Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome June 2024





Above is the PCOS display we put in at the Volusia show. It won an AOS award. At left, Margaret won an AOS Award of Merit with the plant pictured. She bought it from Cynthia at Ritter Orchids last year, so she asked Cynthia to pose with her.

Mark Walter's Cattleya Why Not won Best Small Cattleya Alliance at our show and then it won the Best Cattleya Alliance Trophy-less than 5" spread at the Volusia Show. It is the big red plant in the middle of the above display.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After all the work and planning, we can now celebrate another successful Orchid Show. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who made it possible. I heard so many wonderful things about our Show from members, patrons and vendors. I can't remember them all but my favorite was from a new member who said, "Orchid people are so nice." Yes, we are, especially all you PCOS people.

With our May meeting, we returned to our regular meetings with a guest speaker. Dave Sorokowsky (Paph Paradise) gave us an excellent program on growing Paphiopedilums. Many of us purchased plants from Dave or won one in our raffle, hoping to be successful with this genus. Orchid growers must have endless hope and lots of patience.

Our June speaker will be Dr. Courtney Hackney. He is an author, award winner, hybridizer, and Professor Emeritus at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, now retired. His talk will be on classic heirloom cattleyas. Please come and enjoy Dr. Hackney's program.

Margaret

CALENDAR

Wed., June 12, 6pm—Board Meeting Wed., June 12, 7pm—General Meeting

Speaker: Courtney Hackney—Author of American Cattleyas. Professor Emeritus, University of North Florida in Jacksonville, now retired, and an orchid Hybridizer winning many AOS awards.

He will bring orchids for our raffle and to sell.

SUNSHINE

Continuing to send speedy get well wishes to Clive, Kathy, and Ed.



Orchids Out of Africa

By the Editor



Years ago, after visiting South Africa, I wrote about the Ansellia africana in a newsletter. Fourteen years and seven visits later, what a delightful surprise it was to learn that our ranger, Darryn, shown below in front of a resident orchid at Elephant Plains Game Lodge in the Sabi Sands area of Greater Kruger, is an orchid lover, also. This year, Charlie took along his famous Excel spreadsheet of orchids and notes on his orchid mix, which Darryn might need as he adds to his orchid collection.

Already, he is so enthused that he has built an orchid "room" and always has his eyes open for interesting orchid culture options. The ones at the lodge grow naturally in the trees. I told Darryn all about our society and show and promised to send a newsletter.

Below are photos of his blooming Ansellia africana and a culture sheet. Charlie and I recently bought one of these from a South African vendor at the Krull Smith festival, but if you really want one, Krull Smith

Smith festival, but if you really want one, Krull Smith also sells them. Needless to say, Charlie immediately repotted it (in his own mix). We will see if it survives in his cattleya collection. Darryn gave him some pointers. Stay tuned.

Vital Statistics

Name

Leopard Orchid

Latin Name

Ansellia africana

Description

The Leopard Orchid is an epiphytic orchid with roots anchored on the branch of a tree, often in full sunlight. Fragrant yellow flowers, sometimes spotted brown, appear in August to September.

Habitat

The Leopard Orchid is found in hot, dry river valleys of South Africa in the Limpopo Province, the Mpumalanga Lowveld and KwaZulu Natal. Into africa it is found in the tropical regions of Northern Namibia, Botswana and Swaziland.

Field Notes

Hawk moths feed on the sweetly scented flowers at night and the roots are especially adapted to ensure its survival as an epiphyte. The Leopard Orchid is used as a love charm and as an antidote for bad dreams and at homesteads to ward off lightning. It is also much in demand as a specimen plant in gardens.







L-R Witha, Bert, and Show chair, Carolyn, constructing the arch and beautiful entrance to the show. **Great job on everything, Carolyn!**

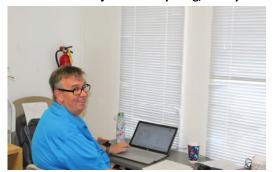


Sally at registration above

At right, Tom setting up our society exhibit.



At left, Bill inputting registration info







At left, we welcome our new exhibitors Brevard Orchid Society.

