

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## Brevard County, Florida

# The Rhyzome

March 2012 Edition



Angraecum Veitchii  
Grower: Jim Adamson

### Message from the President:

As I write this message there is a lot of activity underway in the Society. Plans are shaping up for the show. We have firm commitments from about half of our vendors with the rest expected to sign up by the end of the month. We've had several planning meetings and will continue to meet every two to three weeks until show time. There are still several key committee positions and many support roles available for those wanting to help.

Vern Bloch shared his "What's Wrong With My Orchid" presentation at the last meeting. We hope to have Vern speak on another topic later in the year. Next meeting will be a panel discussion and demonstration about mounting orchids. I've never tried it and am anxiously awaiting the demo. The April meeting will have two topics: A lesson in grooming your plants for the show; and Betty Adamson will show us how to prepare Pedestal exhibits. We hope to add a back to basics, hands-on workshop at the beginning of each meeting in the 6:00 to 7:00 PM hour. Let the Board know if you have a topic to request or if you would like to conduct one of the sessions. As the daylight hours become longer we would like to repeat the rambles to members' homes to see how they grow their orchids. These events were very popular last summer. Meeting content at future meetings will be selected based on your input--you get what you ask for! PCOS will be entering table-top displays in two upcoming shows. We will need your plants and your help transporting and installing the displays.

We approved two changes to the Standing Rules at our last meeting. One change which became effective at the February 8th meeting added a dual membership for two adults residing at the same address. This change will only apply to new memberships in 2012 since we have already passed the due date for renewals. In 2013 the dual membership will be available for members as they renew. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and seeing your blooming plants in the show and tell.

### MARCH CALENDAR:

**March 7th 6:00 pm**  
Board Meeting-Kiwanis Island

**March 7th 7pm- Meeting**  
Kiwanis Island Park—Doyle Carlton Pavilion Meeting Room -on the left as you enter the large parking lot.

## Sunshine

Speedy get well wishes to Lolly Walton and Dolores Causey.

A Message from Jim:  
*I want to extend a special thanks to the Society for the gift presented to me.. The screen will be very useful as a backdrop for future exhibits, usually required at shows. I didn't have one of any kind so I really appreciate this exceptionally nice one. It has been my pleasure, indeed, being your president for the past two years.*  
Jim

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### **SUNSHINE**

**Betty Adamson**

### **PLANT FORUM**

**Steve DeSorbo**

*The following chair positions need to be filled.  
Please let Dennis know if you would be willing  
to take one of these positions:*

*1.Hospitality—Greets people at the meeting and  
gives them their raffle ticket for wearing name  
tag.*

*2.Programs—Plans and coordinates programs*

*3.Historical—Takes pictures and keeps a scrap-  
book of the society's activities.*

*4.Exhibits—In charge of organizing and put-  
ting in the exhibits at the affiliated societies  
shows, usually just 2 a year.*

*5.Publicity—Finds opportunities to inform the  
public of our society and its activities.*

*6.Raffle—Sells raffle tickets at the meeting.*

Blc. Lilly Marie Almas

Grower: Margaret Croucher



# How you can help at the show

**PUBLICITY**—Every member can help with publicity by hanging posters, putting signs in the ground, and selling tickets. These will be available by the March meeting.

**SPONSORS**—Every member can find one restaurant or business who will sponsor a door prize, and return the paperwork and prize to Marsha Lovas by the March meeting.

**NICHES**—Design a niche, which is like a small exhibit, for the show. Background foliage is provided.

**PEDESTALS**— Let Elaine Chambers know if you will design a pedestal arrangement for the show.

**CLERKS**— Let Jan Castillo know if you would like to be a clerk this year.

**SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SHOW COMMITTEES (A sign up sheet will be at the meetings or you can contact Patti at [orchidpat@aol.com](mailto:orchidpat@aol.com)):**

**Set Up:** Heavy lifting, table set up, table covers on Wednesday, May 2nd

**Registration:** Registering plants on Thursday, May 3rd  
Pedestals and niches are also on Thursday, May 3rd

**Awards Board:** Writing the award winners on the board on Friday, May 4th

**Clerking:** Helping judges find the plants on Friday, May 4th

**Society Exhibit:** Helping with the society exhibit on Thursday, May 3rd.

**Potting Booth:** This is one of the most popular parts of the show and we need members for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to repot orchids.

**Courtesy Booth:** This is our opportunity to meet the public and encourage them to join. Raffle items are also at this table. Let Joan Lehnert know if you would like to work on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

**Ticket Booth:** If you can work the ticket booth on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, let Nadine Kern know.

**Individual Plant Placement** – On Thursday, after plants have been registered, members are needed to move the plant to its designated place.

