# Platinum Coast Orchid Society The Rhyzome July 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Unfortunately, our June meeting had to be canceled due to a late notification to us of a Garden Club scheduling error, and our speaker, Dr. Hackney, unable to be rescheduled later this year. This was an unusual situation. We hope to be able to bring Dr. Hackney in next year.

We normally take a summer break with no regular meeting in July, but we plan other activities for members to get together. I am happy to announce that Bill & I will host a Ramble at our home in Merritt Island on July 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be hot but we will be open from 9:30am until Noon. A Ramble is an open house where you may come and go as you wish. You can see our orchid growing set up and arrangements. We are typical member-growers that grow most of our orchids in the pool patio area under a screen enclosure. We have a very small yard with a lot of orchids and a variety of types and growing conditions. Every home is different but it is useful to see how other members grow their orchids and adapt ideas to your own conditions. It's a good time to meet other members and ask questions as well. We will have refreshments for you, and some leftover Phals and maidenhair ferns used at our May Show will be given away. Our home address for the Ramble is shown in the email that distributed this newsletter.

We will resume our regular meetings in August and get "Back to Basics" with experienced members sharing their knowledge and recommendations on potting media, supplies and pesticides, and we will have a potting demonstration. Please bring your questions on the basics of orchid growing. We hope to have some answers for you!

Looking ahead, our guest speaker presentations will resume in September, and we will be announcing our annual October Picnic and our Christmas Party dates and plans. *Margaret* 



Okay, one last memory of a great Courtesy Booth. Thanks Anna and Tammy.

### CALENDAR

No Meeting this month.

July 20th 9:30-Noon

Special July Ramble at the home of Margaret and Bill. A ramble is a trip to see how members grow their orchids. Put this on your calendar.

#### **SUNSHINE**

We've missed being together so looking forward to seeing everyone at the ramble.

Enjoy those summer blooms!

# PCOS Show Awards

American Orchid Society Award Bredrens Orchids Candlelighter's Award Krull-Smith Orchids PCOS President's Award Smiley's Orchids : Greenery

Best Tabletop Communication Exhibit Accent Orchids Best Tabletop Orchid Society Exhibit Volusia County Best Niche Display Curtis Lutchman Best Variety of Genera Accent Orchids Best Show Theme Interpretation Accent Orchids Best Show Theme Interpretation Accent Orchids Best Large Cattleya Alliance Bredren Orchids Best Small Cattleya Alliance Odorn Orchids Best Encyclia Krull-Smith Orchids Best Other Cattleya Alliance Orchid Fail Best Other Cattleya Alliance Orchid Fail Best Dendrobium Villiam Oquendo

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Above, members, Laura and Betty, won show awards. Several vendors are shown receiving their awards & prizes from show chair Carolyn. Congrats to all winners!













## OUR PCOS TEAM PUTTING IN AN EXHIBIT FOR THE CFOS SHOW IN ORLANDO

Team members:

Laura Blackmon, Carolyn & Scott Anderson, Witha Lacuesta, Karen Chandler, and Phyllis Geautreax. BELOW IS THE FINAL PRODUCT AND SOME OF THE AWARDS THIS EXHIBIT WON. GREAT JOB TO ALL OF THE FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS AND THE VETERAN EXHIBITORS!

Additional orchids provided by Margaret, Sally, and Mark.







Look at all of those ribbons!!

Above: Our exhibit won Best Society Exhibit and Best Show Theme. Look at that cute cat with binoculars. The show theme was "iSpy an Orchid". Thanks Laura, for the perfect focal point.



At left and below: Two of Laura's plants in the exhibit won Best in Show.





### A GOOD REASON TO VOLUNTEER NEXT YEAR

All of the show chairs kicked back and shared their reports at the last show meeting. Many thanks to Anna for volunteering her home and grill.





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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. <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> groups/52597049839 <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>AmericanOrchidSociety</u>





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