

Platinum Coast Orchid Society
Brevard County, Florida

The Rhyzome

July 2011 Edition



Den. Lorrie Mortimer 'Mimi'
Grower: Margaret Croucher

President's Message

Hello Members,

It was good to see those who were in attendance at the Back to Basics meeting. The plan was to have some of the more experienced growers perform their magic from time to time. I really expected others to step up and show their expertise in staking orchids but since no one else volunteered, I got to steal the show! I hope those attending took something from my so-called expertise. Staking orchids is, in my opinion, extremely important if you want your blooming plants to look their very best. I had several plants with me, already in bloom, that should have been staked long before that evening. Just so you know, it is a lot easier to do the staking before the blooms mature and the flower weight bends the bloom spikes.

I know that there are a lot of knowledgeable growers in our club and I hope we can do some more of the demonstrations and share our knowledge with each other. If you think this is a good idea, let your opinion be known.

I bet you all will agree with me that this summer has been brutally hot and was preceded by a brutally cold winter. These have been conditions that complicate our growing habits tremendously. I, for one, feel that these seasonal conditions have even resulted in more pests such as scale and mealy bug. There even seems to be more roaches, slug, and snails to contend with. In any event, conditions have been more challenging for me to cope with than ever before in my experience. I only hope that you members don't get discouraged. Let's all hang in there!

My brief comment about future shows is that the situation is definitely unsettling. However, from the limited sources that I have I am optimistic that the situation at our show site will only get better and we can enjoy improved conditions with fewer challenges. I really believe that we will know more details in the near future. Hope to see more members at future meetings.

Sincerely,

Jim

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 13th 6:15 pm
Board Meeting
Kiwanis Park

July 13th 7:00 pm
Business Meeting
Kiwanis Park

July 27th Ramble
At Patti and Charlie's
6:30-7:30pm

SMILE BOX

**A BIG THANK YOU TO
JAN CASTILLO FOR THE WON-
DERFUL SMILE BOX SHE
SENT OUT. IT REMINDED US
OF THE GREAT TIME WE HAD
AT OUR SHOW.**

RAMBLE

On July 27th, there will be no Back to Basics meeting, but we will meet at the home of Charlie Scholes to see how another member grows orchids.

Charlie's address is:
1520 Tuna Street
Merritt Island

DIRECTIONS:
From Merritt Square Mall, go east on SR520. Turn left onto Sykes Creek Parkway. Follow Sykes Creek and bear left at the triangle, where Sykes Creek turns into Banana River Dr. About one mile after Audobon Elementary, make a left onto S. Harbor Drive. Make a right onto Tuna St. and pull over and park, since it's the first house on the right.
If coming on SR528, exit at Banana River Dr. and make a right onto Banana River Dr. After going over the second bridge, make a right onto S. Harbor Drive and a right onto Tuna Street.

As usual, in the summertime, it's a good idea to prepare for mosquitos.

**A BIG WELCOME
to our new member
Dolores Causey.**

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Clty. Jose Hermos
(Caty. Chantilly Lace x C. violaceum)
Grower: Steve DeSorbo



Members and their orchids



Odbrs. Kenneth Bivens 'Santa Barbara'
HCC/AOS
Grower: Margaret Croucher

Does anyone recognize the orchid on the right above? John Hicks gave out pieces of this orchid about a year ago, but wasn't sure of the name. If you know the name, please let us know. Maybe Johnny Hicks can help us? Cattleya medium sized flower
Grower Charlie Scholes

The Back to Basics crowd gathers 'round to watch Jim demonstrate how to stake plants and flower stalks.



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If you have any additional PCOS library books or materials please contact Sally at sallypancoast@cfl.rrcom. We are missing several books including the following:

A manual of Orchidaceous Plants vol. I by Veitch

A manual of Orchidaceous Plants Vol. II by Veitch

Home Orchid Growing by Rebecca T. Northern

Bulbophyllums and their Allies: a growers guide by Emily Siegerist

The library is currently located at my home. If you would like any of the library materials please contact me by email or phone. 459-1996.

If you have any of the club AOS bulletins, please bring them to a meeting to share with other members.

AOS CORNER

If your society is one that goes on hiatus for the summer, I hope you plan to have some type of activity for your members. It's a good time to visit each others' greenhouses or other growing spaces, brag about and share ideas on your successes, commiserate on your not so successful ones, be exposed to a different genre or just spend time together and talk 'orchid.' Day trips can also be a great way to bridge the gap over the summer. There's a listing of AOS shows in each *Orchids* magazine as well as on the AOS website at www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=39.

Hopefully by the time you receive this you'll have already checked your society information on the new website. Preparation for the publication of the annual Orchid Source Directory (OSD) is well underway and we need correct society contact information. If what's listed isn't correct, let Pam Giust - pgiust@aos.org - know as soon as possible. In addition, members of the AOS Affiliated Societies Committee have been contacting the societies to update their records as well. If a member the committee hasn't yet contacted you or you have been unable to get back to them, feel free to send corrected information to me at affiliated_societies@aos.org. We need accurate society contact and meeting information as well as the current AOS Representative, Society President and Newsletter Editor.

The next gathering of the Affiliated Societies Committee and traditional Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be held during the American Orchid Society Fall 2011 Members' Meeting (October 26-30) in San Antonio, TX. More information and registration forms can be found on the Alamo Orchid Society website at www.alamoorchidsociety.org). I hope at some point each of you will be able to make an AOS Members' Meeting. They are held twice a year all around the country.

News Flash from Headquarters.....Some things actually come DOWN! One of the benefits of society affiliation with the American Orchid Society is the availability of reasonably priced liability insurance for your society's events. Coverage is offered as a rider on the AOS's liability policy and the price of that coverage has been cut in half. Last year, the cost of coverage was \$500 per rider with a separate rider being required for each society event. Effective July 1, 2011, the cost has been reduced to **\$250** and if your society or judging center have more than one event or site during the year, coverage can be included under a single \$250 fee. If you are interested, the application form is available from Pam Giust at AOS headquarters. Payment and completed information must be submitted to AOS 30 days prior to your event.

Have a great summer and happy growing.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

AOS Affiliated Society Committee