

# *Platinum Coast Orchid Society*

## *The Rhizome*

### *June 2025*

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has gotten lots of rest following the Show last month. It's a lot of fun, but also a lot of work packed into four and a half days! We did a great job this year because even the judges were talking about our fantastic "Orchid Jubilee". The arch was magnificent, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary table was both interesting and a tribute to the longevity of our Society, the niches were some of the best we've ever had, the exhibits and raffle baskets were beautiful (as always), and everyone was having a grand time. Even the quality of the orchids was exceptional because the judges awarded 17 AOS awards, which is high for a local society event.

So, what's on the agenda now? Well, the rest of the year we will focus on improving our skills as orchid hobbyists. We'll have speakers in June and August through November. We can also learn a lot from our fellow society members at the ramble in July, the picnic in October and our Holiday Party in December as well as our monthly meetings.

If you'd like to get more involved in the workings of PCOS, we have a few volunteer positions available the next few months. Kathy Ballance has done an excellent job coordinating the snacks for our meetings but she'd like to hand that over to someone new. Patti Scholes has done the newsletter since 2007 so she is definitely ready to let someone else be the editor. We also have a picnic and holiday party on the horizon so we'll need committees to plan and coordinate those events. Talk with Kathy, Patty and others who have worked on the picnic and party to better understand what needs to be done.

Lastly, we've heard a lot from the newer members wanting to learn more about the classification/parentage of their orchids. Patti and Charlie Scholes have an article in this newsletter that will show you how Charlie keeps track of his orchids and how you can use the internet to find the parentage of your plants.



#### CALENDAR

**Wed., June 11th @6pm** Board Meeting

**Wed., June 11th @7pm** Business Meeting

1493 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL

Speaker: Thanh Nguyen of  
Springwater Orchids

#### SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to Laura Blackmon on the passing of her beloved mother and to former member Joan Lehnert on the passing of her husband Ed. We were pleased to see members Nadine Kern and Jodi Kittleson at the show and wished them our best. Kudos to Ed Kidder for his show donation of the Jubilee Award which will be annual for a hobbyist grower.

#### Cont. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've been busy working on a list of orchid generic and intergeneric abbreviations compiled by the Royal Horticultural Society. It's an abbreviated list based on the exhibition classes we use for our annual show that you'll find useful when registering your plant entries in 2026. You'll find the list on the PCOS website. And remember, don't lose those plant tags!

See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

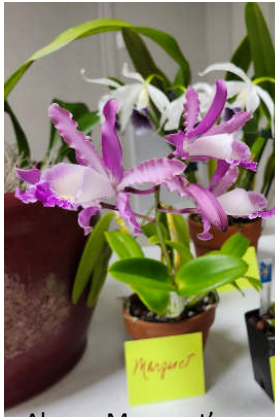
*Laura*

# May Meeting



Many thanks to Jeanne Thompson for the interesting walk through the history of orchids and for bringing plants for the raffle and for sale. Jeanne also makes orchid pottery.

## Forum



Above, Margaret's

Mcp. thomsoniana x  
C. Penny Kuroda



Above Laura's C.  
warscewiczii semi-alba  
"Lonesom" x Echmariae  
'CH31'

At right, Laura's minia-  
tures Schoenerchis scolo-  
pendria and Tolumnia  
calochila

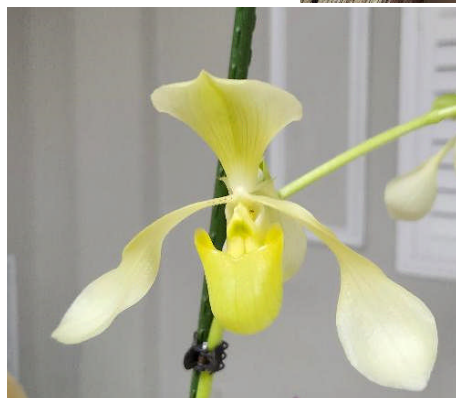


Above Clive's Vanda neofinetia  
falcata

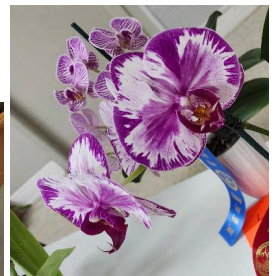
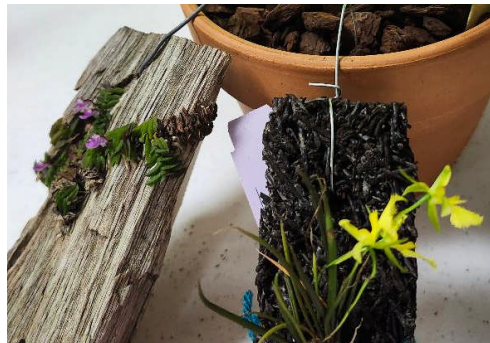
At left Joy's Milt. Linda Lingle



