

Happy Summer!

I hope everyone is surviving the heat and frequent showers. I would like to extend a huge Thank You to both Clive & Carol Gay and Peter & Sally Pancoast for hosting rambles. We will be having at least one more ramble in the near future.

I am excited about our next meeting which will be on August 8th at 7pm. Look for details in this newsletter. If you are new to orchid growing or just want some good basic information, the AOS website has it. Take a look at the following link: http:// www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/beginnersnewsletter.aspx

It has so much information available and you don't even need to be an AOS member to access it! Happy Growing! C. Gessy Doering - From Sally's collection to Charlie's years ago.

CALENDAR

Wed., August 8th, 6pm Board Meeting

Wed., August 8th, 7pm Meeting with Orchid Question and Answer session at Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club. Bring your blooming orchids. This will be a great opportunity to identify the different orchids and their specific care. Take a moment to review the orchid care sheets from the last 3 newsletters.

Tues., Aug. 21st, 6:30-8pm Ramble at Charlie & Patti's. Details will be sent out one week prior by e-mail.

Sun., October 14th Picnic

Jodi

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to the family of former member Louise Loy. She and her two daughters, Nora Sanchez and Gale Morgan, were all great orchid enthusiasts.

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.

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Jodi presenting our contribution to Candlelighter's of Brevard.

WAYS NEW MEMBERS CAN BE MORE INVOLVED IN PCOS

Being more involved opens everyone up to closer friendships. There are so many opportunities, big and small. And seasoned members are always willing to guide and help anyone interested in taking on a job.

BUSINESS MEETING::

Help with refreshments, so one person isn't totally responsible. Shannon is doing a wonderful job, but would be grateful for help.

Consider being a board member.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Volunteer to chair or be a committee member for the picnic or holiday party.

Volunteer to host a ramble at your house.

Next spring be on the CFOS or VCOS show exhibit committee.

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BE PART OF THE TEAM!

HOLIDAY PARTY CHAIRMAN



Many thanks to Clive and Carol for hosting a great ramble. Delicious snacks, fellowship, and lots of great ideas for your collection in one stop.













Sally has catalogued her 1246 orchids (see above and left). Thank you to Sally and Peter for hosting another fun ramble.

