

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhyzome

### September 2020



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There is no meeting in September, but that doesn't mean you are on your own. If you have any orchid growing questions, you can e-mail our forum leader, Betty, at [jadamson1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jadamson1@cfl.rr.com).

On page 4, I have included the webinars for September, if you are an AOS member.

If you are interested in joining AOS, there is information on page 2. Please contact Betty, who is also our AOS rep if you are going to join, because our society will get a bonus.

Many thanks to Sally Pancoast for the beautiful orchids she offered for those of us who were interested. If you haven't already made your donation, Second Harvest in Orlando is part of the "Feeding America" group.

Thanks to everyone who participated in August's event "What works". It was great to see lots of members jump in to tell us how they attached their plants to trees.

September's event is "What did you accomplish this summer in your orchid house?" Photos and a description would be nice.

Charlie Scholes will be dividing his orchids over the next few months. If you are interested in a root bare division, respond to Patti, the newsletter editor, and she will put you on a list. When an orchid is available, I will let you know and you can come by and pick it up.

### CALENDAR

**No meeting in September.**

**April 10, 2021—American Orchid Society Centennial**

**Celebration**—Our society will be a sponsor of this very exciting event. Individual sponsorships are also encouraged. If you want more information contact Betty/AOS Rep.

### SUNSHINE

*Please read the e-mail that arrived with this newsletter. Our best wishes continue for Mike as he recovers.*

*Happy 98th birthday to former member Marie Williams, who truly cherished her orchids and was a very good grower.*

## **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 for check out.
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](http://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.
6. Our society newsletter is available on [platinumcoastorchidsociety.org](http://platinumcoastorchidsociety.org)

PCOS is an affiliate of the **American Orchid Society (AOS)**. There's an abundance of information on the AOS website. Please visit [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) for articles, advice on growing orchids, and lots of free information.

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.

[www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

## **Something to think about for the show next year.**



**American Orchid Society Educational Exhibit Certificate**

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'Time is Running Out' EEC | AOS (81 points)

Award No: 20204859

2020 Event: Deep Cut Orchid Society Show

Exhibitor: Mary Ann Denver

Photographer: Cheryl Langseth

#### **DESCRIPTION**

An attractive, informative 2-meter wide by 0.5-meter deep educational table-top display highlighting orchid conservation; "Time is Running Out" is anchored by a "Doomsday Clock" set at 11:58 and an audible tic-toc; red yarn reaches from the clock to the endangered orchid species continents; a three-section poster on the right features general information, pictures of endangered orchids, and actions the public can take to encourage and support conservation; a framed list of endangered orchids listed by continent; species orchids from the genera Cattleya, Lepanthes, Masdevallia, Dendrobium, Paphiopedilum, and Dendrochilum are aesthetically arranged on the table-top and on the left on an arched, 1-meter natural wood branch; commended for the variety and quality of the plant material, encouraging public awareness, and educational message.

## **2020 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN**

## **BE PART OF THE TEAM!**

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Betty Adamson

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Margaret Smith

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### **SUNSHINE**

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Betty Adamson

### **RAFFLE**

JoAnn Amos

### **WEBMASTER**

Jody Romanowski

### **AUDIO**

Laura Blackmon

### **REFRESHMENTS**

Kathy Jacobson

### **SHOW CHAIR**

Laura Blackmon



## September: The Month of Aloha

By Thomas Mirenda

A singularly beautiful word from the Hawaiian language with several meanings including love, hello and good-bye, Aloha is more about spirit and philosophy. It reflects a caring and nurturing nature that kind people feel for each other. It does not judge, it does not discriminate and it is a universal term of endearment. This month, many of us say goodbye wistfully to summer friends, jobs and carefree days, while simultaneously embarking on fantastic new adventures and initiatives. I am no exception, as I begin my new position at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden this month. I know this new adventure will be hard work and will present many challenges for me. Nonetheless, I am invigorated by the Aloha I know I will experience there. Needless to say, the capacity to grow orchids outside is icing on the Haupia cake.

