

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society January 2015 Edition The Rhyzome



C. Orglades Grand

Grower: Sally Pancoast

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We hope to see everyone at the January 14th meeting, during which we will install our new officers for 2015. Be sure to bring your blooming orchids to share, since this is a great time for discussion. If you would like to have a “portrait” of the orchid you bring e-mailed to you, please take your orchid to Charlie’s photographic area at the meeting, with your name, e-mail address, orchid name if you know it, and a description, so the right photo will be sent to you. If you are ready to take on some responsibility at the show, plan to attend the show planning meeting on January 28th. As you will find out over the next few months, getting involved in the show is fun and a great learning experience. Best of all, no experience is necessary for most positions.

## SUNSHINE

Congratulations to Jim Adamson for winning the Best Dendrobium at the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society show. The Den is: Dr. Poyck X Den Black Cat, which has been named Dendrobium Red Maroon. (A strange name since the flower is almost black!) I know several of our members have this plant. Keep growing it well, as the plant was pulled for AOS judging!!

Best wishes to Carrie Wam, Executive Director of Candlelighters of Brevard, upon her retirement. Carrie was our first contact with the organization and her passion for the group will be greatly missed.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 14th, 5:30pm Board Meeting held in the small meeting room next to the gym.

January 14th, 7pm General Meeting

Kiwanis Island

Jan. 28th, 6pm Show meeting for those interested in planning and taking a chair position at the show.

Karen Rood Bldg at Kiwanis

February 11th Board Meeting

February 11th, 7pm Meeting

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### **PUBLICITY**

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### **REFRESHMENTS**

***\*\*\*\*Please call Cathy if you would like to volunteer for one of the chair positions. Since we have so many capable members, we should have enough volunteers to cover every position.***

## **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 arti-  
cles in this month’s edition.
3. Members— Ask longtime mem-  
bers 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 al-  
most any question.
5. Rambles at members’ homes.

### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

#### **Jan. 17-18 Tamiami International Orchid Show**

Dade County Fairgrounds Expo  
Miami, Florida

#### **Jan 23-25 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show**

War Memorial Auditorium  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

#### **Feb. 7-8 Venice Area Orchid Society Show**

Venice Community Center  
Venice, Florida

#### **Feb. 14-15 Boca Raton Orchid Society Show**

Safe Schools Institute  
Boca Raton, Florida

#### **Feb. 20-22 Naples Orchid Society Show**

Mooring Presbyterian Church Gym  
Naples, Florida



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](http://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](http://www.aos.org)

## **LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD MEMBERS TO TAKE POSITIONS**

**WE NEED YOU** to volunteer for the following: greeter to greet and give tickets for nametags every month, 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. If you're inspired right now, click respond with your mouse and the editor will make sure your message gets to Cathy.

### **SAGA OF AN ORCHID LOVER**

He loved his orchids and clearly cherished every one. He kept a schedule for watering and fertilizing and regularly repotted his orchids to keep them looking perfect. In an effort to keep them manageable, he divided as he repotted and then gifted many of them to friends and family. Not long ago, while visiting a recipient, he noticed a beautiful orchid blooming on one of her trees. She's not an orchid grower, but loves plants, so he went over to take a closer look. Realizing it was one of the orchids he gave her, he lamented that his own division had died. As a matter of fact, he had lost many plants during the year to excessive rain and who knows what else. Not content to be satisfied with the extra space he now had, he scoured the Adamson's orchid house, looking to replace his favorite plants that had died. Thankfully, he was able to, with Jim's help.

At Christmas, he noticed that somehow, his daughter had acquired two of his divisions of Red Crab. She told him to take one, but since they were impossibly root bound, he declined. (Being too orderly can sometimes be your downfall.) Hers were beautiful, each with about 50 blooms. Oddly enough, she also had the mysterious colored orange Red Crab. How did that happen? During the holidays, an orchid society member brought him an 'Orglades Grand' that looked just like one he had lost. During the discussion that followed, the orange 'Red Crab' was mentioned. This friend offered to divide it for the daughter, keeping a division for herself, the daughter, and the orchid grower.

If you don't have at least one story like this, you need to get more involved in your orchid society so you can experience the bond between orchid lovers, who are willing to share their knowledge and their plants with others who have the same passion. Have a Happy New Year filled with orchid surprises.

### **Raffle Fun**

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