

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

March 2018 Edition

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Recently I took my AOS Magazine to an appointment with me. It was noticed almost immediately and questions ensued about growing orchids. It was assumed that I knew all there was to know about orchids. I assured them that I knew very little about growing orchids, but the reason I joined the society was to learn more. These conversations always remind me to the purpose of our society—to promote conservation and to grow for personal enjoyment and satisfaction. I think that it is good to be reminded of what our goals are and to continue to work towards them. I hope to see everyone at the meeting on March 14th.

Happy Growing! Jodi



Many thanks to Ruth McKinney for her beautiful artwork, which she has so graciously donated for our 2018 poster. Shown is Ed Kidder's *Laelia purpurata* var. *Carnea*

CALENDAR

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| March | 14 | Board Meeting 6:00pm |
| March | 14 | Regular Meeting 7:00pm
Orchid Show presentation and fair. |
| March | 20 | Show meeting for chairmen. |

Hobbs Drugs 6:00 pm

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PAID YOUR 2018 DUES, PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON NEXT PAGE.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Mar. 2-3 Englewood Area Orchid Society Show, Englewood Methodist Church, Englewood, FL

Mar. 2-4 Martin County Orchid Society Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, Stuart, FL

Mar. 3-4 Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show, The Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Tamps, FL

Mar. 8-11 Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show, North Collier Regional Park, Naples, FL

Mar. 9-11 Orchid Society of Coral Gables, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables, FL

Mar. 17-18 Jacksonville Orchid Society Show, Garden Club of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

Mar. 24-25 Orchid Society of Highlands County, Jack Stroup Civic Center, Sebring, FL

Mar.31-Apr.1 Flamingo Garden Orchid Society Show, Davie



Members who attended the February meeting enjoyed the program given by Arthur Katz, shown above on an orchid expedition.

GREAT PLACES FOR MEMBERS TO FIND INFORMATION ON ORCHIDS:

2018 DUES CAN BE SENT TO :
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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.

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.

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SUNSHINE

Thanks to all members who so graciously donate plants and items for our raffle.

We Need YOU!!! A Job for All!!!

We still need someone to be in charge of refreshments for the year. Please let Jodi know if you would be willing to do this.

Think about all of the places you would like to help during the show. Chairmen will have volunteer recruitment at the March meeting, so make your decisions by then. Here are the possibilities:

Wed., May 2nd Noon-?	SET UP
Thurs., May 3rd 8am-8pm	NICHE SET UP
	HELP VENDORS
	REGISTRATION
	SOCIETY EXHIBIT
	ARCH DECORATION
	BREAKFAST SET UP
Fri., May 4th 8-11AM	CLERK FOR JUDGES
May 4th—6th 9am-5pm	COURTESY BOOTH
	TICKET BOOTH
	RUNNERS/HELPERS
Sun. May 6th 5pm	CLEAN UP

Registration requires a good knowledge of orchids, but all other jobs can be done by any member. We hope to see everyone who is available for set up and clean up.

Create Your Own Orchid Expedition

Dreams of the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania have danced in my head for years. Having traveled South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Namibia, one would think that all the boxes had been checked, but the cheetah had been elusive. This was what drove me to find a most reasonable safari, with my own private driver and guide, to find the cheetah in the wild. Eight amazing nights produced eight amazing cheetahs and one long unbelievable hunt. A few lions and leopards along with the migration of wildebeests and zebras managed to find my camera lens, along with a giraffe who joined us one morning for breakfast.



I didn't even notice the orchids on the

side of the Ngorongoro Crater. The Southeast slopes of the crater rim (shown below) catch moist air from the coast, which falls through the tropical forest on the side of the crater, creating a home for orchids.

Polystachya longiscapa, below, grows on the cool mountain slopes in Tanzania.



Neobenthamia gracilis, below right, is also endemic to Tanzania.

The Orchid Conservation Project has efforts to protect terrestrial wild edible orchids that grow in the mountains and grasslands of Tanzania. Used in food and medicine, the tubers from these orchids are fast disappearing.



Create your own orchid expedition on your next trip. It's fun and educational. Then submit it to the editor.

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