

‘Wild About Orchids’

2026 PCOS Show Rules

61th PCOS Orchid Show and Sale
Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium
May 1-3, 2026

PLATINUM COAST ORCHID SOCIETY

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Show Awards & Trophies		Jo Ann Amos
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Society Membership		Margaret Smith
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Sponsor/Award Board (all signage)		Laura Blackmon
Sponsors		Laura Blackmon
Ticket Sales		Scott Anderson
Transportation		Scott Anderson
Vendors (inside)		Carolyn Anderson
Vendors (outside)		Mike Starr

2026 PCOS SHOW RULES

1. The 61th annual Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held on May 1st – May 3rd, 2026.

Hours open to the public:

Friday, May 1st- 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday, May 2nd– 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, May 3rd– 9 am to 4 pm

Location:

Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium
951 Kiwanis Island Park Road
Merritt Island, Florida 32952

2. **Setup:**

The Kiwanis Island Facility will be open to exhibitors for set up Thursday, April 30, 2026, 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.

3. Participation is by invitation. Any person complying with the rules of the show may exhibit. Exhibits are to conform to the Show Theme: “*Wild About Orchids.*”
4. Any carts used must have wide rubber wheels only.
5. Blue painter’s tape is the only tape that may be used on the floor.
6. Table skirting and top covering for all tables will be provided by the PCOS.

7. **Registration:**

Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Begins at 10:00 am and closes at 3:00 pm

All plants and exhibits must be in place and ready for judging by 9 am on Friday, May 1st.

8. Judging by American Orchid Society Judges will begin at 9 am on May 1st. Two members of the Platinum Coast Orchid Society will participate with the AOS Judges in the selection of the trophy for the PCOS President’s Award and the PCOS Jubilee Award. Any hobbyist’s orchid winning the Candlelighter’s Award or the PCOS President’s Award will not be eligible to win the PCOS Jubilee award.
9. Late entries (individual plants only) will be displayed but not entered for ribbon judging.
10. Plants within an exhibit must **not** be removed from the show prior to 4:00 pm Sunday, May 3rd. If this rule is violated, it will invalidate any awards received. Exhibits must be removed by 6 pm on Sunday, May 3rd.
11. There will be NO ribbon judging in commercial exhibits. Any properly labeled plant is eligible to be awarded a trophy.
12. Anyone not wanting a plant to be considered for AOS judging must indicate that on the plant. Tags will be available at the registration table.
13. The following are rules concerning exhibitors’ areas. They apply equally to amateur, society, and commercial areas unless otherwise noted. Any deviation requires prior approval. The Show Chairperson is the only one authorized to approve a deviation. International commercial exhibitors will not be required to erect a tabletop exhibit.
 - a. Each exhibit must conform to the specific placement as indicated by the Staging Committee. A placard will clearly show the area assigned and the direction in which the exhibit is to be faced.
 - b. At least 90% of the assigned space for exhibits must be utilized.

- c. Placing the orchids in baskets, boxes, etc. for display is discouraged. This is viewed as a method of prefabricating your exhibit for expediency and falls short of acceptable standards.
 - d. Props such as driftwood, rocks, cork, slabs, etc. may be used in exhibits.
 - e. Use of indoor or outdoor carpet is not permitted.
 - f. The use of waterfalls or water wheels and/or lights is permitted, with prior approval of the Show Chairperson. Electricity is not available at exhibits.
14. To be considered for ribbon judging, each plant must be registered by the exhibitor and labeled with the correct name. All registered plants are eligible for show trophies.
 15. Judges must sign reports and/or score cards before they are turned in to the Chairperson of Registration. The Judges are requested to leave comments on all exhibits.
 16. All plants and flowers in competition must be properly and prominently labeled. No tags with owner's names will be permitted. Plants improperly labeled are subject to disqualification.
 17. Signs used in sales areas by commercial growers must present a reasonably neat and professional appearance.
 18. The Platinum Coast Orchid Society, its Officers or Show Committee members, or the Kiwanis Island Complex will not be responsible for damage or loss of plants, flowers, or other displayed material. However, efforts will be made to provide safeguards to the best extent possible.
 19. During set-up and prior to judging, no Judges will be in the exhibit area except those involved in putting in an exhibit.
 20. All flowers not claimed by their exhibitors will become the property of the Platinum Coast Orchid Society and may be disposed of at its discretion.
 21. No duplicate prizes will be awarded.
 22. Anyone wishing to call the Judges attention to a plant they would like considered for AOS judging may list the plant(s) with the Judging Chairperson before the judging begins.
 23. The Judges and Exhibitors are expected to familiarize themselves with these Rules, asking the Show Chairperson for an interpretation if necessary. Decisions of the Show Chairperson are final.
 24. Plants displayed in exhibits may be entered but must be registered in the name of the owner (not necessarily the exhibitor).
 25. Commercial Exhibitors (Class 11) are eligible for a 120 sq. foot sales area. Sales areas are reserved upon receipt of invitation acceptance form and fee. Orchids, orchid supplies, orchid gifts, and plants compatible with orchid culture, i.e. Anthuriums, Bromeliads, etc. may be sold but orchids must predominate. All plants and supplies offered for sale must have prices displayed. Sales areas must be attended during the hours the show is open for the convenience of the public and protection of the exhibitor/seller. Vendors must have a current Nursery Registration and Resale Certificate.
 26. Any plants showing evidence of being diseased or having pests will not be permitted and may be removed by the Show Chairperson or Judging Chairperson. This also applies to plants for sale by commercial exhibitors.
 27. The Show Chairperson and his or her committee and/or the Judging Chairperson, as appropriate, will be responsible for resolving those matters which may arise and are not already covered by any rule previously stated.

PCOS 2026 AWARDS “Wild About Orchids”

American Orchid Society, Incorporated, Awards:

FCC, AM, HCC, CCM, CBR, CHM, and possibly other categories, will be awarded to qualifying plants.

American Orchid Society Show Trophy:

This trophy may be awarded to the most meritorious exhibit of orchids consisting of 25 square feet or more, or tabletop, regardless of class, scoring 80 points or more.

Candlelighter’s Award:

This award may be presented to the most outstanding specimen, species or natural hybrid.

Platinum Coast Orchid Society President’s Award:

This award may be presented to the most outstanding orchid, judged by AOS judges along with two Platinum Coast Orchid Society members.

Platinum Coast Orchid Society Jubilee Award:

This award may be presented to the most outstanding orchid of a hobbyist grower (who has owned the plant for at least six months), judged by AOS judges along with two Platinum Coast Orchid Society members. Any hobbyist’s orchid winning the Candlelighter’s Award or the PCOS President’s Award will not be eligible to win the PCOS Jubilee award.

Trophies will be awarded for the best entrant as follows:

- A. Best Tabletop Commercial
- B. Best Tabletop Orchid Society
- C. Best Niche Amateur Exhibit
- D. Best Variety of Genera
- E. Best Show Theme Interpretation
- F. Best Large Flower Cattleya Alliance
- G. Best Small Flower Cattleya Alliance
- H. Best Encyclia
- I. Best Other Cattleya Alliance
- J. Best Dendrobium
- K. Best Oncidium Alliance
- L. Best Large Phalaenopsis Alliance
- M. Best Small Phalaenopsis Alliance
- N. Best Large Vanda
- O. Best Small Vanda
- P. Best Other Vanda Alliance
- Q. Best Slipper Alliance
- R. Best Cymbidium Alliance
- S. Best Miscellaneous Genera
- T. Best Miniature Orchid