Bruce's Aerangis



Witha's Paph. lowii alba 'Hilo Gold' AM/AOS  
X Paph. lowii alba 'Easter'



Above: Lois's Phal. Tai-  
wan 'Red Cat'



Charis's Grammatophyllum scriptum var. Leopard



Great job Carolyn and team PCOS!



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## UPCOMING SHOWS

**June 6-8 Central Florida Orchid Society  
Florida National Guard Armory  
Orlando, FL**

Many thanks to Margaret, Laura, Witha, and Karen for putting in our society's exhibit at the Volusia show (below). Our exhibit won the AOS Show Trophy. Want to help put in our exhibit at the Central Florida Show above? See below\*

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)

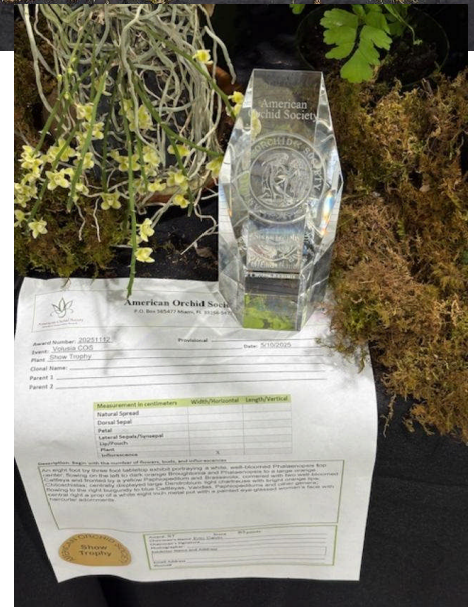


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### PUTTING IN AN EXHIBIT

*Our society will participate in the Central Florida show by installing an exhibit. If this is something you would like to learn how to do, please let President Laura*

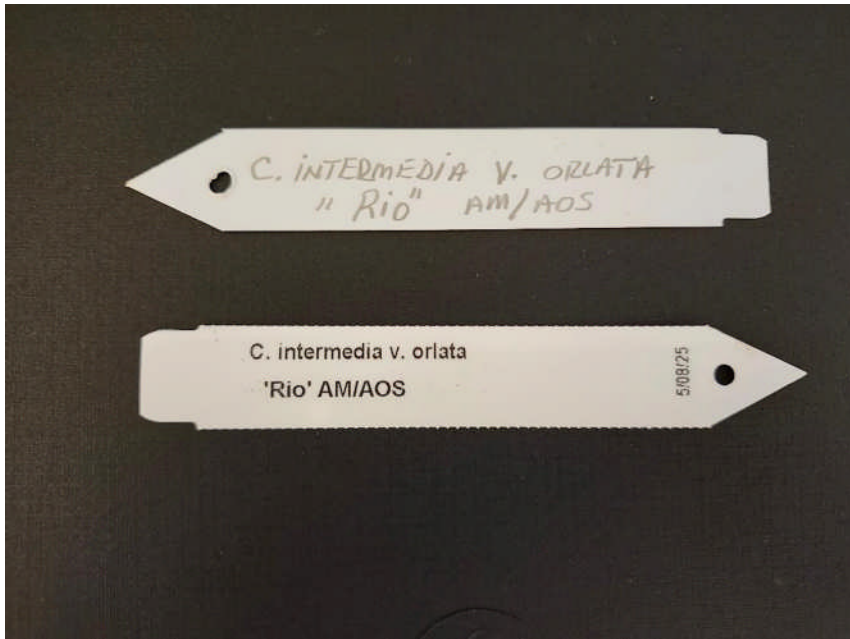
*Blackmon know. Several members travel to the show with plants and other materials and they always need help. It's a great learning opportunity and lots of fun, especially if our society wins.*