**Clean Up-** Many are needed at 4 pm on Sunday to load the tables and pick up all of the society 's belongings.

**THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE WORKING THE SHOW HAVE COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION. THIS SHOW RELIES ON THE WORK OF EVERY SINGLE MEMBER TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IT IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO GET TO KNOW EVERYONE AND LEARN ABOUT ORCHIDS AND THE SOCIETY.**

Vern Bloch, our speaker at the February meeting, gave us advice and ideas for dealing with orchid problems. Members also had an opportunity to purchase some of his orchids.



Tina Nguyen of Banana Blossom Cakes donated delicious spring rolls and egg rolls for our refreshments at the meeting. Her beautiful hand made edible orchids (shown below) and pastries can be ordered by calling her at 321-536-2914 or at [bananablossomcakes@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bananablossomcakes@cfl.rr.com)



## UPCOMING SHOWS

- 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  
Maitland Civic Center
- May 4-6 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show  
Kiwanis Island Gymnasium

PCOS will put an exhibit in the Central Florida Orchid Society Show on Mar. 29th. Even if you can only help by carrying items into the center, this is a great opportunity to see how to put an exhibit together and get to know members of affiliated Orchid Societies. Please let Dennis know if you are willing to help with this exhibit.

We also need a chair for that committee. We usually only do 2 exhibits a year, this one and the Volusia show the weekend after our show.

### 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.

## AOS CORNER

Are you in need of a gift for your favorite orchid hobbyist? As a member of the American Orchid Society, you may get a 5% discount on all purchases from the following vendors 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. Another gift option could be to purchase an AOS gift membership or renewal -- for a 2 year renewal they will receive directly from AOS headquarters a certificate worth 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. Some of these vendors allow these certificates to be used at the shows if they are vending (be sure to have the certificates in hand however in order to take advantage of this benefit). Information on how to contact these vendors, as well as many others, may be found in the 2012 Orchid Source Directory (OSD) which was mailed to all AOS members last fall. This directory also has a listing of the then-current Affiliated Societies of AOS (a more current updated list is on the AOS website). I have been told by some that they never leave home without their OSD and that it is a great tool for discovering local orchid 'spots' while on a road trip.

An orchid event not to miss coming up (April 25 – 29, 2012) is the AOS Trustees and Members meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kansas, sponsored by the Kansas Orchid Society – besides a show and all the AOS Committee meetings, the annual election of officers and trustees will take place. More detailed information and registration forms may be found on their website at [www.kansasorchidsociety.com](http://www.kansasorchidsociety.com) or on the AOS website under Events/Orchid Event Calendars/Members Meeting Datebook. There are also many regional local shows coming up in the near future. They are all listed in the new calendar format on the AOS website under Events/ Event Calendar/Show Schedule. Be sure to check out all the possibilities in your region. Orchidists, through their affiliated societies work very hard to put these shows together and we should all support their efforts by attending or participating in the staging of the shows.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

Affiliated Societies Committee

[mlfuller@comcast.net](mailto:mlfuller@comcast.net)

### **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.**

**New member, Pam Brown, won the raffle at the February meeting. Congratulations and welcome!**

# *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:

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Joyce Schofield  
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Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
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RECEIVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Data Base Entry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address Book Entry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLATINUM COAST ORCHID SOCIETY STANDING RULES 2012 (revised 2/8/12)

The following rules are established under provisions of Article X, Section 2, PCOS Bylaws.

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.
2. **Mileage:**  
Is authorized to be paid to members conducting Society business at the following rates: Forty (40) cents per mile for trucks, vehicles pulling a trailer or any other vehicle getting 13 miles per gallon or less; Twenty-five (25) cents per mile for all other vehicles. Mileage is paid for out of town travel and local mileage that is driven as a special trip and not part of one's normal commute or errand run. The policy should not be construed to include personal local mileage. Payment requires Board approval.
3. **Refreshments:**  
The member who is host/hostess for refreshments on meeting night may be reimbursed for expenses up to \$50.00 if receipts are turned in; spending up to \$50.00 for special events with Board approval. Paper products and drinks will be furnished by the Society apart from the hostess expenses.
4. **Sunshine Committee:**  
The Sunshine Committee may spend up to \$25.00 for flowers for members who are hospitalized and up to \$60.00 is authorized for flowers for funerals of members or their immediate family (immediate family is defined as spouse, children, mothers, fathers).
5. **Library Gift:**  
A book will be presented to the Cocoa Beach Library each year in appreciation for the use of the meeting room. The selection will be made by the President, Vice President, and Librarian and approved by the Executive Board as soon as practical after Office Installation.
6. **Guest Speakers:**  
Guest speakers will be paid a minimum of \$25.00. Additional reimbursements will be made on an individual basis for lodging, travel, etc. Membership approval is required for over \$100.00.
7. **Plant Sales:**  
All members that are "paid up" for the current year prior to the start of the plant sale are eligible to purchase plants.
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.