Platinum Coast Orchid Society





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CALENDAR

Wed., Apr. 10th 6pm—Board Meeting

Wed., Apr. 10th 7pm—Business Meeting

Program: Niche and registration advice

Tues., Apr. 16th—4th Show Meeting at Hobbs Pharmacy

MAY

Show:

Wed., May 1st Noon- Set-up for show at Kiwanis

Thurs., May 2nd All day- Work day, niches, show exhibit, registration

Fri., May 3rd 8am—Clerks report to annex for Judging

Fri., May 3rd All day– Opening day of show Please show up for volunteer assignment

Sat. & Sun. All day- Show up for assignments

Sun. 4pm- Clean up. All hands on deck, please

Regular Meetings

Wed. May 8th 6pm Board Meeting

Wed. May 8th 7pm Regular Meeting

We are gearing up for our 2019 Annual Show. Don't forget to sign up at the meeting to help in whatever way you can at the show. Also, continue to find sponsors for the show. All sponsorships must be received by the April meeting, so they can be included in the show brochure.

Please bring any sponsorships you have collected over the past month. Be sure to have the forms filled out, so we have contact information.

DUES

If you have not paid your dues for 2019, please send them to Margaret Croucher, 510 Indian Bay Blvd., Merritt Island, FL 32953.

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to Shearer Kennedy as she continues to recuperate from her knee surgery. Deepest sympathy to former member, Glenda Titler, on the passing of her husband Phil and to member Marsha Lovas on the passing of her brother.

Please contact Betty at jadamson1@cfl.rr.com if you have any information about a member who needs a card.

GREAT PLACES FOR MEMBERS TO FIND INFORMATION ON ORCHIDS:

- 1. 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. 12-14Pan American Orchid Society ShowHomestead, FL
- Apr. 20-21 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Show Davie, FL
- Apr. 27-28 Vero Beach Orchid Society Show Vero Beach, FL
- May 3-5 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show Merritt Island, FL
- May 11-12Volusia County Orchid Society ShowVolusia County Fairgrounds

We need members who would like to help with the PCOS exhibit in the Volusia Show. Please let Laura Blackmon know if you would like to assist.

May 17-19 Redland International Orchid Festival Homestead, FL

Dear Members,

Thank you for the very kind expressions of sympathy. The patriotic floral basket was truly beautiful. Your presence, calls, emails, and cards have all been very comforting to me . Jim was extremely dedicated to PCOS and was very proud to be a long time and life member. He always wanted everyone to be successful with their plants and each bloom was very exciting to him whether it was your flower or his. I shall endeavor to continue his exemplary spirit and love for PCOS. Most sincerely, Betty Adamson

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BE PART OF THE TEAM!

ORCHID SAFARI

Our show is one of the best ways to get involved with the society and get to know other society members well. Many members spend the entire weekend at the show doing a variety of jobs, but even if you only have a little time, this will help you start thinking about what you would like to do:

<u>Find sponsors:</u> At February's meeting, you received sponsor forms. When you go to a restaurant or a store, tell the manager about the orchid society and the show and ask if they would like to contribute a gift certificate or prize. Money sponsorship will be used for trophy prizes. <u>All sponsors are recognized in the program and at the show if we receive their</u> <u>information and gift by the April meeting</u>. This is easy for anyone as most places are happy to donate to a community event. Just have them fill out the form and bring the form and gift to the meeting. Sponsor chair: Elaine DeRiso

<u>Help at the courtesy booth</u>: This is the place where visitors can buy raffle tickets, sign up for membership, and pick up information. Friendly and outgoing people are needed here. Pick a time slot or 2 for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Courtesy Booth Chair: Lisa Broddle

<u>Help at the ticket table:</u> This involves taking money for entrance and giving out door prize tickets. Friendly and outgoing people who can handle an occasional bit of stress when the lines are long are needed here. Pick a time slot or 2 for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Ticket Chair: Al Valentine

<u>Set up and clean up:</u> We need a variety of people here. There is some lifting, but we try to hire people to do heavy lifting. Putting on tablecloths, hanging signs, arranging tables, etc. is easy and fun. Set-up is on a Wednesday; tear down is on Sunday afternoon. Set-up Chair: Mike Ellis

<u>Clerking:</u> This involves quietly following the judges, reading a map and finding specific orchids that will be judged, listening to the judges' decisions and then recording them, making sure ribbons are filled out and hung on the appropriate plants. Those who listen well and can perform multiple tasks at a time are needed. Knowledge of different kinds of orchids is necessary. This takes place on Friday. Clerk Chair: Margaret Croucher

<u>Do a niche exhibit or help with the society exhibit:</u> A niche is a small orchid exhibit that one or two people work on. Ferns and moss are provided to help you fill out your exhibit. Some people use driftwood or stones, but however you do your exhibit, it needs to follow the show theme. People with an eye for design and are familiar with or will be present for the meeting program on "how to do a niche" will have fun with this. Niche Chair: Darlene Norton

<u>Registration:</u> This involves helping those who want to register plants, fill out the form correctly. If you have registered your own plants in the past and understand the format, you will be a big help here. This takes place on Thursday. Registration Chair: Sally Pancoast

<u>Helping vendors and others set up</u>: Thursday is a very hectic day, but the fun in being there for the whole day is that you get to witness the transformation. Some vendors will need help carrying in their orchids. Booth chairmen may need help setting up. Registration or exhibit chairs may need someone to run an errand. Show, hospitality or luncheon chairman may need help. This job can be filled by anyone who is willing to help.