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>



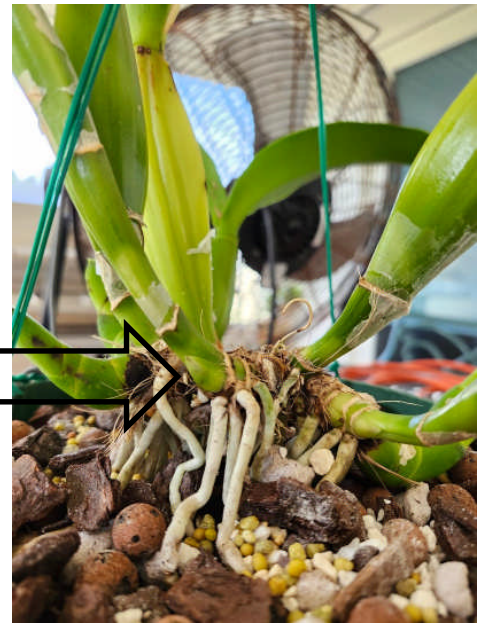
# Cattleyas with Charlie



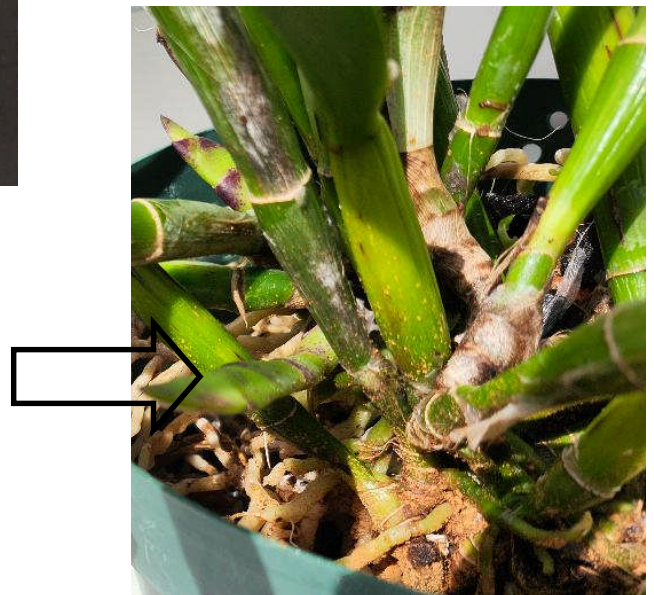
When you buy a new orchid, be sure to keep the tag that came with it. As we discussed at the last meeting, you will need that tag when you enter your orchid in the show to be judged. Charlie makes a second tag with all of the information on it and places it in the bottom of the pot, in case the other tag blows away. Then he puts all of the information about that orchid on his orchid list shown on the next page.

The C. in the name means “cattleya”. The lower case letter in intermedia lets you know that this orchid is a species. You know it has been awarded because of the letters AM/AOS. The ‘Rio’ is the clonal name that the owner gave it when it won the award.

At the meeting, there was some discussion about finding your orchid’s parentage, so at the bottom of the next page are two of the information sites Charlie uses when he is looking for an orchid’s parents.



After your cattleya blooms, you will most likely see new roots and a new eye at the base of the old pseudobulb. It is triangular in shape.



That eye will grow into a new pseudobulb, which will produce the new flower next year.



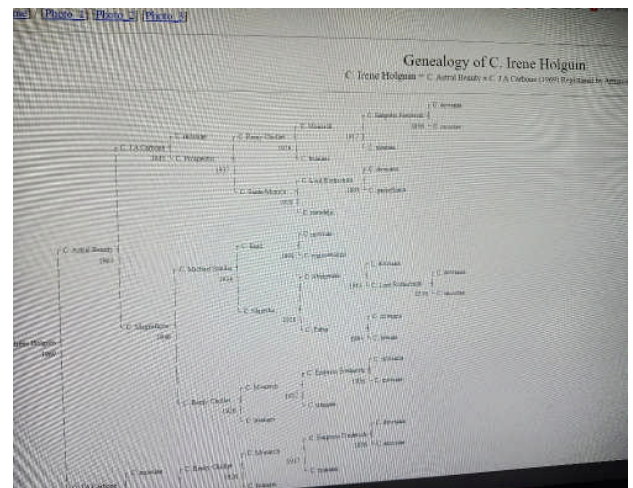
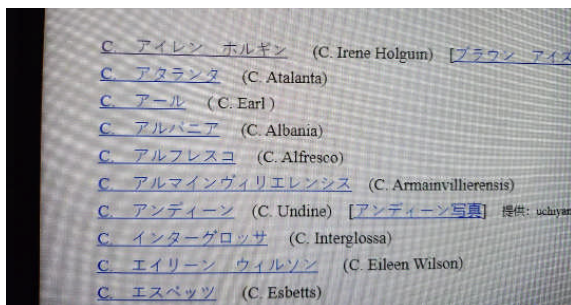
Next year, you will see a sheath coming out of the leaf. That is where the new flowers will grow.



