

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

January 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year: As we start a new year I would like to take a minute to reflect on what an incredible year 2022 was for PCOS. We had an outstanding show. Our show chairlady, Laura Blackmon, did an incredible job of organizing the show with the help of many member volunteers. Over forty new members joined our society this past year. Additionally we had several very interesting and informative programs/speakers and a really large turn-out for the annual picnic. The Christmas Party was the celebration of the year for our society. Tammy and Anna did a terrific job of organizing and decorating for the party and members provided a great assortment of food. The party was great fun for everyone.

January is our installation of officers, shown below. In addition to our usual celebration cake, we will have a member plant sale. Please bring your blooming plants for the plant forum. Thank you to everyone for your support of PCOS. I hope to see you at the January meeting.

Ed

Officers to be installed:

President	Margaret Croucher
Vice Pres.	Ed Kidder
Treasurer	Mary Ellen Jelen
Secretary	Carolyn Anderson
Directors:	Witha Lacuesta
	Anna Palermo
	Jim Rice
	Tammy Cheng



Calendar

Wed., Jan. 11 @6pm—Board meeting

Wed., Jan. 11 @7pm—Business meeting. Installation of new officers.

SUNSHINE

Get well wishes are sent to members Sharon Biondi, Elaine Chambers, Ruthie McKinney, and Ginny Oliphants as they continue their medical treatment.

Best wishes to all of you and your loved ones for a healthy new year. Make a New Year's resolution to dedicate some time to the care and culture of your orchids on a regular basis. Additionally, plan to participate in our Society's activities, don't just show up occasionally! Fortunately, we have a great group and do indeed have interesting programs and activities. Plan to be a very active participant in the upcoming year and realize how rewarding it can be!

Lastly, we need to increase our membership in the American Orchid Society, hopefully you'll also consider that in the new year.

Happy New Year and Happy Growing, Betty



Many thanks to party planners, Anna and Tammy (at left) and those who helped set up. Everyone had a wonderful time.



Party 2022



(At left) Participants in the ornament exchange. (Below) Many thanks to members who brought in pantry items and toys, which were delivered to the Sharing Center in Melbourne by JoAnn. Witha won the gift basket and all attending members received an orchid—surprise!!



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**—This AOS site has the answer to almost any question.
5. Rambles at members’ homes to help you identify how others in your area grow their orchids.

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 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

FOR AOS MEMBERS: The AOS also has a presence on Facebook. There is a [group](#) with close to 65,000 members, and a [page](#). Each allows you to post photographs and ask questions about your orchids. The group is the most active of the two, and group members usually respond quickly to posts. The page is parallel to the AOS Instagram account. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839> <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanOrchidSociety>

UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

- FEB. 4-5** **Venice Area Orchid Society Show**
Venice Community Center, Venice, FL
- FEB. 11-12** **Boca Raton Orchid Society Show**
Safe Schools Institute, Boca Raton, FL
- MAR. 3-4** **Englewood Area Orchid Society Show**
“Bewitched by Orchids”
Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park,
Englewood, FL
- MAR. 4-5** **Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show**
“For the Love of Orchids”
Sons of Italy Hall, Tampa, FL
- MAR. 18-19** **Jacksonville Orchid Society Show**
Mandarin Garden Club, Jacksonville, FL
- MAR. 18-19** **Nature Coast Orchid Society Show**
VFW Post 8681, Spring Hill, FL
- MAR. 25-26** **Orchid Society of Highlands Show**
“Art in Bloom”
Agri-Civic Center, Sebring, FL
- APR. 1-2** **Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show**
“Hoot Loves Orchids”
Port St. Lucie Polish American Club
Port St. Lucie, FL
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- MAY 5-7** **Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show!!!!**

2023 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN BE PART OF THE TEAM!

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PLANT FORUM

Betty Adamson

MEMBERSHIP

Margaret Smith

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Patti Scholes

SUNSHINE

Betty Adamson

GREETER

Margaret Smith

AOS LIAISON

Betty Adamson

RAFFLE

JoAnn Amos

WEBMASTER

Bill Jelen

AUDIO

Scott Anderson

REFRESHMENTS

Kathy Ballance

SHOW CHAIR

Jodi Kittleson

Members—If you would like to be more involved, please let the President know, so she can fill chairmen positions for the coming year. In addition, there will be many opportunities available to help with the show. Let Jodi know if you are interested in a particular show position.