

Jim's Bench*Jim Adamson*

Hello Everybody,

I would like to tell you that I have a speaker from Timbuktu and a thousand orchids for you to purchase at a give away price, but I have neither of these and if I did we wouldn't have time for either of them. It is Show time and every year in July the meeting is mostly dedicated to tying up all the loose ends and getting everyone geared up to ensure PCOS lives up to its reputation of putting on nothing but the best. Our Show has been recognized for one of *the* best for as long as I can remember. Our vendors and patrons who attend look forward to a truly memorable event. We need every member's contribution if we are to continue to live up to the standard we have established.

Please plan to attend this meeting with your prize orchids for Show n Tell and be a part of the planning that goes into the Show. We will be putting the final touches on all the plans as well as passing out posters for each member to help us distribute to high traffic businesses or find a place to post where folks are sure to see it. Every little thing one can do is a big help whether it be selling advance tickets, putting in a niche, clerking, helping set up and tearing down or whatever. The contribution is of great value and appreciated. Please let us have a big turnout for this meeting so we can touch on all the final arrangements. **BE THERE, WE NEED YOU!!!!**

Jim

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If you are interested and will be available to help, please give me a call or send me an email as soon as possible. I need at least 11 more volunteers signed up to help by noon Sunday July 13th.

My Cell phone is 321-543-1345

My Home phone is 321-453-4856

My email address is mjtquest@cfl.rr.com

Thanks for your continued help, we need you!

Sincerely

Jack Taylor, Head Clerk

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Rhizome n., a creeping stem lying, usually horizontally, at or under the surface of the soil...

The Rhizome

Sunshine

Betty Adamson

Best wishes are sent to Vernon and Ruth Jackson as Vernon recovers from his recent surgery. Speedy get well wishes to Rosa Blair as she recovers from her surgery. Charlie Bishop has returned to his activities after a brief hospitalization for tests. Phil Titler has completed his recent testing at the Tampa Hospital.

The Society will be remembering Brett Miller with an award in his memory at the upcoming August Show. This remembrance will be placed at the pedestals since that was always a favorite of his at our annual Show.

The Society would like to congratulate:

-Kat Stapf on graduation from Brevard Community Corrections Academy. We wish her the best as she pursues her new employment.

-Junior Member, Justan James on his Stellar Perfection Award from Stevenson School of the Arts as he completed the third grade.

AOS CORNER

Melba and Jim Butler, AOS Representatives

Orchid Trivia: "Despite the enormous variety found among the approximately 25,000 species and more than 105,000 manmade hybrids, all of the members of the orchid family are related to each other by their flowers. The five main characteristics common to orchid flowers are: 1) zygomorphy; 2) the column; 3) the rostellum; 4) two or more pollinia, and 5) the labellum (lip). Ref: "Ultimate Orchid" by Thomas J. Sheehan; 2001; DK Publishing, Inc., p. 10.

What is New at the AOS?

The AOS Web site is progressing.

If you haven't taken the "virtual tour" of the gardens, it is worth your time. Go to the AOS Web site at www.aos.org and click on "Garden Tour", then follow the instructions. Not only can you see orchids, but there are hundreds of plants listed and the search feature allows you to see photos of them growing in the AOS Gardens. This is a fantastic program that Alan L. Kaitz, MD, AOS Volunteer prepared with assistance from Nick Ewy, Director of Botanical Garden and Greenhouses and Pat Jennings, Head Gardener. They have done a fantastic job and it is a great addition to the Web site.

The Sitemap helps with navigating the different areas of the Web site. You should find it useful, too, especially when in a hurry to locate something. Give it a try.

Visit the "Volunteer" area of the Web site and you will get just a glimpse at what is done by these neighbors of the AOS. Volunteers are very important to the whole organization and it is not uncommon for some to report for duties several times a month and some even several times a week. Volunteerism is appreciated and the dedication, loyalty and work efforts of AOS volunteers are unsurpassed.

Beginners to the orchid hobby will locate helpful information under "Orchid Basics". In fact, some experienced growers may benefit from some of the information. Here, again, the Sitemap is the key to locating "Orchid Basics".

It is obvious that progress is being made on the Web site and we all look forward to having it complete. For now, the material that is there is good. Be sure to check it out and let someone know you appreciate it!

Susan Taylor

Orchids Editor, BellaOnline.com

Just Wanna Have Fun?*Jo Ann Amos*

I'm looking for members who want to have fun and try their hand at a floral design for our pedestal displays. Are you thinking, "But I don't have many (or any) blooming orchids!" Well, we will help you out with that; or maybe are you thinking, "And, I might need some help," Well, again, Betty Adamson will share her expertise with us at the next couple of meetings to give us some ideas.

Please contact me and VOLUNTEER- it is easier than it looks.

Thanks, Jo Ann Amos

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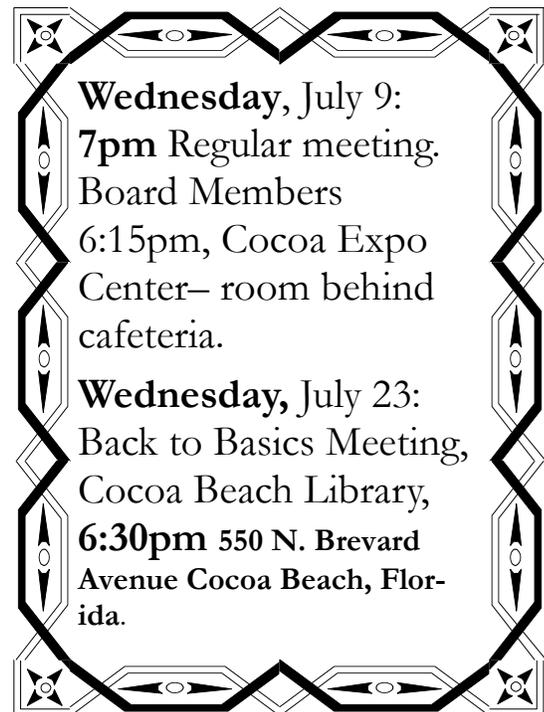
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July 2008Upcoming Events*Betty Adamson*

The annual picnic will be on Sunday, October 5 at Cocoa Beach. The annual holiday party will be on Saturday, December 6 at the Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club. Mark your calendar now for these special events. Additional details will soon follow.



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