Charlie's list of his orchids done on Excel.

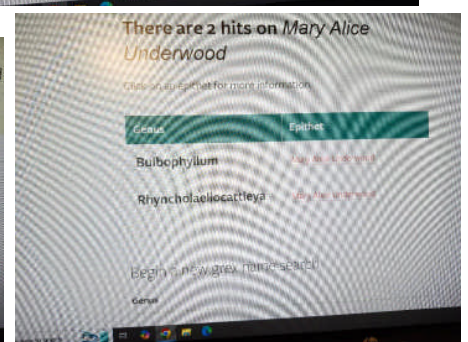
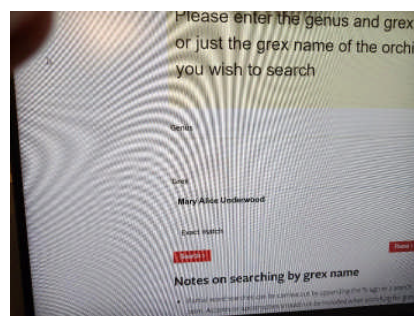
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	MAR	MAR	APR	MAR	MAR	APR	C. Mary Schroeder "Orchidheights" ( reg. 1950 )	*	( C. Eucharis X C. Gretchen Merrill )	Lowes , N.C. 2002	3-2024	v. test NEG
	APR	APR	APR	APR	APR	APR	C. Jose Marti " Mothers Favorite " ( reg. 1959 )	*	( C. Bob Betts X C. Bow Bells )	Charlie Bishop 6/2010	4-2025	v. test NEG
	APR	JAN	MAR	APR	OCT	MAY	C. Green Emerald " Orchid Queen " ( reg. 1996 )	*	( C. Elizabeth Mahon X C. Thospol Spot )	Jim Adamson 12/2010	5-2025	v. test NEG
		AUG	MAY	APR	MAY		C. Margaret Hort ( reg. 1962 )	*	( C. Bryson X C. Intermedia )	Ed Kidder 3/2017	4-2025	v. test NEG
		DEC	DEC	NOV	NOV	JAN	C. Mari's Song ( reg. 1992 )	*	( C. Irene Finney X C. Cherry Chip )	Jim Adamson 12/2010	3-2024	v. test NEG
			MAY	JUN	SEP	JUN	C. maxima ( SPECIES )	*	( Species )	Buck 5/2018	10-2021	v. test NEG
		DEC		NOV			C. Persepolis " SPLENDOR " ( reg. 1973 )	*	( C. Kittiwake X C. Pogi Mayne )	Home Depot 9-2018	3-2025	v. test NEG
	SEP	AUG	AUG	SEP	SEP		C. Tainan City " General " HCC/AOS	*	( C. Royal Emperor X C. Waianae Sunset )	Jim Adamson 12/2010	5-2025	v. test NEG
	APR	APR					C. Time-Life ( reg. 1/72 )	*	( C. mossiae X C. Irene Finney )	Sally Pancoast 11/2011	3-2024	v. test NEG
		NOV	NOV		OCT	MAR	C. fidelensis ( 2 ) ( species )	*	( natural hybrid ? ) ( C. perrilli X L. bicahoi )	Vernon Block 3/2012	3-2024	v. test NEG
		JAN					C. C. G. Roebling " SENTINEL " ( reg. 1895 )	*	( C. gaskellina X C. purpurata )	Ed Kidder 1/2022	8-2024	v. test NEG
	FEB	FEB					C. Horace " Maxima " AM/AOS ( reg. 1938 )	*	( C. trianae X C. Woltersiana )	Chadwick Orchids 2/2022	4-2025	v. test NEG
	FEB		DEC				C. Catherson Enid ( Jones & Scully cross 1970 )	*	( C. Catherine Patterson X C. Enid )	Chadwick Orchids 2/2022	4-2025	v. test NEG
							C. purpurata ( SPECIES )	*	( C. purpurata " Quar Tipo " X C. purpurata " Gomez Florida " )	Vernon Block cross	11-2024	v. test NEG
			MAY				C. Edith Bolling Wilson " FIRST LADY "	*	( C. William Romanoff X C. dowiana )	Chadwick Orchids 2/2023	11-2024	v. test NEG
			MAY	MAY			C. Reginae ( Reg. 1-1-1897 )	*	( C. forbesii X C. purpurata )	John Hicks 6/2010	4-2025	v. test NEG
			NOV				C. Berlin Spirit ( reg. 2010 )	*	( C. mossiae X C. X. dolosa )	4/2021 meeting	4-2025	v. test NEG
							no Name cat.	*		?????	11-2023	XXXXXXXX
							C. Orglade's Grand ( Jones and Scully , 1986 )	*	( C. Mildred River X C. Persepolis )	Sally Pancoast Jan/24	3-2024	
