

Platinum Coast Orchid Society The Rhyzome

June 2013 Edition

President's Message:

Once again thank you to all who made our 50th Annual Show and Sale a success! The team work and good will was very evident to our participants and guests. The post-show meeting is June 8 at 10:00.

The committee chairpersons will submit their reports and we'll have a round table discussion to collect feedback and ideas to improve the show for next year. Plan for lunch around 12:30 and to be finished before 2:00. Bring a food item of your choice to share. PCOS will provide beverages and pizza.

What programs would you like to see in the next year? Send Joyce Schofield (joyceschofield1@att.net) your ideas so we can present the most desired content for our membership programs.

Happy orchid growing!



Congratulations to Sally and Peter Pancoast and their AOS awarded plant 'Alice' (named after Peter's mom).



CALENDAR

June 8th, 10am	Post show meeting Karen Rood Bldg.
June 12th	Board Meeting
June 12th, 7pm	General Meeting Program on potting
Sept. 29th	Picnic SAVE THE DATE

Sunshine

Congratulations and Best Wishes to President Dennis on his marriage to Scherri on May 14th. Congratulations to Junior Member Justan James on his 8th grade graduation from Trinity Lutheran School. He will be attending Rockledge High School in the fall.

Special thoughts are sent to Lois Hicks and her family as she continues her medical treatment. We miss seeing her at all of our functions and meetings.

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Platinum Coast Orchid Society with flower in the center.

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FLORIDA NORTH-CENTRAL JUDGING CENTER
TAMPA, FLORIDA

FNC Schedule of Events for 2013

As of April 23, 2013

Center Judging Orlando (1:30 PM)

Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando 32803

May 11, 2013

June 8, 2013

July 13, 2013 Study Group, Eatonville

Aug 10, 2013 Training Seminar

Sept 14, 2013

Oct 12, 2013

Nov 9, 2013 Semi-annual meeting

Dec 14, 2013

Center Judging Tampa (7:00 PM)

At Christ the King Catholic Church, 821 S Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa FL 33609

April 24, 2013

May 22, 2013

***June 22, 2013 Annual meeting**

July 24, 2013

Aug 28, 2013

Sept 25, 2013

Oct 23, 2013

***Nov 20, 2013**

***Dec 18, 2013**

***Nonstandard judging dates.**

Study groups meet from 10:00 to noon on the mornings of judging in Orlando or Eatonville, usually at a Branch Library, For details contact Ted Kellogg at tmkellogg@gmail.com

Eatonville---200 E Kennedy Blvd, Eatonville 32751

Edgewater---5049 Edgewater Dr, Orlando 32810

Herndon---4324 E Colonial Dr, Orlando 32810

The Study Group sites are finalized on a monthly basis. Remember to check the website for the correct location each month.

Center Training Seminars

August 10, 2013 Details to be determined

Center Meetings

June 22, 2013 Christ the King Catholic Church, Annual meeting, Officer Elections, National award selections

Nov 9, 2013 Howard Johnson,
230 W State Road 436,
Altamonte Springs --

WHAT KIND OF ORCHIDIST ARE YOU? (A SATIRE)

Within our club we have members of all levels and interests. It is important to recognize where you are on the spectrum, because it will help you figure out what kinds of orchids to buy.

LEVEL 1—You like to look at orchids and you would probably be satisfied if you could keep some alive for more than a year. You can water them whenever they need it, and you might occasionally use fertilizer, but you are **never** going to learn how to repot your own orchids. This is my level, but I have a husband who is a level 4. If it weren't for him, I would buy phaleanopsis every year for my table, because the flowers last so long. Then I would throw it away when the blooms fall off. I would only buy vandas, dendrobiums*, and things already attached to a piece of wood, because I would never have to repot them. I would hang them in a tree and then be amazed and proud if they ever bloomed. (* I've heard dendrobiums don't like you messing with their roots.)

LEVEL 2—You would actually like to have a hands-on approach, but you don't know what you are doing and are afraid you will kill the plant if you repot it. You are going to have to take notes at every repotting lesson and then just jump in. You will probably be successful if you start with just one type of orchid and practice repotting several of those. Once you've conquered that type, you can move on to another, which may require different medium and care. When something works, be sure to write it down so you can repeat your success. (Most importantly, you will not remain at this level. You are in imminent danger of becoming a Level 3 or 4.)

