

Platinum Coast Orchid Society The Rhyzome

April 2013 Edition



Vanda Pure Wax
Growers: Joan and Ed Lehnert

President's Message:

Preparations are well underway for the show. It will be exciting to have our second show at Kiwanis Island and even more exciting to celebrate our 50th annual show. There are ways for all of us to share in this momentous event. We all need to obtain sponsors for cash awards and raffle items. Contact Marsha Lovas at 243-2277 for more info. If you would like to fill one of the key volunteer positions for the show please contact Cathy Virata at 536-2095. We still have space for non-orchid vendors outside. If you know someone contact me. Judy Law reports that we need entrants for the niche displays. Contact Judy at 777-0311. Pray that our plants are in bloom in time for show. Happy growing!

Dennis

Calendar

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| April 10th | Board Meeting |
| April 10th, 6pm | Back to Basics
in the Pavilion outside . |
| April 10th, 7pm | General Meeting |
| April 17th, 6pm | Show Meeting
Kiwanis Island |

Sunshine

We've missed Mary and Steve DeSorbo at all of society functions and sorry they won't be able to participate in our annual show.

Once again thanks to all who have donated the 50th anniversary collectibles and I will continue to welcome them! We'll ensure everyone who attends knows what we are celebrating!! BA

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BACK TO BASICS (Apr.-Oct.)

Bob Libbey

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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.

SHOW NEWS

THE RIGHT JOB FOR YOU!

We need all hands at the show to make it a success. Check below and decide which job is the right fit for you. Most members will choose several jobs, and of course, if you work the show, you receive free admittance.

PUT UP SIGNS ALONG ROADS (WEEK OF SHOW)

SET UP (WED.)

Involves heavy lifting or covering tables.

HOSPITALITY FOR VENDORS (THURS. 8 AM)

Pick up, set up, & clean up food for vendors.

REGISTRATION AND PLANT PLACEMENT (THURS.)

Helping people register plants. This job requires some knowledge of orchids and the program.

SOCIETY EXHIBIT (THURS.)

Help set up our society exhibit. Some lifting.

CLERKS (FRI.)

Help judges find plants that are on their list.

TICKET BOOTH (FRI—SUN., schedule day/time)

Work with Nadine to collect tickets at the door.

HOSPITALITY TABLE (FRI-SUN, schedule day/time)

Helping Joan with raffle tickets and hospitality.

BREAK DOWN (SUN. 4pm-7pm)

Heavy lifting, uncovering tables, sweeping, etc.

SPONSORS

Don't forget to find a sponsor and have them fill out the form you received at the meeting. Return the form and donation to Marsha Lovas at the next meeting. We would like to have all sponsor names in the program. Deadline for making the show program is April 17th.

NICHES

If you are interested in doing a niche for the show, please let Judy Law know. There are only 6 spots available, so claim yours quickly. There will be a special presentation on niches at the April meeting.



TOLUMIAS—EQUITANTS

Remember our meeting in October of 2010? We had a presentation on Tolumnia (formerly known as Equitant Oncidiums) orchids and Jim Adamson brought an assortment of Tolumnias for purchase. Of the 6 plants I bought, only three survived. Since that time I have purchased several other plants and have had questionable success in raising them. Did you buy any Tolumnias at the meeting? Did you have any luck with them?

Send me your Tolumnia story, success or otherwise, and we will share it with our membership. Include pictures and any culture tips you might have. If your Toulmnia is in bloom, bring it to our meeting in April.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

If you have not paid your 2013 membership dues, please give them to Joyce Schofield. If you have had any change of information, please let Joyce know that when you pay your dues. Those members who joined at the 2012 Show are paid through 2013. \$15 per member, \$25 per duo in same household.

BACK TO BASICS WITH BOB

Back to Basics with Bob will continue at the May meeting. Please meet outside in the pavilion area with your plant and supplies, if you would like to learn how to repot. Bob Libbey, Jim Adamson, and Charlie Scholes are available at all meetings, if you have any questions about your orchids.

PCOS at CFOS

Platinum Coast will be entering a table top display in the Central Fl. Orchid Society show. The theme of this year's show is **ORCHID MARKET PLACE**. The show is being held at the Maitland Civic Center, just north of Orlando, on April 6th and 7th. We will be setting up the display on Friday morning, April 5th.

If you would like to help set up our display, have orchids for us to use, or have any ideas for the display please contact me at sallypancoast@cfl.rr.com. We will try to schedule a meeting for those who are interested.

Virus testing

Cymbidium mosaic virus and Odontoglossum ringspot virus

Sally Pancoast is ordering Virus Test Kits from Agida. The minimum order is 25, so will I have plenty to share. The cost of each test unit is \$5.25. I can bring the test kit to our meeting, and help you with the process. Let me know if you are interested.

These two web sites have great information about Orchid Viruses.

Orchid Viruses - St. Augustine Orchid Society [Orchid Viruses, Color Break, Virus Symptoms, Prevention.](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests-viruses.htm)

<http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests-viruses.htm>

<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=134>

UPCOMING SHOWS

April 6-8

**Central FL Orchid Society Show
Maitland Civic Center, Maitland**

April 20-21

**Tallahassee Orchid Society Show
Doyle Conner Ag Center**

May 3,4,5

**Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show
Kiwanis Island Gymnasium
Merritt Island**

Members enjoy Nadine's basket of orchids—a great way to carry them, and members are riveted to Vern Bloch's presentation on *B. nodosa*.



Raffle Fun

Every current member who wears a nametag to the meeting will receive a raffle ticket for an orchid drawing.

AOS CORNER

If you have had an occasion to speak with anyone at AOS Headquarters, you may find some new additions (or changes of duties) for the staff. With the addition of Gladys Garcia-Greenberg last summer, a re-alignment of some of the duties over the past few months has occurred. As a way of introduction, the current staffing at AOS is:

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If you have any questions that do not fit into any category listed above, you may always send them to theaos@aos.org. The main phone number at headquarters is 305-740-2010. Each Committee also has its own email address. The various committees and contact information may be found in the front of *Orchids*, as well as on the AOS website.

Hopefully by now you have checked out the digital version of our monthly magazine, *Orchids*. It can be downloaded and read on your computer, tablet or whatever portable device you may have. It has been very well received, especially for those recipients outside the United States. It is usually available before the first of each month.

Time is running out for the purchase of the 2013 Conservation Calendar. I understand that supplies are becoming limited. Contact headquarters for special bulk ordering or to just order one! Remember \$2 of each purchase price funds the AOS conservation initiatives.

Lynn Fuller, Chair, AOS Affiliated Society



PCOS is an affiliate of the **American Orchid Society (AOS)**. There's an abundance of information on the AOS website. For the last few months, a selection of the articles available on the AOS website have been featured in our newsletter. Please visit www.aos.org for articles, advice on growing orchids, and lots of free information.

Check out the Orchid magazine at our meetings, so you can see the benefits of being an American Orchid Society member.

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.