

Platinum Coast Orchid Society November/December 2014 Edition The Rhyzome



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Just a few words to keep us going for the next two months. I hope you had a chance to hear Vern Bloch's presentation at our last meeting. It was very informative and full of beautiful pictures. Vern is a treasure chest of knowledge. Coming up for November we will be having a member plant sale. Please bring any type of plants, cuttings and divisions you may have. These do not have to be orchids. We will be having a short meeting to elect our officers for next year. If you haven't heard, the title for 2015's show will be "Island Orchidfest". Our thanks and congratulations go to Margaret Croucher for this theme. Please bring any ideas you may have for a poster to the meeting. We are looking for original works of art that may be used for a poster. Please note our info for shows and a retirement plant sale in the calendar. Until our next meeting, My best, Cathy

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 2 months

Wed., Nov. 12th Board Meeting at Kiwanis Island

**Wed., Nov. 12th, 7pm General Meeting at
Kiwanis Island**

**Wed., Dec. 10th, 6:30 pm Holiday Party (see
last page for details)**



Green Emerald Orchid Queen, Growers Jim and Betty Adamson. Betty brought this orchid to the September meeting along with the following article (condensed) by Mindy Lighthipe, who has featured this orchid in her notecards called "Nature's Wisdom".

"The orchid symbolizes obsession.....Orchids attract pollinators for reproduction by smell, visual mimicry and trickery.....Orchids can lure a pollinator to the edge of its pouch and the insect falls in.....For centuries, the orchid has been a symbol of love, luxury and beauty. It is thought to be the most exotic and evocative of flowers. Their rare beauty has created a mysterious and alluring obsession. They are highly prized and coveted by collectors. Special message: The orchid represents a possible obsession. Look at your present circumstance and decide whether you have become infatuated with something. It could get out of control. The whole point of adding this to my blog post is that I am OUT OF CONTROL!!!!. There are orchids everywhere I turn; in the studio, on the kitchen counter, in the shower, in the doorway, outside on the deck. I am in heaven. I love it! **My message to you is go and pursue your passion and don't be afraid to get out of control.**"

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Platinum Coast Orchid Society with flower in the center.

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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. Check out the great articles in this month’s edition.

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.

UPCOMING SHOWS

**Oct. 30-Nov. 2 Orchid Spooktacular/AOS
Affiliated Societies Show and Sale**
Sheraton, 600 N. Lake Destiny Dr., Maitland, FL
Friday 9:30 am to Sun. 4:30 pm

Nov. 15-16 Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Show
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center 10-5
1801 NE 6th St., Pompano, FL

ALSO: The Orchid Specialist RETIREMENT SALE

Thousands of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, orchid species and tropicals available up to 50% off. Additional discounts for large orders. Visit www.orchidspecialist.com for list of inventory, pricing information, and business location.

6,000 sq. ft. greenhouse on 1/2 acre lot near Orlando, FL also available.

Open House Nov. 8-9, 10 a.m. -6 p.m., or afternoons by appointment. Sale starts Oct. 1. (407) 889-3138

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1605 Jeanette St.
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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.

www.aos.org

LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD MEMBERS TO TAKE POSITIONS

After the election, our board would like to have volunteers for the following: greeter to greet and give tickets for nametags every month, raffle chair to sell raffle tickets each month, publicity chair, program chair to plan programs for the year, exhibit chair to coordinate helpers to set up exhibits at 2 shows during the year, six volunteers to rotate bringing refreshments. See Cathy if you would like to volunteer. Our club is only as good as its members.

Raffle Fun

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

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to the family of former member Evelyn Taylor. Evelyn was an avid orchid grower and was especially fond of cattleyas and vandas. BA



Above left: Pot. Montana Spirit, and right: Lc. Christian Starr 'Tribute' Growers: Margaret and Bill Croucher



Left: Judy Law's dendrobium

Below: Lc. Dinard 'Blue Heaven' Grower: JoAnn Amos



**SEPT.
ORCHID
FORUM**



Holiday Party



Wed., December 10th, 2014

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Main dish and drinks provided by PCOS

Members will bring their favorite side dish to share.

Sign up at the November meeting or let Cathy Virata know how many family members will be attending and what dish you will bring by Nov. 30th.



Vern Block's presentation on Encyclias and Epidendrums was enjoyed by all. Since Vern had plants for sale, it was a great opportunity for members to "collect" a few new orchids.



OCTOBER'S MEETING



During the plant forum, Christina Rovira shared her Cattleya Hailstorm, shown at left.