

Platinum Coast Orchid Society
Brevard County, Florida

The Rhyzome

January 2012 Edition



Message from the President:

Dear Members,

I trust all of you had a nice Christmas and that your new year will be happy, as well.

This will be my last communication to you as your president. As you know, I have served many terms during the past years and the journey has been enjoyable and indeed it's been a pleasure to meet so many wonderful folks. I will not be going far, and will be filling the past president position on the board that is about to be installed. I want to congratulate each and every one of them and we can all be assured that those elected will do a truly outstanding job. I believe we can expect changes for the better and our Society will be the better for it. I urge all of you to be at the January meeting to participate in the installation of these dedicated members.

In addition to the installation, there will be several important issues discussed, such as the upcoming annual show and information about a field trip to Apopka to visit and purchase plants and phalaenopsis orchids at a wholesale price. I am working very hard to get the final details and will announce them at this meeting.

Those of you who have been unable to attend our monthly meetings recently, I hope to see you there.

Jim

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to Dennis Gollehon upon the loss of his beloved wife Judy.

Continuing get well wishes to members Kathy Kennedy and Louise Loy.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**January 11th 6:15 pm-Kiwanis Island Park
Board Meeting**

**January 11th 7pm-Kiwanis Island Park
Business Meeting and Installation of Officers**

TBA Field trip to Apopka growers.

May 4-6th PCOS Show "Melody of Orchids"



The 70th ticket for the raffle was sold at the holiday party. Congratulations to Jan Mulberry who won the beautiful purse embroidered by Sue Smith.

More Raffle Fun

Everyone who wears a nametag to the meeting will receive a raffle ticket for an orchid drawing. If you never received your PCOS nametag, please let Joyce Schofield know at least one week prior to the meeting, so she can have it ready for you. If you forget or didn't read this notice, there's always the next month's meeting.

UPCOMING SHOWS

- Jan. 7-8 Sarasota Orchid Society Show
Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
- Jan. 20-22 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show
War Memorial Auditorium
- Jan. 21-22 Manatee River Orchid Society Show
Manatee Civic Center
- Jan. 28-29 Tamiami International Orchid Festival
Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center
- Feb. 4-5 Venice Area Orchid Society Show
Venice Community Center
- Feb. 10-12 Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show
Orlando Garden Club
- Feb. 11-12 Boca Raton Orchid Society Show
Safe Schools Institute

2012 PCOS OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

To be installed at the January meeting:

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Karen Snee

Leeann McCullough

Marsha Lovas



KOOJ
AND
SANTA

Holiday Party



Great food, great music, great friends, great flowers!!!!



AOS CORNER

If you are not already an individual member to the American Orchid Society, start the new year off by considering joining. AOS membership is truly a rewarding experience. Whether you are a beginner or an expert orchid grower you will find relevant information and inspiration throughout the AOS website (www.aos.org) or through our publication, *Orchids*. As a member of AOS you will join the 10,000 other members worldwide who share the like passion for orchids. In addition, you will help further the important conservation and research efforts of which the AOS is a part.

Benefits of being an AOS member include:

- Monthly issues of award-winning *Orchids* magazine (12 per year).
- Free and discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta through the reciprocal garden program. Check out the listing on the AOS website for any local participating gardens.
- Receive the annual Orchid Source Directory detailing orchid suppliers worldwide.
- Access to online orchid information and features available only to our members at www.aos.org.
- 10% discount on purchases on-line at www.aos.org, including back issues of *Orchids* magazine and on American Orchid Society published books.
- Reduced processing fees for American Orchid Society judged plant and flower awards.

In addition, the following vendors extend AOS members a 5% discount on all purchases as an added benefit of membership: Exotic Orchids of Maui, June's Orchid Estate, Krull-Smith, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn, Ltd, Seagrove Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids and Woodstream Orchids.