			MAY	X	X	X		*	( C. Within Reach " Christmas Cheer " X C. Ruth Montgomery " Geyser Giant " )	Odons 5/2019	4-2025	v. test NEG
							C. lueddemanniana " SHAPELY FLAMES X C. lueddemanniana "	*				
	FEB	APR					C. lueddemanniana ( species )	*	CRYSTELLE'S PINK "	KRULL-SMITH show 4/2024	4-2024	v. test NEG
		SEP					C. Femme Fatale ( reg. 8/2011 )	*	( C. tenebrosa X C. Pacavla )	KRULL-SMITH 9/2024	9-2024	
							C. bowringiana	*	( species )	from Tom Dixon	12-2024	TEST
							C. Mishima Elf " coerulea " ( reg. 1999 )	*	( C. C. G. Roebling X C. Walkeriana )	ORCHIDS IN BLOOM , 2025	5-2025	\$45.00
	MAY						C. Intermedia v. orlata " RIO " AM/AOS	*		Odons at May 2025 meeting	5-2025	\$45.00
	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	MAR	Ctt. Fire Dance " Patricia "	*	( Gur. aurantiaca X Ctt. Fire Island )	Charlie Bishop 6/2010	4-2024	v. test NEG
	JAN	FEB			FEB	MAR	Ctt. Warpaint	*	( C. Tango X Gus. Aurantiaca )	Sally Pancoast 3/2020	10-2023	v. test NEG
		AUG	JUL		JUL	JUL	Ctt. Bactia " Grapewax " AM/AOS ( reg. 1901 )	*	( Gur. bowringiana X C. guttata )	Sally Pancoast 8/2011	4-2025	v. test NEG
			OCT		MAY	JUN	Ctt. California Cherry	*	( C. walkeriana X C. Portia )		10-2023	v. test NEG
		NOV	OCT	NOV			Ctt. Ruth Loveless ( reg. 1980 )	*	( C. Wine Festival X Ctt. Portia )	Sally Pancoast 11/2021	3-2025	v. test NEG
		JUL					Ctt. Loog Tone " AFRICAN BEAUTY " ( reg. 1987 )	*	( Ctt. Netrasiri Doll X C. Thospol Spot )	Sally Pancoast 7/2024	7-2024	v. test NEG
		JUN	JUN	JUN	JUN	JUN	Cty. Leaf Hopper ( reg. 2004 )	*	( Cty. El Hatillo X E. tampensis )	Odons 5/2016	3-2025	v. test NEG
	FEB	APR	MAY/NOV	JUN	OCT	JUN	Ctyh. Siam Jade	*	( C. Penny Kuroda X Ctyh. Vienna Woods )	Ft. Lauderdale show 2/2011	6-2023	v. test NEG

[Orchid.or.jp/orchid/people/hashizume/kakeizu/kakeizu.htm](http://Orchid.or.jp/orchid/people/hashizume/kakeizu/kakeizu.htm) is the address of Abiko where Charlie finds his orchid's ancestry. Type the name of the orchid you want to find, in this case C. Irene Holguin. Yes, it is in Japanese, but look what happens when you click on the Japanese name in front of C. Irene Holguin. It gives you its family tree.



The other site he uses for parentage, is the Royal Horticultural Society—[apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidresults.asp](https://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidresults.asp)

Here he was looking for Mary Alice Underwood. He typed it into the grex position and two possibilities came up. He is looking for information on the cattleya so will continue by clicking that one.



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