

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome *May 2024*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, a reminder that all members are needed at various times between Wednesday and Sunday at the Kiwanis Island gym to help with Orchid Show setup, operation and tear down. Contact our show chairperson Carolyn Anderson at cjane.anderson@gmail.com if you haven't yet volunteered or you can do more than you already signed up to do.

I want to thank Ginny Oliphant for holding the "orchid books" bargain sale at our April meeting and for donating the proceeds to PCOS. She also donated several pieces of orchid artwork for the Show's raffle baskets.

For members who have ventured into growing Catasetums, I hope you have already repotted all your plants with new growth and new roots. I noticed that two of my early bloomers, *tenebrosa* and *pileatum*, already have flower spikes. Fred Clarke recommends that if you missed repotting at the right time, you can "slip pot" your plants into a larger pot and add more moss. Be careful to not damage those important new roots.

Our May speaker, Dave Sorokowsky, is from Paph Paradise Nursery in California. He has never spoken to our club so I'm excited to have him visit us. His topic will be "Don't Fear the Slip-pers". We have a few members that are successful growing Paphs so I'm hoping that more members will give these unique plants a try after hearing Dave's presentation. I particularly like that Paphs require much less shelf space than most and the flowers are very long lasting.

Our May meeting on the 8th is immediately after the Show, and we'll all still be tired from all the hard work at the Show, but please be sure to come to the meeting to meet our new members that join the club at the Show and to enjoy our excellent speaker.

Margaret



Betty's

B. digbyana

CALENDAR

Wed., May 8, 6pm—Board Meeting

Wed., May 8, 7pm—General Meeting.

**Dave Sorokowsky from Paph Paradise
is our guest speaker**

**Our new members from the show will
probably be at this meeting. We look
forward to giving them a warm wel-
come.**

SUNSHINE

Speedy get well wishes to Kathy Balance as she recovers from her recent surgery. Continuing our best wishes also to Jodi Kittleson and Shearer Kennedy. Our prayers are with Clive who has surgery scheduled soon.

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APRIL'S MEETING



At left and right: Julie and Phil, Niche Chairmen for the show, explain how to do a niche. If you would like to sign up for a spot, let the editor know and she will forward the request to Julie. The society provides ferns and black cloth to cover pots and backdrop, and of course, advice.



Show Entry Form					
Exhibitor #	Name	Address	Phone		
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* Please make sure to clearly enter the plant name, clonal name and any awards previously received. Add parentage if known.
 * There are no plant "class" assignments needed this year.
 * If the plant you are exhibiting has been entered in an AOS Show or brought to an AOS Center judging on the current blooming, make sure to add on your label "Not for AOS"

Int. Use Entry #	Space #	Plant Name	Color	Size
23	1	Chysis Maritza Beileka	White	2"
		Pod Parent:		
		Pollen Parent:		
24	1	Rhy. digbyana	White	5"
		Pod Parent:		
		Pollen Parent:		
25	2	Jac. Apple Blossom	Yellow	3 1/2"
		Pod Parent:		
		Pollen Parent:		
26	2	C. Jewel Box	Red	2 1/2"
		Pod Parent:		
		Pollen Parent:		
27	301	Zt. Why NOT	Red	2"
		Pod Parent:		
		Pollen Parent:		
28	305	Gone (E) cordigera	White	2 1/2"
		Pod Parent:		
		Pollen Parent:		

At left, Sally distributed a sign up sheets for any orchids you want to put in the show for judging. Everything is simplified. Just list plant names, their color, and size of flower. Bring to registration and they will tell you what to do from there.

NEW MEMBER SPOT-LIGHT



Thomas and Eivor Brown joined PCOS at last year's show. The editor first met them at the ramble last summer, which is a great place for socializing with all of our new show members. Thankfully, we will have that opportunity again, as summer rambles will soon start up.

Look for Eivor in the Courtesy Booth at the show, as she has volunteered to help this year. We hope to see all of last year's new members in some position at the show. There are still lots of spots to be filled.

Let the editor know if you would like to help at the ticket booth or the courtesy booth. They still need helpers. Everyone is needed on Sunday for breakdown and cleanup at 4pm.



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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

May 3-5 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show
Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium
Merritt Island, FL

May 11-12 Volusia County Orchid Show
Volusia County Fairgrounds
DeLand, FL

*****Would you like to help the exhibit committee put in the PCOS exhibit?

May 17-19 Miami Orchid Society Show
Redland Int'l Orchid Festival
Redland Fruit and Spice Park
Homestead, FL

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

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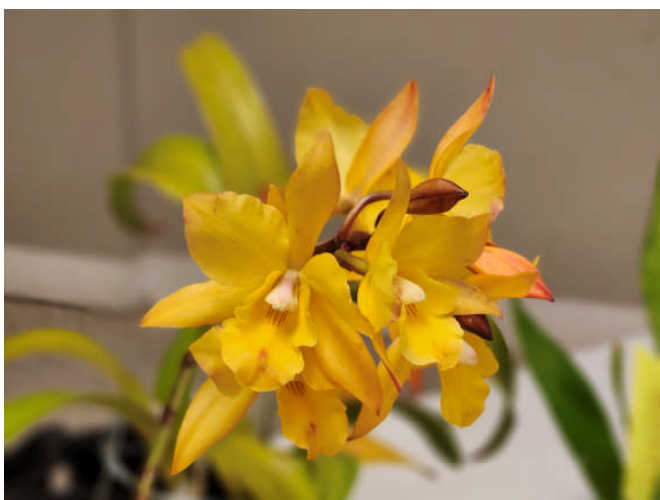
APRIL PLANT FORUM



Many thanks to Charis for identifying her forum entry perfectly, shown at right.

Charis joined the society at last year's show and it looks like she has been quite successful with her

Maxillaria tenuifolia, sometimes called the coconut orchid because of its lovely scent.



Sally's labeled
Chysis Maritza Bieleke