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The Rhyzome April 2018 Edition

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Food for thought—Species Orchids versus Hybrid Orchids: The original plant is the species (no ancestry can be traced before the species). A hybrid orchid has a family tree that can be traced all the way back to the original species that they were bred from.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on April 11th.

Jodi



2018 DUES CAN BE SENT TO : MARGARET CROUCHER 510 INDIAN BAY BLVD. MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32953

Dendrobiums used in floral arrangement.

CALENDAR

April 11	Board Meeting 6:00pm
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April 17 Show meeting for chairmen.

Hobbs Drugs 6:00 pm

April 30 Put yard signs all over the county where allowed. Do not put out until this date. Pick up right after show.

Please renew by May 1, so you will continue to re-ceive the newsletter.

SHOW DONATIONS: Wanted to give a shout out for obtaining donations for our upcoming show.

It's not hard to get them. As a matter of fact – here's my easy sales pitch for one of my favorite restaurants – "Would you like some new customers?" And last year they gave me 4 - \$10 gift certificates, because each winner of a certificate brings in a paying customer who also gets introduced to a fabulous restaurant. Easy peasy! Or your hair salon. Or some gourmet food items where you shop. Or some other place that you frequent where they know you. Anything plant related is always a sought after item for raffle tickets. No donation is too small – we can package them together in a basket with something else, or give it away as a door prize. If this is your first show, you'll see that folks hang around just waiting for those door prize items that get called on the hour.

Give your donation forms with the identifying information to Jodi, our president, at the next meeting. If we get them early enough, we will be able to recognize the donor in our brochure and poster at the show AND they will also get some free tickets to the show. If each member got one donation – we're set! Call/text/email me if you have any questions. Elaine 407-509-8976 ebderiso@gmail.com

GREAT PLACES FOR MEMBERS TO FIND INFORMATION ON ORCHIDS:

- Programs—Take notes someday they will make sense.
- AOS Magazine articles. "Orchids" is available at every meeting for check out.
- Members Ask longtime members about orchids, but realize that your yard and potting choices are key. We all use trial and error to succeed.
- Internet sites—www.aos.org—This AOS site has the answer to almost any question.
- 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.

www.aos.org

UPCOMING SHOWS

- Apr. 20-22 Pan American Orchid Society Show R.F. Orchids, Homestead, FL
- Apr. 21-22 Tallahassee Orchid Society Show Doyle Conner Ag. Bldg., Tallahassee
- Apr. 28-29 Vero Beach Orchid Society Show Riverside Park, Vero Beach
- May 4-6 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to member John Hicks as he continues his medical treatment. We'll look forward to his attending our upcoming show.

Get well wishes to Ernie Walters, our AOS photographer, as he receives his treatment.

SHOW HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Wed., May 2nd—1:00 pm

Set up and cover tables—See Mike

Thurs., May 3rd—All day

Help vendors carry in orchids.

Set up niches, exhibits and arch.

Plant registration from 1-6

Fri., May 4th at 8:00 am—clerks meet in Annex with Margaret. More clerks are needed at this time, so contact Margaret Croucher to sign up.

Fri., Sat. & Sun.— Help is still needed for two hour time slots at the following:

Ticket Table—See Al

Courtesy Table—See Julie

Sun., May 6th—4:00 pm Everyone needed for clean up. Assist vendors. Fold tablecloths. Pack boxes.





There were so many beautiful blooming orchids at the March meeting. Hopefully, we will all have as many in bloom for the show in May.

At left: Mike's Lc. Firedance 'Patricia"

Rich's Den. Hawaiian Spectabile (left) and another dendrobium at right.

MARCH ORCHID FORUM

At left: Laura's Paph Miss Woolcot X Bulldog Jubilee grown under the trees in her backyard.

Below right: Margaret's Lc. Gold Digger 'Mandarin'



WOW!





Above: Holly's Den. Nobile

At left: Sally's Lys. Red Jewel

At right: Clive's Phal. with a new plant and flower growing on a stem.



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