

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

May 2020

There is no meeting in May, but that doesn't mean you are on your own. If you have any orchid growing questions, you can e-mail our forum leader, Betty, at jadamson1@cfl.rr.com.

If you have not paid your 2020 dues please contact Margaret at msmith2253@gmail.com.

The newsletter will continue to be sent to all 2019 members until July, to give everyone a chance to get their dues to Margaret. After the July newsletter is sent, the mailing list will be updated with current members.

There was a great repotting article by Sue Bottoms in the April issue of "Orchids". It will be available to anyone who is not an AOS member at the next meeting.

See page 5 for a list of ways to stay connected while we are apart.

SUNSHINE

Thinking of you wishes to Mike Ellis and John Hicks and their families as they continue their treatment.

Rays of Sunshine:

The virtual orchid show we've been receiving has been greatly appreciated and we anticipate seeing more. Thanks to all of the members who participated. The flowers are so beautiful. A special thank you is extended to Patti for this exciting event.

Missing out on our meetings and then cancelling our greatly anticipated show has been most difficult for us. We all look forward to being together again and sharing our growing successes (and failures!!) In the meantime we must keep our growing spirit and plan on returning to our gatherings, hopefully soon, where we can share our blooms, growing tips, and secrets.

Fondly, Betty



C. Sea Breeze 'Falrath's Pride' Grower Charlie Scholes

MAY PROJECT

VIRTUAL ORCHID SHOW

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SENT PHOTOS OF YOUR BLOOMING ORCHIDS, YOU MAY SEND THEM AND THEIR NAMES AS YOU WOULD HAVE PUT IT ON THE REGISTRATION FORM.

Please send it before May 24th

We look forward to seeing everyone's orchids since we are unable to see them displayed at the show. Just send a photo and the orchid's complete name to the newsletter editor. You are welcome to include any other information about your orchid that members might be interested in, like where you got it, how long it has been in your collection, etc.

If you are in the photo, that is fine. It will give members an opportunity to put a face with your name. The newsletter editor will share your orchid by forwarding your email to other members.

Since the Virtual Orchid Show has already started, you can see that not only do we have some great orchid growers in our group, but some great photographers. Charlie and Margaret accomplish their black background with a simple science board and an occasional piece of black material.

Please only a 1 time submission per member.

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 the best way to grow your orchids.
6. Our society newsletter is available on platinumcoastorchidsociety.org

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



BRING OUT YOUR ARTSY SIDE

Charlie used an orchid magazine in the background to enhance our small blooming phals. The PCOS Virtual Orchid Show made me realize we have several artsy members. If you think of an “artsy” way to stage your orchids, please send me a photograph. If members just submit their one best by May 27th, I should be able to get them into the June newsletter. Please label it “artsy” so I don’t confuse it with the orchid show entries.

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Want to keep your orchid skills up and have something to do while you are home?

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	April 23, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	May 12, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	May 21, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	RECORDED WEBINARS at your convenience
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Australian Dendrobiums	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Fred Clarke AOS Judge, Orchid Hybridizer & Greenhouse Owner	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More

To view **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED**: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyway!

We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage.

Send your **Greenhouse Chat** questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

If you want to view independently from home, you can join live, either on your computer or by phone. ALL past webinars are recorded and indexed by topic, for future viewing.

AOS is continuing to open their webinars to non-members through May. I am not sure if you will be able to attend these live webinars, but if not, you can pick them up from the AOS website. If you are interested in joining AOS, let Betty know and she will give you a form. They are giving local societies credit for new memberships, so we want to keep track of anyone who joins.

NO MEETING, BUT STILL PLENTY OF HELP

1. If you have any growing questions you need answered during this time, e-mail Betty with a photo and your question and she will get back to you. Also, there are videos of almost anything you need to know on www.aos.org.
2. Charlie will start dividing some orchids soon. Everyone on our original list has had the opportunity to receive a division, so we will start a new list. If you would like to be on the list to receive a root bare orchid send an email to the newsletter editor with the subject "orchid division". (It needs to be repotted by you, so make sure you have medium and pots.) We will just leave it in a bag on the front porch when you come to pick it up.
3. If anyone is savvy with video, we would encourage you to make a video of yourself repotting or fertilizing, etc., and it will be sent to members in the same fashion as the virtual orchid show. That will be our project for June, so you have plenty of time to practice between now and then.
4. AOS has extended its Webinars to non-members through the month of May, so if you have watched all of your favorite tv shows, catch a new one at www.aos.org.
5. If you are a beginner, go to the AOS website above and click "All About Orchids". They cover every topic imaginable. The Beginner's Newsletter is particularly informative and all of this section is open to non-members year round.