LEVEL 3—You love orchids and you like taking care of them, but you don't always follow through in a timely manner. Your orchid area is in disarray, but you're generally successful because you are giving them everything they need. You know what you're doing, you're not afraid to try new things, and you like the level of reward you get out of this hobby. Orchids don't scare you and you don't scare them. (Admit it: You have too many orchids and you lack self control.)

LEVEL 4—You need therapy. You keep your orchid watering and feeding schedule on a calendar. You have an Excel spread sheet that gives great detail about each of your orchids. You have the family tree of your orchids. You are precise about your orchid care and you get outstanding results. You are so concerned that your orchids are crowded that you divide them into several plants every year, give the good divisions away to society members and keep the bad division for yourself. Your orchids are terrified when they see you coming, because they know they will be cut, coaxed, sprayed, dunked, divided, and sometimes left on a trash heap to die in the sun because they didn't have a viable eye. (With luck, little orchid, you will be saved by a level 1, 2, or 3 living in the same home.)

Anonymous

OUR SOCIETY EXHIBIT IN THE VOLUSIA SHOW (Shown below)

Many thanks to Sally, Peter, Joyce, Charlie, John and Barbara who helped with our exhibit in the Volusia Show. This is an important reciprocal event, since Volusia travels to our show to put in an exhibit. Many of our members, including Judy Law, Sally Pancoast, and Margaret Croucher, received awards on their plants that they so graciously loaned for this event. Much help is needed on these occasions, so if you would like to participate next year by helping in the Central Florida or Volusia Show, please let Sally or Joyce know.

UPCOMING SHOWS

The American Orchid Society did not list any shows for June in Florida. Please let us know at the meeting if you know of any.



Raffle Fun

Every current member who wears a nametag to the meeting will receive a raffle ticket for an orchid drawing.

AOS CORNER

Updates from AOS Headquarters

- Save the date – **November 14-16, 2013** -- for the Fall Members and Trustees meetings to be held at the new AOS home at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. Plans are underway for speakers and a show and as information becomes available, I'll pass it along. Having the fall meeting there provides us all perfect opportunity to visit Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - one of the top two tropical gardens in the world.
- Changes to *Orchids* production. Jim Watson, the long-time editor of *Orchids*, has left due to budgetary constraints of the AOS. Ron McHatton will be taking over Jim's editorial roles in conjunction with the Publications Committee.
- *The Veitch Memorial Medal Recipients*. Peter R. Furniss and Dr. Alec Pridgeon, Ph.D. were among six individuals honored with the The Veitch Memorial Medal by the Royal Horticulture Society. The Veitch Memorial Medal may be awarded annually to persons of any nationality who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the art, science or practice of horticulture. For more information on the recipients and the award, see the AOS website.

13th Supplemental Issue for 2013. The 2013 supplemental issue will be distributed with a Fall issue of *Orchids* magazine and the topic is the genus *Cattleya*. Donations (however small - \$2.00 minimum) are now being accepted on the AOS website. The publication of these supplemental issues is underwritten entirely by membership donations.

Throughout the remainder of the spring and summer, I hope you all will support your local societies' events and shows.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



PCOS is an affiliate of the **American Orchid Society (AOS)**. There's an abundance of information on the AOS website. For the last few months, a selection of the articles available on the AOS website have been featured in our newsletter. Please visit www.aos.org for articles, advice on growing orchids, and lots of free information.

Check out the Orchid magazine at our meetings, so you can see the benefits of being an American Orchid Society member.

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.

SHOW

The Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show is an AOS show, which means we have AOS judges who judge our plants. This year, many members walked away with ribbons and awards. Shown below and on the front page of this newsletter are the three orchids that received the AOS award and will be registered with the American Orchid Society.



Top to Bottom:
Co-Chairs Cathy and Dennis
Pedestal winner Nadine
Clerks prepare for judging
Betty at the 50th Anniversary table,



Thanks to all who contributed and participated in the Society Historical Exhibit. We were extremely happy to receive an award. All our efforts were greatly appreciated by the many who viewed our contribution to "Platinum Gold".