

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhizome

March 2016 Edition



Check out page 4 and see what you missed at February's meeting

Thank you to Sally for the great program in February. At the March meeting, Judy Law and Betty Adamson will demonstrate how to do a pedestal and a niche. Even if you're not lucky enough to grab a spot at the show to do one of these, you won't want to miss this. The pedestal is a design using orchids and the niche is a small exhibit using plants and orchids. Who among us has never had a desire to do either of these in our own home?

Many thanks to all of the members who took a chairmanship in the society or in the show. Every position is filled for both.

DON'T FORGET TO:

1. PAY YOUR 2016 DUES.
2. FIND A SPONSOR FOR THE SHOW & RETURN FORM.
3. TAKE & DISPLAY A MAGNETIC SIGN ON YOUR CAR.
4. FIND A BUSINESS OR 2 THAT WILL DISPLAY OUR POSTER
5. PASS OUT SHOW POST-CARDS.



### CALENDAR

**Mar. 1st, 6 pm** Show meeting for show chairs  
**Karen Rood Bldg., Kiwanis Island**

**Mar. 9th, 6 pm** Board Meeting

**Mar. 9th, 7 pm** General meeting

**Karen Rood Bldg.—the first building on the left as you enter the park.**

**Program: Using orchids in pedestals and niches.**

**Judy Law and Betty Adamson will give demonstrations and answer questions.**

## **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.
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](http://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](http://www.aos.org)

## **UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS**

- Mar. 4-6**—Key West Orchid Society Show  
Martin County Orchid Society Show, Stuart
- Mar. 5-6**—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show
- Mar. 11-13**—Gulf Coast Orchid Show, Naples  
Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show
- Mar. 18-20**—Port St. Lucie Orchid Show
- Mar. 19-20**—Orchid Lovers of Spring Hill
- Mar. 26-27**—Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show  
Davie, FL

### *Dues*

The new year means the treasurer will collect your 2016 dues. You may give your dues to Margaret, our new treasurer, at the meetings, or you may send her a check. Those members who joined at the show in 2015 do not owe dues this year, due to the show special. The newsletter will continue to go out to everyone currently on the membership list through April of this year. After that, the membership list will be updated. The dues continue to be \$15 per member or \$25 for a couple living in the same household.

### *SUNSHINE*

Best wishes to Barry Kennedy as he continues his medical treatment

John Hicks was improved enough to attend the recent meeting, he'll soon resume his treatment.

We continue to send get well wishes to Camille Theobald.

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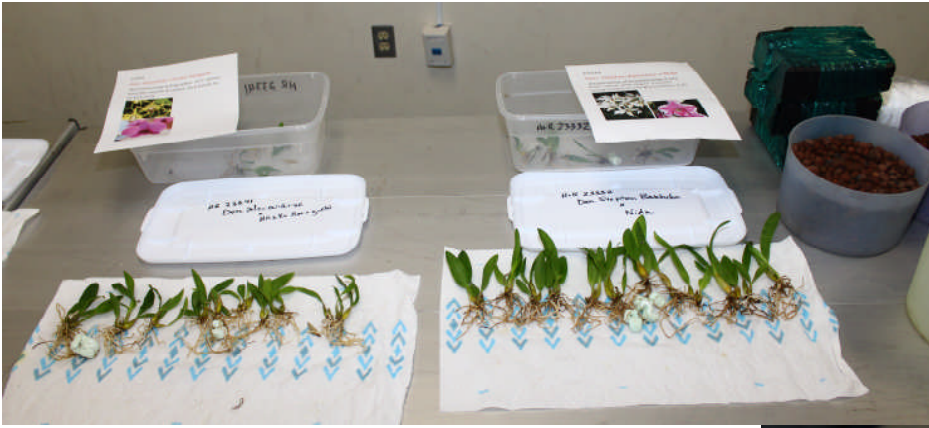
### **SHOW CHAIR**

Betty Adamson

*Thank you, Kathy, for the great refreshments at February's meeting.*



# How to Pot a Seedling



Mix together 4 different seedlings, Sally, some potting medium and the PCOS. What do you have?

A GOOD TIME AND SOME ORCHIDS TO TAKE HOME!!!!



- Den. Alexandrae x Hisako Haraguchi
- Den. Stephen Batchelor x Nida
- Den. Peter Shen x Little Atro
- Den. Micro Chip x Roy Tokunaga 'Spot'

Many thanks to Sally Pancoast for her great hands-on presentation.



Most of us have a Phalaenopsis and you might have some bloom stalks on yours right now. Following is an excerpt from an essay by Ned Nash and James Rose. Thank you to AOS for great articles like this found on their website at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

### “Phalaenopsis

In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging -- even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the arching spike.

Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water.

Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales. Be on the look out for their presence, often indicated by the appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs, and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.”

