

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

April 2015 Edition

The Rhyzome

President's message:

Hello Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed our very informative presentation by Joe Bryson last month. As you all know this is our last formal meeting before the Show on May 2nd. We are all looking forward to an amazing show. I hope you have been considering in what way you can help. We will be having the sign up sheets at the meeting next Wednesday. Big numbers are needed for set-up and break-down. Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

My best, Cathy

Don't forget to pick up posters, yard signs and magnetic door signs at the meeting.

SHOW NEWS

There are many opportunities to participate and help at the show. Consider doing a pedestal or niche by yourself or with someone else. If something interests you, be an apprentice to a committee chairperson, so you can "learn the ropes". Of course, all members should actively participate by finding sponsors, putting signs in yards and on cars, and helping with set-up and tear down. This is your show and with everyone's help, it will be wonderful. Make a decision right now about which area interests you and get involved. See last page for opportunities.



Blc. Florida Orange Zest Grower BJ Hendriksen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 8th, 5:30pm Board Meeting

April 8th, 7pm General Meeting

Program on orchid niches and pedestals

BRING ALL SPONSOR FORMS

AND DONATIONS FOR THE

SHOW PROGRAM. After this date,

they will be posted on a board at the

Show.

******* Please bring all blooming plants to the show that can be used in the Central Florida Exhibit we are setting up on Fri., Apr.10th.**

April 15th 6-8 Show meeting in Karen Rood building

JOYCE IS COLLECTING DUES FOR 2015.

April 30th Set up for show in the gym.

May 1st Registration and final touches

May 2-3 Show—don't forget to sign up to help and become part of the group.

May 3rd 4pm Tear down

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REFRESHMENTS

April—Maria Maloney

May—

June—

Thank you, Christina Rovira, for March's refreshments. They were delicious.**

Please consider being responsible for refreshments at a monthly meeting. If you have signed up and are not listed here OR if you would like to sign up for a month, please let Patti know at the meeting (or you can just hit reply and send by email.). Be sure to keep your receipts so you can be reimbursed by the club. You can make it simple by just picking up some iced tea and cookies at the store or you can surprise us with some special treats.....it's up to you.

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. Check out the great articles in this month’s edition.
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.

We still need plants for the Central Florida Show. Bring them to the April meeting.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Apr. 11-12 Central Florida Orchid Society Show
Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Dr., Orlando

Tallahassee Orchid Society Show
Doyle Conner Ag Bldg., Tallahassee

Apr. 25-26 Vero Beach Orchid Society Show
Riverside Park, Vero Beach

May 2-3 Platinum Coast Orchid Society
Kiwanis Island Park Gym, Merritt Island



Above: Den. Violet Yamaji Grower Margaret Croucher

Below: Lc. Firedance Patricia Grower Judy Law, who was given this plant by-Charlie Scholes



Raffle Fun

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

SHOW HELPERS

MAKE A CHOICE AND E-MAIL THE EDITOR @ orchidpat@aol.com

******* These still need helpers*******

NICHE—Work by yourself or with a friend to create an orchid niche. A demonstration will be given at the April meeting. Set up will be on Fri., May 1st. No experience necessary. See Judy Law.*****

PEDESTAL—Create an orchid design, simple in nature and form. A demonstration will be given at the April meeting. Arranging will be on Fri., May 1st. No experience necessary.

CLERK—Assist judges by locating the orchids on their list, placing ribbons, and taking notes. Specific directions for decorum will be given to you prior to this event. Clerking will be at 8 am on Sat., May 2. No experience necessary, but it is helpful if you know the difference between types of orchids, so you can find them quickly. See Sally Pancoast.*****

HELP AT THE COURTESY BOOTH—Helpers will choose a day and time slot to assist with the raffle and welcome visitors to the show on Sat. and Sun. No experience necessary. See Jodi Kittleson.*****

REGISTRATION—Knowledge of orchids is important, but helpers can display orchids registered, as well as assist with paperwork. See Sally Pancoast.*****

TICKET BOOTH—Assist Nadine with collecting entrance fee on Saturday or Sunday. See Nadine Kern*****

SET UP/TEAR DOWN—On Thursday at 1pm and at the close of the show on Sunday at 4pm. See Charlie Scholes. *****

To really immerse yourself and make lots of new friends in the club, volunteer for a mix of Courtesy Booth, Ticket Booth, Set Up, and Tear Down. We already have a brand new member who has taken on Courtesy Booth Chairmanship. Thank you Jodi Kittleson for jumping right in to help.



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.

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