

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhizome

### February 2021



Rlc. Memorial Terry Walters

There will be no meeting in February, but President Ed Kidder has a special Valentine's treat for you. He has a nice selection of cattleya divisions and will be putting them all in his driveway on Valentine's Day, February 14th, for any members who would like to come by and pick up one or two any time after 9:00 a.m. His address is in the text of the newsletter's e-mail. Be sure to put it on your calendar, if you are interested. What a great surprise!

Leo Buss of Walter's Orchids named the cattleya on this page for Terry Walters. What a beautiful way to remember her!

For our members new to orchids, check out the Beginner's Newsletter on the AOS website. Some topics are:

[Your Very First Orchid. Yikes!](#)  
[I've Got This Orchid, Now What?](#)  
[Basic Orchid Growth Habits](#)  
[First, Identify Your Orchid](#)  
[How to Buy an Orchid](#)  
[Potting Media](#)  
[How and When to Water Orchids](#)

[Give Me Some Air!](#)  
[Why won't my orchid rebloom, light?](#)  
[Feed Me!](#)  
[The Zen of Growing Orchids](#)  
[Spring Has Sprung](#)  
[Importance of Staking](#)

[Weeds](#)  
[Is There a Fungus Among Us?](#)  
[Lousy Little Suckers](#)  
[Snails & Slugs](#)  
[Spider Mites](#)

[Scale](#)

[Building a Collection](#)

## SUNSHINE

Best wishes to Charlie Scholes as he recovers from his heart surgery.

Please keep Betty posted on anyone who needs some sunshine.

## CALENDAR

**No meeting in February.**

**American Orchid Society Centennial Celebration has been postponed until Oct. 30, 2021.**

## **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)

With spring around the corner, new growth will appear. It is a great time to repot:

## When should I repot?



**When an orchid plant starts to grow over the edge of the pot, it is time to repot it!**

Orchid plants need repotting for one or a combination of two main factors: Potting mix breaks down, often evidenced by dead roots, or the plant outgrows the container. In the first case, a larger pot may not be required, simply replace the growing medium. In the second case, the plant may need dividing or may be shifted into a larger pot. Fresh media should always be used. A good general rule of thumb is to pot for the bottom of the plant, the root system, and not for the top, the foliage.

Upcoming webinars for AOS members:

Registration required.

## **SPECIAL WEBINAR - [SPEAKERS DAY](#) - ORCHID CULTURE**

The AOS is excited about holding our first online orchid speakers day!  
All About Orchid Culture

**[REGISTER NOW!](#) Date: February 6**

Featuring the following speakers:

Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids- Growing Miniatures 11 – 11:45 AM

Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids – Brazilian Habitats and Species 12—12:45 PM

Ron McHatton Chief Science Officer, AOS – Those Pesky Bugs 1—1:45 PM

Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise – Growing Paphs Successfully 2-2:45 PM

Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids — Dendrobium Culture 3-3:45 PM

Online Registration \$30 <https://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/public/speakers-day.aspx>

# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	<b>February 09, 2021</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>February 16, 2021</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>March 02, 2021</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>March 09, 2021</b> 8:30 pm EST Tuesday
<b>Topic</b>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Native Orchids of the Heartland	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Star Search: Judging Angraecoid Orchids
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Doug Martin</b> AOS Associate Judge, Member - Native Orchid Conference	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Beth Martin</b> AOS Associate Judge

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