

Platinum Coast Orchid Society
Brevard County, Florida

The Rhyzome

February 2012 Edition

Message from the President:

Thanks to Betty Adamson for a very inspirational installation of the new Executive Board at our last meeting. While the new officers look forward to success in the future we owe the outgoing Board a round of applause for a terrific year. Our 2011 show was a tremendous success and we have a new venue for our meetings and the 2012 show. Meetings have been growing in attendance and members are stepping up to fill volunteer positions. 2012 is starting off with great prospects. We've heard you and are organizing activities that will be enriching and enjoyable for the members. Please continue to provide your input and suggestions for speakers and activities you will enjoy.

We are reviewing the feedback on your member surveys. If you did not turn one in at the last meeting you may go to the website and printout the survey attached to the January 2012 newsletter. Changes in rules and by-laws (published on page 4 in this newsletter) will be presented at the February meeting with a vote to follow.

For the February 8th meeting, our speaker will be Vern Bloch. As a courtesy, members won't be bringing plants to sell. Please note that our meeting place will not be our usual meeting building, but at the Pavilion, which is farther down the Kiwanis Island Road on the left.

On behalf of the 2012 Executive Board, thank you for the opportunity to lead PCOS in the coming year. Together we can do great things!

Dennis



Rhynchostylis Gigantea
Grower Margaret Croucher
Margaret bought this plant at the 2000 Miami Orchid Show from Adkins Nursery. After a period of adjustment since the move to Merritt Island, it is finally blooming again.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

February 2nd 6:30 pm
Show meeting for those interested.
See p. 2 for details.

February 8th 6:00 pm
Board Meeting-Kiwanis Island
Doyle Carlton Pavilion Meeting Rm.

February 8th 7pm- Meeting
Kiwanis Island Park—Doyle Carlton
Pavilion Meeting Room -on the left as
you enter the large parking lot.
**Vern Bloch will be the speaker, and
his topic is “What’s Wrong with my
Orchid?”. He will also have orchids
for sale.**

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PCOS 2012 SHOW

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There will be a show planning meeting on Thurs., Feb. 2, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at Kiwanis Island in the Karen Rood Community Bldg.

Anyone who is interested in taking a chair position at the show is encouraged to attend. If for any reason, you are unable to attend, please let Patti Scholes know what position you would like to fill and any suggestions you may have.

Openings:

Registration/Classification

Niche Chairman

Hospitality/Breakfast

Certificates

Clerk Roster

Potting

Individual Plant Placement

Setup/Cleanup

Awards Board

PCOS Embroidered Shirts

*Platinum Coast Orchid Society with
flower in the center.*

Available at :

Robin's Nest Embroidery

1314 Clearlake Rd., Ste. 4

Cocoa, FL

Phone: 321-636-4320

Sizes Small-XL \$28.00

2X \$30.00 3X \$34.00

If you bring your own shirt, embroidery charge will be \$10.00.

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.

Susan Pietrasko was the lucky winner at the January meeting. Congrats!!



Blc. Rosebud 'NN'
Growers Joan and Ed Lehnert
Joan and Ed have had the plant for some time. It's grown under 50% shade cloth. It's very fragrant and there are more flowers this year.

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to Barbara Biondi and her husband, whose brother passed away, and to Ruth Quillian and her husband, whose sister passed away.

UPCOMING SHOWS

- 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
- Mar. 2-4 Key West Orchid Society Show
West Martello Towers
- Mar. 2-4 Martin County Orchid Society Show
Martin County Fairgrounds, Stuart, FL
- Mar. 8-11 Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show
Fairchild Tropical Garden
- Mar. 16-18 Naples Orchid Society Show
Moorings Presbyterian Church
- Mar. 30,-Apr 1 Central Florida Orchid Society Show

Bob Libbey
shares his
expertise at
Back to Basics.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the form on page 5 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 Nov. or Dec., your membership is good through 2012.

AOS CORNER

While surfing AOS website for a topic for this month's AOS Corner, I came across a little known project of the, the Species Identification Task Force (SITF) AOS (in full disclosure, I have to admit it is little known by me probably because I am not a judge). SITF is under the supervision of the Judging Committee of the AOS and its mission is to try to improve and simplify the processing of awards, with the goal of ensuring that awarded species are correctly named. Members of the Task Force are not necessarily taxonomic experts but individuals who use reference material to confirm the identity of submitted awards. When the SITF collective expertise and reference collections are not adequate, members of the task force turn to a network of qualified experts.

The discussion on their website goes on to describe that the "task force replaces the previous cumbersome identification and verification procedure, which often involved shipping plant material to a taxonomic expert. The SITF, using today's electronic communications capabilities and readily available high quality digital images, hopes to facilitate the process of identifying awarded plants and to get the process done in a timely manner. Most awarded species do not need a taxonomist for identification, if reference material is available. When reference material is not available we use taxonomic experts who are willing to give opinions based on digital photographs. Occasionally awards will require in depth investigation by a taxonomic specialist, and SITF coordinates this when it is required." Their webpage also provides links to a variety of other resources which any orchidist would find interesting to explore. To find out more about the SITF check out their site at <http://www.aosforum.org/sitf> - you should all enjoy exploring this site.

This SITF page on the AOS website is an example of the vast amount of information on the AOS website. We are in the middle of an exciting show season and I hope you all will try to support the shows in your areas. Some that are on my radar screen for this year will be the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show. AOS will again be putting in an exhibit at this world renowned event. Last year 265,000 attendees visited this show over its 7 days. The theme this year is *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. A committee has been put together and we will be soliciting plant material and volunteers for 'manning' the site. Another show is the Spring Members' Meeting of the AOS. This will be hosted by the Wichita Orchid Society. More information on these two shows (including how to register for the Members' Meeting) will be forthcoming on the AOS website under Events.

Hope you all had a great holiday and New Years.
Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

AT THE FEBRUARY 8TH MEETING, THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING STANDING RULES:

(Change) 1. Dues:

The dues will be \$15.00 per year for adult members, \$3.00 per year for Junior members (16 years old or younger). A Dual membership will be \$25.00 for two adults residing at the same address. New members only, joining after October 1st shall have their membership run through December 31st of the following year. New members joining at the PCOS show will be given a "Show Special," meaning their membership is good from the date of application at the show and runs through December 31st of the following year.

(Add) 8. Meetings:

Membership Meetings shall be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Kiwanis Island Park Complex except the December meeting which will be a Holiday Party at a location and date to be determined.

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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
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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: _____



Thank you to Camille Theobold who has volunteered to be in charge of refreshments. The large crowd enjoyed the delicious food. Let Camille know if you would like to bring a special treat for a meeting.



Ginny Oliphant tells us about her
Blc. Elaine Spotted Star
X
Lc. Island Breeze

There were many blooming orchids brought in by members to the January meeting. Joyce Schofield, at right, shares her cattleya. Below, Jim talks about some of the other orchids that were there.



First meeting for a new board



(l-r) Past President Jim Adamson, Directors Karen Snee, JoAnn Amos, Joan Lehnert (stand in for Leeann McCullough), Marsha Lovas, Treasurer Margaret Croucher, Secretary Nadine Kern, Vice President Joyce Schofield, President Dennis Gollehon.