If you have a two-year new membership or renewal you will receive (mailed from AOS headquarters) a special coupon worth \$30 off of an order of \$100 or more from your choice of one of the following vendors: Carmela Orchids, Carter & Holmes, Dan & Margie Orchids, Exotic Orchids of Maui, Gold Country Orchids, Hillsvie Gardens, Indoor Gardening Supplies (IGS), June's Orchid Estate, Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies, Krull-Smith, Little Brook Orchids, Marsh Hollow Orchids, Mountain View Orchids, New Earth Orchids, Norman's Orchids, OFE International, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn Ltd., Piping Rock Orchids, Quest Orchids, RF Orchids, Ravenvision, Roberts Flower Supply, Soroa Orchids, Inc., Sunset Valley Orchids, Tropical Gardens Orchids.

Also I would like to remind everyone that the AOS headquarters has been sold. Therefore, the gardens and AOS headquarters are closed to the public. As the AOS transitions to its new location within the next couple of months, please be mindful and patient with the AOS staff's responses to any inquiries or requests. They have the additional burden of moving added to their schedules. I will keep you updated in future columns on any developments with that transition.

I wish you all a happy 2012!
Lynn Fuller, Chair
Affiliated Societies Committee

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the form on the next page and give it to Joyce Schofield with your dues.

If you joined at the 2011 Show, your membership is good through 2012. If you are a new member who just joined in November or December, your membership is good through 2012.

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION for 2012

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NEW MEMBER: _____ or RENEWAL: _____ (Renewal ONLY no changes in data) _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY? _____ Yes, _____ No.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$15.00 PER PERSON FOR REGULAR MEMBERS AND \$3.00 FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS (UNDER 16 YEARS OLD). Please pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to the "Platinum Coast Orchid Society" or "PCOS".

The membership fee is for one calendar year from Jan. 1 thru Dec 31, except for new members who join at the 2012 PCOS Orchid Show or those who join after Oct 1, 2012, who will be members through 12/31/2013.

AMOUNT PAID: _____ CASH: _____ CHECK NO. _____

Give or mail this completed form with cash or a check for the MEMBERSHIP FEE stated above to Joyce Schofield, your Membership Chairman, addressed below:

Joyce Schofield
118 Chipola Road
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
Home: 321-783-5200, Cell: 321-960-4536
E-mail: joyceschofield1@att.net

RECEIVED DATE: _____ BY: _____

Data Base Entry Date: _____

E-mail Address Book Entry Date: _____

MEMBER SURVEY

Your incoming Executive Board is investigating ideas to make your PCOS membership more interesting and rewarding. We would appreciate your comments on the following as we go forward with plans for 2012. If any of the changes recommended by the Board require Bylaw or Standing Rules changes we will present them for membership approval at the February monthly meeting.

1. **Monthly Meeting:** The current meeting location at Kiwanis Island is small. We have an opportunity to move to a larger room within the park. This may require us to change meeting days.

Do you favor continued meetings at Kiwanis Park the second week of each month? (Yes) (No)
Which day of the week is best? (Tuesday) (Wednesday) (Thursday)

2. **Back to Basics Meeting:** The meetings at Cocoa Beach Library have not been well attended. The time limit on use of that meeting location has presented challenges. If we go to just one meeting a month, we can include back to basics topics in the programs at the monthly meeting.

Do you favor having just one meeting a month at Kiwanis Island? (Yes) (No)

3. **Membership:** We currently have only adult and child memberships in PCOS.

Do you favor creating a new "Family" membership category? (Yes) (No)

4. **Dues:** Individual membership dues are \$15.00 per adult member and \$3.00 per junior member.

Do you favor charging \$25.00 for a family membership? (Yes) (No)

5. **Programs:** Members and hired speakers are available for our monthly programs.

What topics would you like to included on the schedule for the upcoming year?

6. Would you like to host a "ramble" at your home to display your orchid growing techniques?

7. **Standing Committees:** On which of the following committees would you like to participate?

Program

Membership

Publicity

Information (Includes newsletter and website)

Refreshments

Raffle

Library

Historical

Hospitality (Meeting Greeters)

Sunshine

Audit

Bylaw/Standing Rules

PCOS Show

Exhibit Installation at shows

Your Name: