert
Potting Co-Chairs	Susan Manning-Roach John Hicks, Sr.
Ticket Table Chairs	Mary and Steve DeSorbo
Set Up Scheduler	Ruth Larsen

BACK TO BASICS MEETING

March 24th at the Cocoa Beach Library

There was quite a crowd at February's Back to Basics Meeting, and many people went home with a piece of the Cymbidium that John Hicks divided for us. In addition to our regular members, there were several first timers, at least one of whom joined the PCOS.

All of the beautiful orchids in this newsletter belong to members who brought them to the Back to Basics Meeting.

At the March 24th meeting, Jim Adamson will talk about orchid pests and how to control them. We will also have a niche demonstration for those who would like to participate in this event at the show.

This will be everyone's first opportunity to pick up show forms, posters, and signs.

There will be no Back to Basics Meeting in April due to the show.



MEMBERSHIP

PCOS Membership Committee Member Needed

About two years ago, I made a proposal to the Board that we should develop and implement a New Member Orientation for all new members. The board approved the idea, but it was never implemented. During this time, I have been responsible for PCOS Membership records, PCOS Forms, and PCOS Member Name Tags, as well as tracking which new members were to receive or had received an orchid for joining the PCOS.

At the March 10th Board/Membership meeting, I was granted my request to organize a membership committee of three members, including myself as chairman.

At the meeting, I asked for two volunteers to be on the Membership Committee. One would produce, distribute, and maintain records on member name tags., and would also track which new members were to receive or had received an orchid for joining the PCOS. The other would plan, organize, and produce membership packets for all New Members, and would be responsible for planning, organizing, and conducting New Member Orientations.

Denise Baumann volunteered to be our PCOS Membership Committee Name Tag member. I am writing this article to you to ask for a volunteer to develop and implement a new member orientation for all new members This would include planning, organizing, and producing membership packets for all New Members and planning, organizing, and conducting New Member orientations.

If you are interested in helping, please send me an e-mail to mjtquest@cfl.rr.com or call me on my home phone (453-4856) or my cell phone (543-1345). I believe these two committee positions will significantly improve our ability to encourage more people to sign up as new members of the PCOS. Thanks for considering this request to help.

Jack Taylor, PCOS Membership Committee

From AOS Corner, which is written by Carol Holdren, AOS Affiliated Society Committee Chair:

A few weeks ago, Carol received a call from LaVonne from Bismarck, ND, a new orchid grower who is blind. LaVonne was looking for audio information on growing orchids. Carol is looking for someone who will tape (micro cassette) orchid education programs given at their society and send them to her. If you would consider helping, please let Carol know at affiliated_societies@aos.org. LaVonne grows hibiscus, succulents and a few orchids, a phalaenopsis and a dendrobium.

People kept asking, "Why would a blind person want to grow orchids?" Can you guess LaVonne's answer? For the challenge! During some great telephone conversations about orchids, LaVonne described how she feels a plant to determine if something is a keki or a new growth. Carol told her about some fragrant orchids, miniature orchids and orchids with fuzzy stems. I'm sure we all agree with Carol that this is what orchid societies are all about—orchid people helping other orchid people become better orchid growers.



JoAnn Amos's
Blc. Wang x C. Wilda 'Priscilla'

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CALENDAR

Wed., Mar. 24th	6:30	Back to Basics Meeting at Cocoa Beach Library
Wed., Apr. 14th	6:15	Board Meeting at Cocoa Expo
Wed., Apr. 14th	7:00	Business Meeting at Cocoa Expo
Wed., Apr. 28th		THERE WILL BE NO BACK TO BASICS MEETING
Fri., Apr. 30th		Last date for regular newsletter entries. Show chairmen, please send winners in your division as soon as they're announced.

PCOS SHOW CALENDAR

Mon., Apr. 26th	TBA	Taping and plastic placement, if Expo is available
Tues., Apr. 27th	All day	Set up
Wed., Apr. 28th	9:30am-5pm	Table covering Niche set up Pedestal set up Register plants for judging Vendor and exhibit set-up
Thurs. Apr. 29		
Fri., Apr. 30th	9am-5pm	Show
Sat., May 1st	9am-5pm	Show
Sun., May 2nd	9am-4pm	Show
	4pm -	Clean up and break down tables

UPCOMING SHOWS WHERE WE WILL HAVE AN EXHIBIT

Mar. 27th and 28th Central Florida Orchid Society, Cent. FL Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr. Orlando
Exhibit setup on the 26th. **We need your plants for this large exhibit.** Members are encouraged to bring plants to the Cocoa Beach Meeting or Glenda Titler's home.

May 8th and 9th Volusia County Orchid AOS Judged Show, Volusia Co. Fairgrounds, Deland