

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

Brevard County, Florida

## The Rhyzome

April 2012 Edition



### Message from the President:

There has been a lot going on the past couple months with new activities and show planning. We seem to run short of time at every meeting. We had to postpone the mounting demonstration scheduled for the March meeting. Craig did show us a couple examples of plants he mounted with great success. Craig and Steve will reschedule for a later date. Charlie showed us what a little TLC can do for a plant purchased at Home Depot. He has divided his "Mary Schroeder" several times and it is beautiful. Don't be afraid of those bargain table orchids! The show is a month away and we still have a couple key positions unfilled. We need entrants for the pedestals and niches. Please come out and lend your support at our next show planning meeting, April 19, 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Island Park, Karen Rood Community Center.

Dennis

**Sunshine**

Best wishes continue to Sally Pancoast as she recovers from her recent shoulder surgery.

### Show Sponsors

If you have any show sponsorships to turn in, please bring them to the meeting on April 11th and give them to Marsha. Only sponsors turned in by Apr. 15th will make it on the show program, since it has to be submitted for printing. Any received after that date will receive recognition on the bulletin board.

Fill your April baskets with beautiful orchids like Nadine Kern did in this photo.

### APRIL CALENDAR:

**April 11th 6:00 pm**  
Board Meeting-Kiwanis Island

**During the board meeting:**  
**\*\*\*All members who need help repotting an orchid can bring their orchids to the area outside the meetingroom at 6:00 pm and there will be someone to help you repot.**

**If you need to buy pots or medium, John Hicks will be there with his supplies. Be sure to call him if you need pots or medium. (See email for his # and email)**

**April 11th 7pm- Meeting**  
Kiwanis Island Park—Doyle Carlton Pavilion Meeting Room -on the left as you enter the large parking lot. Learn how to clean and present your orchids for judging at the show. Betty and Elaine will do a demonstration for those entering pedestals.

## 2012 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRS

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### **SUNSHINE**

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### **HOSPITALITY/GREETER**

**Shearer Kennedy**

The following chair positions need to be filled.  
Please let Dennis know if you would be willing  
to take one of these positions:

2. Programs—Plans and coordinates programs

3. Historical—Takes pictures and keeps a  
scrapbook of the society's activities.

4. Exhibits—In charge of organizing and put-  
ting in the exhibits at the affiliated societies  
shows, usually just 2 a year.

5. Publicity—Finds opportunities to inform the  
public of our society and its activities.

6. Raffle—Sells raffle tickets at the meeting.

7. Picnic Chairman

8. Holiday Party Chairman



Enc. bractescens

Grower: Ginny Oliphant

"It's fun to grow, because it has so many flowers."

# How you can help at the show

**PUBLICITY**—Every member can help with publicity by hanging posters, putting signs in the ground, and selling tickets. These will be available at the April meeting.

**SPONSORS**—Every member can find one restaurant or business who will sponsor a door prize, and return the paperwork and prize to Marsha Lovas by the April meeting.

**NICHES**—Design a niche, which is like a small exhibit, for the show. Background foliage is provided. Please contact Judy Law, if you will do a niche.

**PEDESTALS**— Let Elaine Chambers know if you will design a pedestal arrangement for the show.

**CLERKS**— Let Jan Castillo know if you would like to be a clerk this year.

**SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SHOW COMMITTEES (A sign up sheet will be at the meetings or you can contact Patti at [orchidpat@aol.com](mailto:orchidpat@aol.com)):**

**Set Up:** Heavy lifting, table set up, table covers on Wednesday, May 2nd

**Registration:** Registering plants on Thursday, May 3rd  
Pedestals and niches are also on Thursday, May 3rd

**Awards Board:** Writing the award winners on the board on Friday, May 4th

**Clerking:** Helping judges find the plants on Friday, May 4th

**Society Exhibit:** Helping with the society exhibit on Thursday, May 3rd.

**Potting Booth:** This is one of the most popular parts of the show and we need members for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to repot orchids.

**Courtesy Booth:** This is our opportunity to meet the public and encourage them to join. Raffle items are also at this table. Let Joan Lehnert know if you would like to work on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

**Ticket Booth:** If you can work the ticket booth on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, let Nadine Kern know.

**Individual Plant Placement** – On Thursday, after plants have been registered, members are needed to move the plant to its designated place.

**Clean Up-** Many are needed at 4 pm on Sunday to load the tables and pick up all of the society 's belongings.

**THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE WORKING THE SHOW HAVE COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION. THIS SHOW RELIES ON THE WORK OF EVERY SINGLE MEMBER TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IT IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO GET TO KNOW EVERYONE AND LEARN ABOUT ORCHIDS AND THE SOCIETY.**



Elf Camille Theobald came up with a few Irish recipes for our treats at the March meeting.



