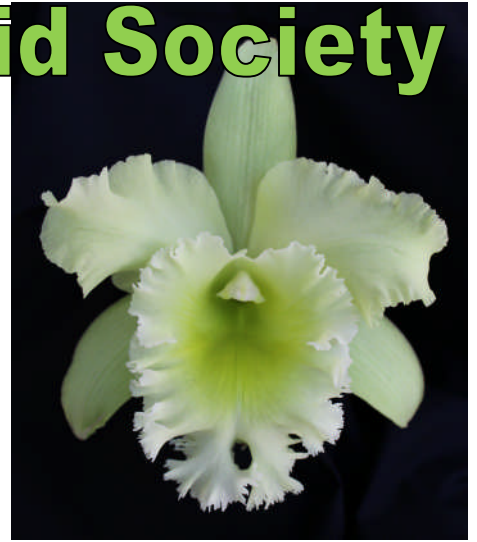


Platinum Coast Orchid Society

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Presidents Corner

There was a really good article in the AOS February magazine called “Hit the refresh button”. It was about keeping enthusiasm in your orchid society as well as in your orchid collection.

Since I am new at being your President I encourage our membership to not only get involved in our society but to also make suggestions on what you might like to see or learn about. I can't promise that we will be able to provide all things for all members, but please share any ideas you have with myself or any or your board members.

The show is just around the corner, so please remember to ask those establishments that you frequent if they would be willing to donate something for our show. It can be anything from a cash donation to a gift certificate or merchandise. Just in case you need extras that form is attached.

Membership - if you have not paid your dues please remember to do so.

With that in mind, if anyone would like to attend the meetings and can't due to a transportation issue please let us know. We will work to find a way for you to ride with another member to our meetings.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on March 8th where Betty Adamson will be demonstrating how to put together a Niche.

CALENDAR

February 28th, 6pm—Show meeting at Kiwanis Island—Karen Rood Bldg.

March 8th, 6pm—Board Meeting

**March 8th, 7pm—Business Meeting/
Niche demonstration/Forum
Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club**

DIRECTIONS: Take Fiske Blvd. to St. Andrews Drive. The Garden Club is on the northwest corner of Fiske and St. Andrews. Coming from 520, it is at the third stoplight. Parking is in back.

March 21, 6pm—Show meeting at Kiwanis.



SUNSHINE



Best wishes for continued improvement are sent to Maria Maloney and Peter Pan-coast.



FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES



It was great to welcome several visitors to our February meeting. It turns out that they found out about PCOS on the website “The Orchid Mall”, so that may be an interesting site for members to check out.

Many thanks to Karen Taylor, who accepted the librarian position.

For our members who need a ride to the meetings—please contact Jodi Kittleson. She will try to pair you with another member.

Many thanks to Charlie Scholes for demonstrating the virus test kit he uses. You can find the company online at Agdia.com

As usual, the refreshments were delicious. Thank you, Kathy, for continuing to do this for the club.

Many thanks to our new raffle chairs, Laura and Margaret for a job well done.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.

Thanks to Betty for leading a great forum.



WE WANT YOU!

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT OUR SHOW:

1. **FIND SPONSORS**—There are two kinds of sponsors needed, and the form sent with this newsletter can be used for either. Trophy awards are sponsored with cash donations. Those names appear with the trophy certificate next to the awarded plant. Door prizes and some raffle prizes are sponsored by gift certificate or product donations. Bring your sponsor sheets and donations to the next meeting and give them to Sponsor Chair Elaine DeRiso. Last date to turn in sponsors to be included in the show program is April 12th at the meeting.
2. **SIGN UP TO DO A NICHE**—This is a small exhibit, using orchids, and provided ferns, with a subtle show theme flair. There are only six spaces. Four are corners and two have three sides, so if the space matters to you, sign up early. Judy will take your reservations at the next meeting.
3. **PASS OUT FLYERS, PUT UP POSTERS, AND DISPLAY A SIGN ON YOUR VEHICLE.**—Most of these should be available at the March meeting. The in ground signs that are only placed the week of the show, will be available at the April meeting.
4. **SIGN UP FOR ONE OR POSSIBLY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 - A. Set up on Wed., May 3rd at 1:00 pm (Earlier if you are helping at the warehouse)
 - B. Work on exhibit, niche, arch display/décor, or registration on Thurs., May 4th.
 - C. Clerking for the judges—8:30 on Fri., May 5th
 - D. Ticket booth or courtesy booth on May 5th, 6th, 7th.
 - E. Take down/clean up at 5pm on May 7th.

This show is so much fun and is a great place for us to get to know one another. We want you in exactly the right spot for you, but we know many of you are multi-talented, so please feel free to sign up for everything and be there everyday.

**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.
6. Visit the PCOS website and reread some of the articles in the newsletters from the past year or two.

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.

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UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

Mar. 3-5—Martin County Orchid Society Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, Stuart, FL

Mar. 4-5—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show, Egypt Shrine Center, Tampa, FL

Mar. 18-19—Jacksonville Orchid Society Show, Garden Club of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

Mar. 24-26—Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show, United Church of Christ, Naples, FL

Apr. 1-2—Orchid Society of Highlands County, Bert J. Harris Jr. Ag Center, Sebring, FL

May 5-7—Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show, Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium, Merritt Island, FL



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