Our lives take us on many different paths, but all of us on the orchid path know what it means to be nurturers and cultivators. This month as the seasons shift again and temperatures and day length wax and wane (depending on what hemisphere you are in), it is important to be very observant of your collection. Some photoperiod-dependent plants will slow down with these changes, others may speed up as temperatures are more to their liking, but one thing is for sure, changes are coming!

**OVERHEATING IS OVER** With the onset of fall, many things shift; that is, temperatures are getting lower and nights are getting longer. The intense, and sometimes damaging, heat that has kept many plants in suspended animation is ending and more favorable growing conditions commence. I have often seen new flushes of growth on cattleyas, dendrobiums and Oncidium alliance plants this time of year. If you live in a climate where the cold weather does not start for a couple more months, then you can water and fertilize as you might in the spring for another month or so. But if your winter weather starts in October, you might want to slow down or hold off on feeding your plants this month to get them ready for dormancy, (catasetums, and deciduous dendrobiums) or spike initiation (phalaenopsis and cymbidiums).

**THE GREAT OUTDOORS** Any plants that have summered outside may have grown spectacularly with the excellent light, fresh air and rainwater. Even so, if you live in a harsh winter area, you need to at least start thinking about where the plants will go as the weather shifts again to cold. Make sure your indoor spaces, be they greenhouses, windowsills or light rooms are sanitized and ready for the return of all the “chids” that were camping out this summer. Since they will have grown, there may not be room for everyone! You might consider giving away some plants to new orchid society members or making some divisions of really choice plants that you love and cannot part with. *Continued on next page.*

# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	<b>September 01, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>September 10, 2020</b> 8:30 EST Thursday	<b>October 06, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>October 20, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday
<b>Topic</b>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Encyclias and their Hybrids	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Understanding How to Care for your Paphiopedilums
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Mike Curtin</b> AOS Student Judge and member of Oregon Orchid Societies	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Dave Sorokowsky</b> Owner Paph Paradise Awarded grower and AOS Judge

**Want a chance to WIN \$500?** Calling all our artist friends: The AOS Development & Special Funding Committee is running a T-Shirt Design Contest. Don't miss the deadline. Details can be found on the AOS Facebook pages, website and Instagram or you may request contest details from [jenniferr@aos.org](mailto:jenniferr@aos.org)

Submit a design, share on Facebook & Instagram, and watch for the polls to vote for your favorite.

**ORCHIDS OF THE AMERICAS**

American Orchid Society  
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**T-shirt Design Art Contest**

**Prizes: USD**  
First Place: \$500  
Second Place: \$300  
Third Place: \$200

Sponsored by the  
American Orchid Society [www.AOS.org](http://www.AOS.org)

**ONE submission per Artist**

**Submission Deadline: September 07, 2020**

Contact Contest Coordinator for submission details

[jenniferr@aos.org](mailto:jenniferr@aos.org)

Attn: Jennifer Reinoso - Art Contest-

Designs will appear on AOS Facebook pages, Instagram, and website, with a two week voting period by popular vote.

First through third place artwork will be featured in a future edition of Orchids magazine.

First place design will be reproduced on a t-shirt offered for sale by the AOS.

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**SAFETY INDOORS** It is also very important to inspect plants for hitchhikers such as ants or sow bugs (or worse things) that might have invaded them while outside. Spray or drench any such plants before bringing them inside as they can cause serious problems if they spread through your collection. It is also wise at this time to test your heaters, vents, fans, and misting and irrigation systems to make sure they are still in good working order. You do not want that unpleasant surprise of finding them malfunctioning during the first cold snap of the year.

**WILD AND GARDEN ORCHIDS** Many fantastic natives are blooming around this time of year including the glorious platantheras and spiranthes among others. Do not miss this show! Find out about local populations and see these beauties at their peak of blooming. If you are growing hardy orchids such as bletillas and cyripediums in your gardens, most have ragged foliage by now, or may not even be visible above ground this month. Make sure you mark their location and purchase or gather the mulch (usually pine needles are good for many of these types of plants) that is helpful and often necessary for their winter protection. I am looking forward to not having to do this winter ritual anymore. Do not be jealous. Come visit me instead! Aloha! (As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 86, NO.9, September 2017)