Steve and Betty discuss the wide variety of orchids brought in for the Orchid Forum.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

Mar. 31-Apr 1 Central Florida Orchid Society Show  
Maitland Civic Center

Apr. 28-29 Vero Beach Orchid Society Show  
Riverside Park

May 4-6 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show  
Kiwanis Island Gymnasium

May 12-13 Volusia County Orchid Society Show  
Volusia County Fairgrounds  
[www.vcosonline.org](http://www.vcosonline.org)



Ruth Quillian shared her beautiful red orchid.

C Grezaffi Shawn  
Grower Joann Amos  
This was a gift from Joe Grezaffi. It is watered twice a week,  
and is in high light.



PCOS Embroidered Shirts  
Platinum Coast Orchid Society with  
flower in the center.

Available at :

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Sizes Small-XL \$28.00

2X \$30.00 3X \$34.00

If you bring your own shirt, embroidery  
charge will be \$10.

## AOS CORNER

One of the more interesting advantages of being the AOS Affiliated Societies Chair is that some of the societies send me their newsletters. I scan those that I directly get as well as on go to the AOS forum and read some of the newsletters that are posted there. By going through these newsletters, I realize how active, vibrant and healthy many of our affiliated societies are. Through their commitment and love of orchids, they manage to share their knowledge and passion with other like-minded individuals. Through the advancement of social media and computerized publishing programs, these newsletters are filled with great photographs of orchids of their shows and meeting show tables, more regional cultural information. Through these AOS Corners, I provide information for the societies to use in their newsletters about the American Orchid Society and its programs, activities and resources. I appreciate it when I see them posted in these newsletters.

The Kansas Orchid Society will be hosting the AOS Annual Members meeting at its annual orchid show April 25 – 30, 2012 in Wichita. SWROGA and other alliances will be holding their meetings as part of this meeting. These national and regional meetings provide the opportunity to shop, meet the vendors and others in the orchid world face to face, talk about what is new in the orchid world or have someone just listen to your own theories and tips. The speakers for the AOS Members Meeting and Kansas Orchid Society Show are diverse and definitely provide something for everyone. They are **Dr. Leonid Averyanov, Key-note Speaker**, Senior Researcher and Professor of the Herbarium of Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St. Petersburg, Russia), and Vice President of the All-Russian Botanical Society. He will be speaking on *'Orchids of Vietnam: Ecology of Ornamental Species'*. **Dr. Raymond A. Cloyd**, Professor and Extension Specialist in Ornamental Entomology/Integrated Pest Management, Department of Entomology, Kansas State University, who will be speaking on *'Pests of Orchids'*. **Robert Fuchs**, R.F. Orchids, who will be speaking on *'Vandaceous Intergeneric Hybrids'*. **Patricia Harding**, AOS judge and Author, speaking on *'Brazilian Oncidium'*. **Norito Hasegawa**, of Paphanatics, Unlimited and an 'over extended hobbyist presenting *'What's New in Paphs?'*. **Alan Koch** of Gold Country Orchids speaking about *'Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture'* and **Bryon Rinke**, presenting a presentation on *'Phalaenopsis lobbii and parishii, the species and hybrids'*.

There are many other regional orchid events going on and they are listed on the AOS website under Events. If your society is hosting a show as an affiliated society, make sure to have it posted under the AOS Events Calendar.

If there is some information your society would be interested in through these AOS Corners, please let me know. I am open for any suggestions. I can be reached through [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org) or directly at [mlfuller@comcast.net](mailto:mlfuller@comcast.net).

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

### More Raffle Fun

**Everyone who wears a nametag to the meeting will receive a raffle ticket for an orchid drawing. If you never received your PCOS nametag, please let Joyce Schofield know at least one week prior to the meeting, so she can have it ready for you.**

## Orchids of Vietnam By Patti Scholes

There are more than 700 orchid species found in Vietnam, mostly in the Central Highlands, where there is a suitable climate for growing them.

On a recent trip to Vietnam, it became obvious that people all over Vietnam are in love with their orchids. From the bustling city of Hanoi, to a serene temple in Hue, to a boutique hotel in Hoi An, the Vietnamese are nurturing their orchids and love them even when they are not blooming.

Their saying is “To successfully make an orchid bloom, the gardener must have a pure heart and the patience of a saint.” Forgetting the motorbike horns, even the Hanoi orchid growers can concentrate on the deliberate task of nurturing their orchids.



A variety of orchids growing on trees are nurtured by the monks at Chua Thien Mu (Celestial Lady Pagoda) in Hue, Vietnam.

# *Platinum Coast Orchid Society*

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION for 2012**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ or RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_ (Renewal ONLY no changes in data) \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ No.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$15.00 PER PERSON FOR REGULAR MEMBERS AND \$3.00 FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS (UNDER 16 YEARS OLD). Please pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to the "Platinum Coast Orchid Society" or "PCOS".

The membership fee is for one calendar year from Jan. 1 thru Dec 31, except for new members who join at the 2012 PCOS Orchid Show or those who join after Oct 1, 2012, who will be members through 12/31/2013.

AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Give or mail this completed form with cash or a check for the MEMBERSHIP FEE stated above to Joyce Schofield, your Membership Chairman, addressed below:

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