

Platinum Coast Orchid Society
Brevard County, Florida

The Rhyzome

June 2011 Edition



Say goodbye to this image on our PCOS webpage. The entire site is being updated and will feature new orchids.

President's Message

Dear Members,

The garden tour at Joyce's home was indeed a special treat. Joyce and John have a truly unique and beautiful setting, and it is evident that they spend a lot of time and effort keeping it special.

It is hard to believe that all the shows are over until the fall! While difficult to accept, it is also a great relief and truly a period to dedicate to our own collections. I am going to recommend, in addition to a speaker occasionally, that we also have lots of discussions about the control of pests, keeping the plants cool, and water frequency. We have a lot of accomplished growers in our own club and we need to be sharing our information and capabilities with those who have not been growing for as long a time as some of us.

Hope to see all of you at future meetings and look forward to an active summer with great attendance at our meetings.

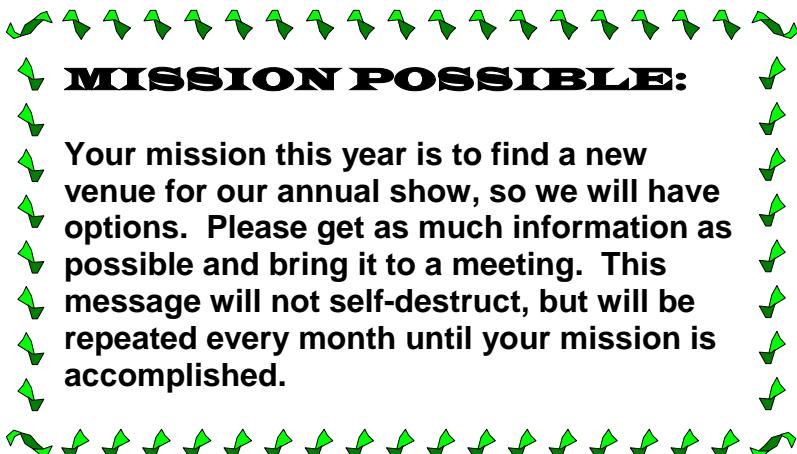
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 8th 6:15 pm
Board Meeting
Kiwanis Park

June 8th 7:00 pm
Business Meeting
Kiwanis Park

June 22nd Back to Basics
6:30-8:00 pm


MISSION POSSIBLE:
Your mission this year is to find a new venue for our annual show, so we will have options. Please get as much information as possible and bring it to a meeting. This message will not self-destruct, but will be repeated every month until your mission is accomplished.

Sunshine

Best wishes are sent to Ruth Larson as she continues to receive medical treatment.

Congratulations to Ed Lehnert on his retirement. We wish him lots of fun-filled and relaxing days, as well as continued success with his orchid growing.

Betty Adamson
Sunshine Chair

New Members

Welcome to PCOS:
Connie Bobik
Patrice Parecles
John Walker

Our Exhibits

in other shows

Many thanks to the following volunteers who worked on the exhibit at the Volusia County Orchid Show, which won Honorable Mention:
Glenda Titler
Karen Snee
Peter Pancoast
Sally Pancoast
Dennis Gollehon



The PCOS exhibit at the Volusia County Orchid Show shown above, used Peter Pancoast's oncidium as its focal plant.

ADDITION TO MAY NEWS:
Show sponsor **GUARANTEED AUTO AIR & REPAIR'S** number is 633-4700.

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AOS CORNER

AOS is on the move. At the members meeting held in April, it was announced that all members with email addresses would receive an invitation in early May to explore the AOS web site that has been under development which also included the new Orchids Plus program and to provide feedback. During that time, both web sites will run simultaneously. When the new site is made active you'll notice a new, fresh look to the AOS website. Its more than a cosmetic change. Along with upgrades and added material, the new Orchids Plus program will be available. If you are a current subscriber to AQ+, you will need to re-register in the new program. AOS also anticipates a 'social network' component to the website and it is currently under development.

