

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

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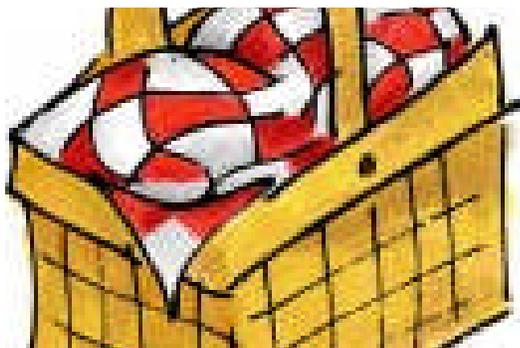
At the Cocoa Beach Pavilion

Noon

Main dish will be provided.

Members bring a side dish or dessert.

Great food and games with orchids as prizes.



If you did not sign up at the meeting but would like to attend, e-mail Kathy at the previous address sent or just e-mail the editor back with your name, side dish, and number in your party.

Directions: Take SR 520 to Cocoa Beach. Turn right onto A1A. At Minuteman Causeway make a right. After passing the schools and the water towers, turn left and go all the way to the Cocoa Beach Country Club parking lot. The pavilion is at east end of the lot next to the pool.

CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 6—Noon Annual Picnic

Wed., Oct. 9 - 6pm Board Meeting

Wed., Oct. 9 - 7pm Regular Meeting

There will be a book sale and members may bring in their orchids and orchid supplies to sell.

Wed., Nov. 13—6pm Board Meeting

Wed., Nov. 13—7pm Regular Meeting

Speaker Daryl Venables of Tezula Plants in Miami will speak on Equitant Oncidiums (now called Tolumnias).

Wed., Dec. 11—Party

SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 17th— Bus trip to Tamiami show in Miami

35 to 40 people needed to sign-up.

Payment due at that time.

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.

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 FLORIDA SHOWS

Sept. 28-29 Tampa Orchid Club Expo

USF Botanical Gardens, Tampa

Oct. 5-6 South Florida Orchid Society Show

U of M Watsco Center, Coral Gables

Oct. 12-13 Gainesville Orchid Society Show

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville

Oct. 18-20 East Everglades Orchid Society Show

R.F. Orchids, Homestead

Oct. 25-27 Delray Beach Orchid Society Show

Old School Square Fieldhouse, Delray Beach

Nov. 9-10 Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show

Riverwalk Center, Ft. Pierce

Nov. 16-17 Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Show

Safe Schools Institute, Boca Raton

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September Program



Everyone enjoyed the program on Broughtonias by Phil Hamilton of Bredren Orchids. It was great to see Phil and Liz again.

My Notes:

They like it bright and dry. Do NOT overwater.

Mount them. They don't like to wobble. They want roots exposed.

Don't cut the spikes until they are completely brown.

Before mounting them, trim all roots right back to the rhizome.

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Moments of Wonder by the Editor

I had the opportunity recently to meet the inspiring Jane Goodall. I started reading her new book, *Seeds of Hope*, on the flight home and was intrigued when I saw some photos of orchids in the center, which included the monkey orchid, *Dracula gigas*, and the orchid named for her, *Spathoglottis Jane Goodall*.

The chapter on orchids mentioned that Charles Darwin wrote a book in 1877 called *The Various Contrivances by Which Orchids Are Fertilized by Insects*. In the section about man's obsessive quest for rare orchids, she sites Norman MacDonald's *The Orchid Hunters: A Jungle Adventure* and Craig Pittman's *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid* about something that happened right here in Florida. All of these references made me wonder whether or not any of these books are in the collection that will be on sale at the October meeting.

The section on 'Orchids as Food and Medicine' reminded me of the Tanzanian orchids I wrote about in the March 2018 edition of the *Rhizome*. I wondered if my feet touched the same ground as Jane's when she was studying the chimps in their habitat or working with Dr. Leakey at the Olduvai Gorge.

While reading the section on Orchids in Peril, I wondered how many orchids would be lost to habitat destruction before they were ever even discovered. I wondered how many are already gone. I wondered if all of the projects Jane is working on will make a difference.

My favorite quote from her book :

"Someone once wondered why it is that if a work of Man is destroyed, it is called vandalism, but if a work of nature, of God, is destroyed it is so often called progress." (p.69 *Seeds of Hope*)

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