

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

June 2017 Edition



President's Message

Well, our 54th annual show is in the books and I am excited to share it was a very successful and profitable show. To see the Kiwanis gymnasium transform into such a beautiful show is amazing and could not be done without the generous effort of many of our members.

A huge **Thank You** goes out to all who donated their time and energy. What a great time we had!

Our next meeting is on June 14th at 7 pm. We will have Phillip Hamilton sharing his knowledge on Phalaenopsis and he will also be bringing some plants to sell.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Jodi

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to JoAnn Amos on the passing of her beloved mother and also to Rosa Blair on the passing of her mother. Our sympathy to Don, husband of Betty Burkam, of B & D Orchids.

Thank you to Laura Blackmon for sharing her buckets with members last month.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., June 9th—Set up exhibit for the CFOS show. Contact Sally if you would like to help or have orchids we can use.

Wed., June 14th, 6pm—Board meeting

Wed., June 14th, 7pm—**Business meeting at Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club.**

Program—Phalaenopsis—history, culture, diseases, & pests by Phillip Hamilton.

July and August—Rambles will take the place of our regular meetings. Stay tuned for dates, times, and addresses of the members who will let us visit their orchid collection. July 22nd is our probable date for the first one.

September 24th—Picnic



2017 Show Stoppers



The most important ingredients for our great show— Volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and judges.....and orchids, of course.

If you took any good photos of the show, please send them to me.

GREAT PLACES FOR MEMBERS TO FIND INFORMATION ON ORCHIDS:

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.
6. Visit the PCOS website and reread some of the articles in the newsletters from the past year or two.

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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UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

June 10 & 11—Central Florida Orchid Society Show, National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando

PCOS is doing an exhibit at the Central Florida Show. If you are available on June 9th or June 11th, please volunteer to either help set up or take down the exhibit.. If you have any blooming orchids you would like to put in the exhibit, please run them by Sally’s or Patti’s on Thursday, June 8th. Smaller species are especially needed.

SPONSOR UPDATE = All of our sponsors for the show were in May’s newsletter. If you visit their locations, be sure to let them know we appreciate them. I attended the Keep Brevard Beautiful Garden Tour and noticed that one of our sponsors, Gardens by Shelley, had landscaped one of the homes on the tour. Shelley is related to member Ruth McKinney who donated the beautiful orchid watercolor. Island Art Gallery was an award sponsor again this year. Several of our members show their art there. If you were one of the recipients of Anne Collings’ certificates, she is a Doctor of Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture, not really a masseuse in the traditional sense.

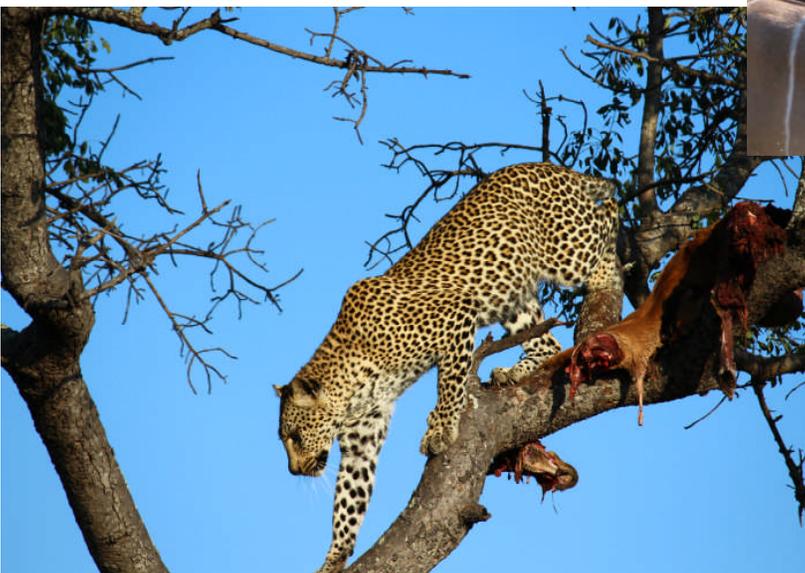
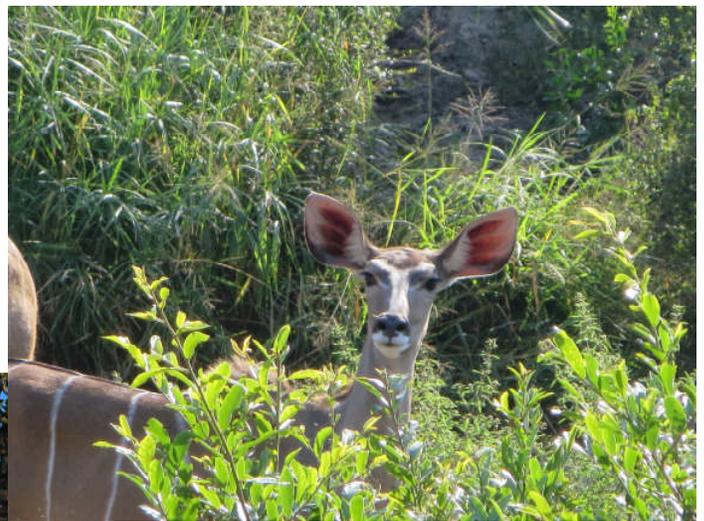


Africa



Last year, one of the worst droughts on record took Africa in its grip. The grass, needed to sustain grazing animals, died. Some of the grazers moved on to try to find much needed sustenance, but others, like the fierce Cape buffalo, succumbed before they could set out. Their carcasses dotted the landscape. While the predators benefitted from this bounty of meat, even they suffered. One whole pride of lions lost their entire cub population to mange, made worse by the lack of rain.

And yet, in the midst of this tragedy, somehow, the very thing that one would think couldn't survive, did.....the orchid.



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The Amazing Orchid



Many thanks to our creative and dedicated members who designed and put together our exhibit for the Volusia County Orchid Show. Our exhibit received a second place award and also “Best Show Theme”. Sally had diligently whittled a heart into a piece of driftwood to represent the show theme. See if you can find it in the photo below.

GREAT JOB!!!!!!

L-R: Laura Blackmon, Walter Bryant, Margaret Croucher, Sally Pancoast

Our Volusia Show Exhibit



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