At right, it's great to see longtime exhibitors Volusia County Orchid Society return again.





At right, we welcome first time niche exhibitor, Curtis, who came all the way from Trinidad.

At left, Karen's niche did so well last year, she decided to enter again and again.



THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE AREA MEDIA OUTLETS WHO COVERED OUR SHOW:

BREVARD BUSINESS NEWS ARTICLE AND ADRIENNE ROTH WHO SPONSORED AN AD FOR US.

<u>FLORIDA TODAY</u> AND <u>MARIA SONNENBERG</u> WHO WROTE THE LOVELY TGIF COLUMN ON OPENING DAY AND IN "BEST BETS"

<u>HOMETOWN NEWS</u> AND TO <u>BRITTANY O'RUACHAINN</u> WHO WROTE THE LOVELY FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ABOUT THE SHOW.

SALLY SCALERA, WHO INCLUDED US IN HER WEEKLY "GARDENING" COLUMN IN FLORIDA TODAY.

SPACE COAST DAILY WHO RAN SEVERAL ARTICLES ABOUT THE SHOW IN THE PRECEDING MONTHS AND THEN TAPED AND PRESENTED THE SHOW VIDEO.

<u>SPECTRUM NEWS</u> AND <u>ALLISON WALKER</u> WHO DID THE AMAZING "ON THE TOWN" INTERVIEW WITH CLIVE.

MERRITT ISLAND NOW and SENIOR SCENE MAGAZINE CALENDAR

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^{*}Please let the editor know if you find any others.





Completed society exhibit

Show dedication—Michelle MacDonald
Fletcher brought in a collage of photos



Our amazing Courtesy Booth

First visitors to the show arrive



Registered plant table

Accent Orchids

Ace Hardware

Altman's Cooling & Heating

Amici's/Chef's Table Restaurant

Anna Palermo

Baci's Bar and Restaurant

Barbara & Dennis Biondi

Laura Blackmon

Bredren Orchids

Causeway Diner

Karen & Leonard Chandler

Chaparral Mexican Grill

Cypress Mulch & Sod

Cocoa Beach Fish Camp Grill

Color Street Nail

Eaton Worms Organic Fertilizer

Edwin Kidder

El Leoncito—Viera

Emerald Island Nursery

Expressions Salon

First Merritt Chiropratic/

Acupuncture

4th Street Fillin' Station

Florida Custom Aquatic Services

Frida's Plants

Gold Mine—Merritt Island

Grill's Seafood Deck

Grimaldi Candy Company

Hick's Orchid Supply

Hobb's Pharmacy

Island Animal Hospital

James & Laura Rice

Jon's Fine Jewelry

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Krull Smith Orchids

Kylee Salon & Spa

La Bella Spa

LongDoggers—CB & Viera

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Orchids in Bloom

Orchid Trail

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Quilts & Lace Quilt Store

Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids

Rockledge Gardens

Rumors Hair Salon

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Charlie & Patti Scholes

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So Orchids

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Adrienne Roth at Brevard Business News







BEAUTIFUL EXHIBITS

Rose (above) joined at the last show and jumped right in to do a niche at this year's show. Thanks to members and Curtis from Trinidad who participated in the niche exhibits.



At bottom left, vendor exhibits

At bottom right, Central Florida Orchid Society joins us again to put in a lovely exhibit.









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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. https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839 https://www.facebook.com/AmericanOrchidSociety

UPCOMING SHOWS

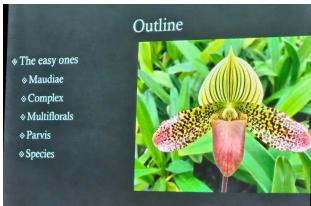
June 1-2 Central Florida Orchid Show Florida National Guard Armory Orlando, FL

*Our team will put in an exhibit on May 31st. Many thanks to Laura and team members.

May Meeting

Dave Sorokowsky from Paph Paradise was our guest speaker. His lecture "Don't Fear the Slipper" was enjoyed by all.





This was a great opportunity to introduce a paph to your collection and get some expert advice.



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