In addition, at the Members meeting, the Board of Trustees announced that a committee has been formed to assess the future strategic partners for the AOS. Possible strategic partners are Huntington Gardens in California, Fairchild Botanical Garden in Florida and Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. The current AOS property in Delray is under contract for purchase and the potential purchaser is going through some local zoning change requirements. It is anticipated that sale will be completed in the last quarter of 2011.

The traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast was well attended. We had a conversation of what the AOS means to the affiliated societies and what can the societies do to further promote the AOS. The AOS reps present at the meeting asked for more communication between the AOS and the affiliated societies. The Affiliated Societies Committee members will be reaching out to the societies throughout the upcoming months with the goal of getting all the contact information corrected and updated.

Does your society have any special members that they would like to recognize? If so, AOS can provide Certificates of Appreciation for your society to use in recognizing them for their outstanding achievements or contributions. If you have a need for these certificates or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the AOS in general, please feel to contact me through affiliated_societies@aos.org.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



Ramble Ramble



A good time was had by all who attended the ramble at Joyce's house. Members went home with lots of great ideas about how to display their orchids. Thank you to Joyce and John for opening their garden to us.



Sunday July 24, 2011

8 am to 4 pm

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden In the Garden Room

10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL

Tickets:

\$45.00 for COS members, \$50.00 for non-COS members. Price includes lectures, continental breakfast, and homemade buffet luncheon.

Orchid sales will be available during the day, as well as AOS judging.

Tickets can be obtained from:

Mrs. Erna Maxwell, 14736 SW 85th Lane, Miami, FL. 33193—(305) 382-3055

Agenda

Coalition for Orchid Species

Symposium

8:00 - 8:30am - Continental Plus Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45am - Mirta Russis-Heineman, President, COS

8:45 - 9:45am - Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids

“Phalaenopsis Species.”

Peter began growing orchids over 30 years ago, advancing from growing to hybridizing. He started Big Leaf Orchids in 1996, a family owned operation in Texas specializing in Phalaenopsis. He is also the newsletter editor for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance as well as a contributing author and international speaker.

10:00-11:00am - Greg Allikas

Orchidworks.com, AOS Photographer

“Four Pairs of Eight of a Kind: The Confused Bifoliate Cattleyas”

Greg is known the world over for brilliant photographs of orchids, but many do not realize that he is also an expert orchid grower. He is a photographer for many AOS judging centers and shows, and is a regular contributor to the AOS magazine, *Orchids*, *Orchid Digest*, and many other publications. He is also the author or co-author of several orchid photography books, and much sought-after orchid speaker.

11:15- Noon - AOS Judging (Noon - 12:45pm - Lunch)

12:45 - 1:45pm - Prem Subrahmanyam,

FLNativeOrchids.com

“Orchids in Our Backyard: Florida’s Wild Orchids”

Prem has been studying Florida native orchids for over 25 years. A Florida native himself, his love for native orchids lead to a website dedicated to them, along with articles, speaking engagements, and contributions to various books and magazines. The ultimate FloridaNative orchid expert!

2:00 - 3:00pm - Roy Tokunaga, H&R Nurseries,

AOS Judge

“Dendrobium Species: Growing & Flowering Specimen Plants”

After getting his biology degree, Roy was hired by Ernest Iwanaga to set up an orchid lab, where for the next 7 years he spent honing and perfecting his skills at cloning and germinating orchids. With Harry Akagi, he began H&R Nurseries in Hawaii, 30 years ago, and the rest is history! With several thousand hybrids made, he specializes in Cattleyas and Dendrobiums.

3:00- 4:00pm- Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids,

AOS Judge and Trustee

“The Species of Catasetum, Cycnoches, and Mormodes”

Fred has been growing for over 30 years, over 20 of those in hybridizing. With over 23 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, he applies those skills to his own orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, in San Diego, CA. His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, including Fredclarkeara After Dark, the “blackest flower ever witnessed!”