

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhizome

March 2025

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you know, our annual orchid show is in early May, so the next two society meetings will focus on preparation for the event. What does that mean?

\*Focusing on securing as many sponsors as humanly possible so we have enough door prizes for 3 days and plenty of donated items to fill our raffle baskets. This one activity raises as much as 25% of our total revenue for the show. Please bring in all sponsorships you have collected to the March meeting.

\*Signing up enough member volunteer to set up and tear down the various venues, man the admission and raffle tables, assist the judges in their duties, set up the arch, our society exhibit and member niches, support the vendors, graciously host our guests and handle all the tasks required to put on a top-notch orchid show.

\*Understand the plant registration process to make it run as smoothly as possible for our members and the judges. This is one of the most visible activities of the show that people come to see so it must be done correctly with as few hiccups as possible.

It takes the whole membership of our society to put on a successful show. That doesn't mean it's all work and no play. We have a lot of fun buying new plants for our collection, talking with vendors and other orchid enthusiasts, and hopefully winning ribbons for our plant entries. It's also a great way to learn about orchid identification and parentage, how to display orchids in niches and exhibits, and general knowledge about those orchids that peak our interest from vendors and other members.

So make sure you attend the March and April meetings, participate in the show and engage in the process as much as you can. You won't regret being a member of PCOS. I guarantee it!

### CALENDAR

**Wed., Mar. 5th @ 6pm** Show Chair Meeting

**Wed., Mar. 12th @ 6pm** Board Meeting

**Wed., Mar. 12th @ 7pm** Meeting

*2025 dues were due in January. If you have not renewed, you may mail your check made out to Platinum Coast Orchid Society to the post office address on the Officers' page or bring it to the meeting.*

**If you want your shirts embroidered with the PCOS logo, bring them and money to the March meeting. Cost is \$10 + tax = \$10.70. Please pin your name on each shirt.**

### EDITOR'S NOTES

Congratulations to the two people who read the newsletter, worked the puzzle, and let the editor know. The winners of the "Members of the Board Puzzle" are Karen Chandler and Jennifer Starr.

Please be sure to put your name on any orchids you bring to the forum, so the editor will be able to highlight them in the newsletter.

### SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to Kathy Balance on the passing of her beloved sister and to Anna Palermo on the passing of her beloved brother.

Member Sharon Biondi has moved to be near her family so will no longer be meeting with us. We'll miss her very much.

# February Meeting

It was great to have Art Chadwick of Chadwick Orchids in Virginia back as our speaker. The riveting topic was First Ladies and Their Orchids, and Art's charm wowed us again.

At left: Past President Margaret with Art autographing his book.

Below: President Laura looking over the great selection of orchids he had for sale.



## and show organization



Many thanks to everyone who showed up to clean and organize the storage unit. As usual, events like these are always a great time to get to know each other better and have fun. Thank you, Mary Ellen, for taking this photo and bringing along your sons to help with the heavy lifting.

At right, Clive's Rlc. Marie's Song .

And , Clive's C. Miss Endicot. Betty and speaker, Art, are discussing the possibility that these are two plants of the same specie which ended up in the pot together.



At left, Witha's Rhynchostylis gigantea alba

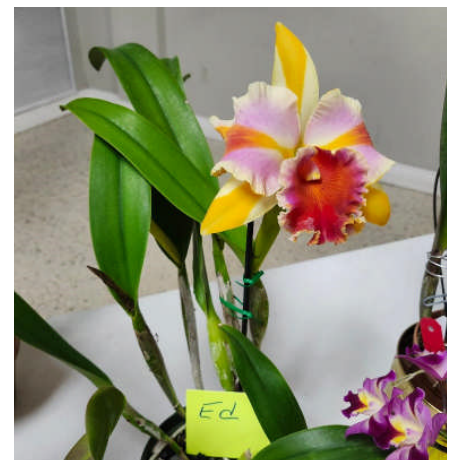
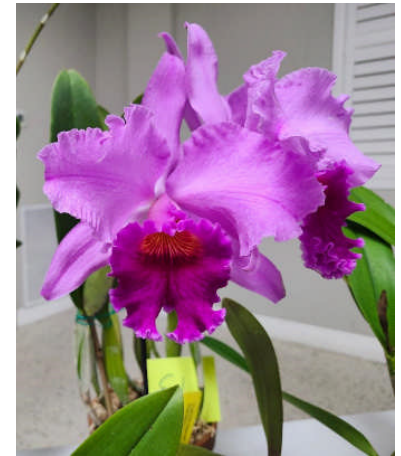


# Orchid Forum

At left, Margaret's Den. mirbelianum (top). This is a species, so the name is not capitalized. In 2019, we had a potting meeting where we all potted seedlings from H & R of Hawaii. This is one of those seedlings. (bottom) Mcv. Frances Fox 'Sun Spots'.



At right, Ed's Lc. Leah-Ruth 'Meadowlark' (top) and Rlc. Amazing Thailand (bottom).





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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](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)

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

- Mar. 1-2** Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show  
Sons of Italy Hall, Tampa, FL
- Mar. 15-16** Jacksonville Orchid Society Show  
Mandarin Garden Club, Jacksonville
- Mar. 21-23** Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show  
N. Collier Regional Park Exhibition Hall  
Naples, FL
- Mar. 22-23** Orchid Society of Highlands County  
Bert J. Harris Agri-Civic Center, Sebring
- Apr. 5-6** Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show  
St. Lucie Polish American Club
- Apr. 5-6** Englewood Area Orchid Society Show  
Englewood Sport Complex, Englewood
- Apr. 11-13** Apopka International Spring Festival  
Krull-Smith
- Apr. 26-27** Vero Beach Orchid Society Show  
Riverside Park
- May 2-4** **Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show**  
**Kiwanis Island Park Gym**

**NEW MEMBERS WHO MAY NOT BE AOS MEMBERS:**  
You may borrow the club's ORCHIDS magazine, if you would like to read some of the articles. For instance, in the February edition:

A great article on *Vanilla planifolia*. Check it out.

# **2025 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN BE PART OF THE TEAM!**

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