

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome June 2018 Edition



Thank you to Clive, Mark and Terry for our lovely entrance exhibit.

Hello Members:

Our 55th annual show is in the books and what a great show it was. Thank you to all who contributed to making our show another great success. We could not have done it without you! There are too many to name, but you all know who you are!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members. It is wonderful to see so many new faces. We have a fun society that will teach you about orchids and more.

Our meeting on June 13th will feature our speaker, Vern Bloch. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Jodi

CALENDAR

June 13th Board Meeting 6:00pm

June 13th Business Meeting 7:00pm

Speaker: Vern Bloch

“What is wrong with my orchid?”



Thank you to Buck for sharing his bare root divisions with members, so they could use their new repotting skills. Thanks to Sally for the great repotting program.

Welcome to our new members who joined at the show. To help you learn more about your orchids, the last page of the newsletter will be a novice culture sheet from the AOS website at www.aos.org

The information on Margaret's poster can be found at

<http://sunbulb.com/info/>

<http://everything-orchids.com>

www.aos.org

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 SHOWS

June 2-3 Central Florida Orchid

Society Show

National Guard Armory

Orlando

PCOS entered an exhibit

THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL SPONSORS WHO SUPPORTED OUR SHOW BY CONTRIBUTING DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE PRIZES OR AWARD SPONSORSHIPS

Jon’s Fine Jewelry	S.F. Travis & Co. Hardware
Ruth McKinney Art	Dave’s Wooden Treasures
Chart House	Landscape Depot
Sunrise Diner	Grill’s Seafood
Home Depot, Merritt Island	Kelsey’s Cape Canaveral
Discount Tires	Ace Hardware, Cocoa Beach
Yoga by Barbara O’Connor	Phase 9 Align Acupuncture
Sunseed Food Co-op	Yellow Dog Cafe
Pita Paradise	Emerald Island Nursery
Cherie Washington Stylist	Pet Pros
Grandpa’s Steakhouse	Rockledge Gardens
Bikram Yoga	Long Doggers Restaurant
TA Ellis Consulting	Ed Kidder
Lisa & John Broddle	Charlie & Patti Scholes
Bill and Margaret Croucher	Hobbs Pharmacy
QCA Photography	Nadine Kern
Maria and Frank Maloney	Space Coast Pilot Club
Barbara & Dennis Biondi	Elaine Chambers
Ritter-Tropic 1 Orchids	Smiley’s Orchids & Greenery
Adamson’s Orchids	Orchids in Bloom
Orchis Floriculturing	Thunderbird Press, Inc.
Bath Cottage	Susan Pietrasko Art
Holly Pardi	Christopher Rhyne

Show Set-Up



On With the Show.....



At our May show, there were 5 entries that received an AOS award. The list of awards below may help you understand the process used for this determination. These plants are photographed and the photos are sent to the American Orchid Society.

AOS AWARDS The American Orchid Society grants the following awards to orchids and exhibitors. AOS awards are a recognized measure of quality the world over and coveted by hobbyists and commercial growers alike. An AOS flower quality award adds value to an orchid in its own right, and as a parent for creating hybrids.

HCC (Highly Commended Certificate) Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 75 to 79 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

AM (Award of Merit) Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 80 to 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

FCC (First Class Certificate) The highest flower-quality award, awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 90 points or more on a 100-point scale.

JC (Judges' Commendation) Given for distinctive characteristics that the judges unanimously feel should be recognized but cannot be scored in the customary ways.

AD (Award of Distinction) Awarded once to a cross representing a worthy new direction in Breeding. The award is granted unanimously without scoring by the judging team assigned.

AQ (Award of Quality) Awarded once to a cross exhibited by a single individual as a group of not less than 12 plants or inflorescences of different clones of a hybrid or cultivated species. At least one of the inflorescences must receive a flower quality award and the overall quality of the group must be an improvement over the former type.

CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition) Awarded to rare and unusual species with educational interest that has received no previous awards. The entire plant must be exhibited. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor. (see Taxonomic Authorities)

CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit) Awarded to a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology, such as aesthetic appeal. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor. (see Taxonomic Authorities)

CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least 12 months immediately prior to the award and must score between 80 and 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence) Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least 12 months immediately prior to the award and must score at least 90 points on a 100-point scale. Plants receiving this award represent the highest level of orchid culture.

Judges & Clerks



Results:

LOTS OF
BLUE RIBBONS



AND PCOS
AWARDS



MARGARET RECEIVED BEST
ONCIDIUM AWARD



RICH RECEIVED BEST
SHOW THEM INTER-
PRETATION AWARD

AND AOS AWARDS:

THANH RECEIVED THE AOS
AWARD FOR HIS EXHIBIT



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OUR PCOS EXHIBIT IN THE VOLUSIA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW



Someone was using the color wheel.

THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS WHO WORKED ON IT:

Peter, Sally, Laura, Margaret, Rich and Mike



Our exhibit received the Best Society Exhibit Trophy and the AOS Show Trophy.

Excerpt from the AOS Award Form:

“A beautifully displayed 3x6 ft. tabletop exhibit with good height and color flow; colors ranged from purples and lavenders on the right to yellows on the left; the overall balance was complete with arching white Phalaenopsis and a semi-alba cattleya over the top; judicious use of driftwood and foliage showed off the high quality and variety of orchids.

Novice Dendrobium Culture Sheet (From AOS website)

den-DROH-bee-um

Dendrobium is a diverse genus of orchids with different cultural needs. This culture information is for the phalenopsis-type dendrobiums pictured above. They are evergreen with thin, tall stems (pseudobulbs).

Water

Water your orchids in the morning so that the leaves are dry before night. How often to water depends on the potting media used, the type of pot (plastic or clay), and the size of the pot. Dendrobiums like to be in small pots and are usually much taller than the pot is wide. Because they are usually large plants in relatively small pots, watering twice a week is about average. They like to be almost dry before re-watering.



When watering, place the plant in the sink and use tepid water. Do not use salt-softened or distilled water. Let the water run through the plant for a minute or so. Be sure to let the plant drain completely.

This is a good time to look closely at your plant for any sign of insects or disease.

Light

Dendrobiums need lots of light, but not direct sun. A lightly shaded south window is best. East or west facing windows are satisfactory if bright (avoid direct sun except at the beginning or end of the day).

Temperature

Dendrobiums can withstand hot weather if adequate ventilation and humidity are provided. They are best grown when the temperature is between 65°F and 75°F in the day and between 55°F to 60°F at night.

Keep in mind that temperatures close to the window on a windowsill will be colder or hotter than your general house temperature.

Fertilizer

Any balanced orchid fertilizer (look at the numbers on the container, 20-20-20, etc.) can be used to fertilize your orchid. Feed weakly (1/4 strength) weekly works well for dendrobiums. Once a month use clear water to flush any accumulated salts from the potting mix.

Tips

Use a shallow tray of pebbles filled with water to increase humidity around your plants. Be sure the pot does not sit in water as this will rot the roots.

Give your plants room for air to circulate around them. Crowding of plants can lead to problems with insect infestations and fungus. A small fan will help provide good air circulation around your plants.

When your plant has finished blooming, you can cut the flowering stem at the point where it came out of the tall thin pseudobulbs. Do not cut off the tall thin stem because the new flower stem will grow from there. Continue watering and fertilizing and within a year a new growth will spike to begin the blooming cycle again!

When re-potting, use a small pot; using a large pot will slow growth and reduces flowering significantly. Re-pot every two to three years.