

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

February 2019



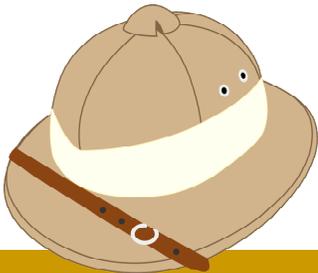
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The New Year is under way, and we want this to be YOUR club. Please let the PCOS board know what you want from the club...programs, speakers, bus trips, etc. We also want you to be a part of the club. There are plenty of jobs to go around. It's your club, so help us make it what you want.

When there is no guest speaker, the club will allow member plant sales. The first one will be in February.

One major feature of the Platinum Coast Orchid Society is our annual show. There is a lot of work involved to put on our AOS show. We need your help. I hope that each of you can be involved in making this year's show, "Orchid Safari", a success.



Our upcoming orchid show, "Orchid Safari", will be held on Kiwanis Island beginning Wednesday, May 1st until Sunday May 5th. This is the biggest activity of our society and everyone needs to be involved, not only for the fun you'll have working with fellow society members, but also the opportunity to learn more about orchids from various vendors and judges. It's also a one stop shopping bonanza for those of you wishing to add to your collection. Interacting with the public, most of whom are there because they too want to see and learn as much as they can about orchids, can be invigorating and rekindle your "orchid enthusiasm". You might even persuade someone to join the society. Don't forget a portion of the proceeds from the show are donated each year to Candlelighters of Brevard, a non-profit organization to help children with cancer. Consider the various opportunities for involvement listed in the article on page 4 and signup at the next meeting.

CALENDAR

Wed., Feb. 13th 6pm—Board Meeting

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PCOS POTTING PARTY—PROGRAM

***See separate attachment on e-mail

Member plant sale

Tues., Feb. 19th—2nd Show Meeting at Hobbs

Tues., Mar. 19th—3rd Show Meeting at Hobbs

Tues., April 16th—4th Show Meeting at Hobbs

SUNSHINE

We are glad that Buck and Patty Williams are on the road to recovery.

Please contact Betty at jadamson1@cfl.rr.com if you have any information about a member who needs a card.

DUES

Margaret Croucher will be collecting dues for 2019 at the February meeting.



Sally and Margaret gave us lots of good tips about orchids.

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 for check out.
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—This AOS site has the answer to almost any question.
5. Rambles at members’ homes to help you identify the best way to grow your orchids.

PCOS is an affiliate of the **American Orchid Society (AOS)**. There’s an abundance of information on the AOS website. Please visit www.aos.org for articles, advice on growing orchids, and lots of free information.

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.

www.aos.org

UPCOMING SHOWS

Feb. 2-3—Venice Area Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Venice Community Center, Venice, FL

Feb. 8-10—Greater Orlando Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale, Orlando Garden Club, Orlando FL

Feb. 9-10—Boca Raton Orchid Society Show, Safe Schools Institute, Boca Raton, FL

Feb. 16-17—Port Saint Lucie Orchid Show, Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens, Port Saint Lucie, FL

Feb. 23-24—Naples Orchid Society Show, Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, FL

Mar. 2-3—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show, Tampa Scottish Rite Center, Tampa, FL

Mar. 8-10—Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show, North Collier Regional Park, Naples, FL

Mar. 16-17—Jacksonville Orchid Society Show, Garden Club of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

Mar. 23-24—Orchid Society of Highlands County, Jack Stroup Civic Center, Sebring, FL

Mar. 30-31—Nature Coast Orchid Society Spring Show, VFW Post 8681, Spring Hill, FL

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New Board: l-r Past Pres. Jodi Kittleson, Director Julie Howard (Joann stood in), Dir. Ed Kidder, Dir. Kathy Jacobson, Dir. Laura Blackmon, Treasurer Margaret Smith, Sec. Patti Williams, Veep. Margaret Croucher, Pres. Peter Pancoast. Betty Adamson installed the officers

ORCHID SAFARI

Our show is one of the best ways to get involved with the society and get to know other society members well. Many members spend the entire weekend at the show doing a variety of jobs, but even if you only have a little time, this will help you start thinking about what you would like to do:

Find sponsors: At February's meeting, you will receive sponsor forms. When you go to a restaurant or a store, tell the manager about the orchid society and the show and ask if they would like to contribute a gift certificate or prize. Money sponsorship will be used for trophy prizes. All sponsors are recognized in the program and at the show if we receive their information and gift by the April meeting. This is easy for anyone as most places are happy to donate to a community event. Just have them fill out the form and bring the form and gift to the meeting. Sponsor chair: Elaine DeRiso

Help at the courtesy booth: This is the place where visitors can buy raffle tickets, sign up for membership, and pick up information. Friendly and outgoing people are needed here. Pick a time slot or 2 for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Courtesy Booth Chair: Lisa Broddle

Help at the ticket table: This involves taking money for entrance and giving out door prize tickets. Friendly and outgoing people who can handle an occasional bit of stress when the lines are long are needed here. Pick a time slot or 2 for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Ticket Chair: Al Valentine

Set up and clean up: We need a variety of people here. There is some lifting, but we try to hire people to do heavy lifting. Putting on tablecloths, hanging signs, arranging tables, etc. is easy and fun. Set-up is on a Wednesday; tear down is on Sunday afternoon. Set-up Chair: Mike Ellis

Clerking: This involves quietly following the judges, reading a map and finding specific orchids that will be judged, listening to the judges' decisions and then recording them, making sure ribbons are filled out and hung on the appropriate plants. Those who listen well and can perform multiple tasks at a time are needed. Knowledge of different kinds of orchids is necessary. This takes place on Friday. Clerk Chair: Margaret Croucher

Do a niche exhibit or help with the society exhibit: A niche is a small orchid exhibit that one or two people work on. Ferns and moss are provided to help you fill out your exhibit. Some people use driftwood or stones, but however you do your exhibit, it needs to follow the show theme. People with an eye for design and are familiar with or will be present for the meeting program on "how to do a niche" will have fun with this. Niche Chair: Barbara Biondi

Registration: This involves helping those who want to register plants, fill out the form correctly. If you have registered your own plants in the past and understand the format, you will be a big help here. This takes place on Thursday. Registration Chair: Sally Pancoast

Helping vendors and others set up: Thursday is a very hectic day, but the fun in being there for the whole day is that you get to witness the transformation. Some vendors will need help carrying in their orchids. Booth chairmen may need help setting up. Registration or exhibit chairs may need someone to run an errand. Show, hospitality or luncheon chairman may need help. This job can be filled by anyone who is willing to help.