

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhyzome

July 2017 Edition



DATES TO REMEMBER

During July and August, we will “ramble around” member’s orchid collections. There will be no meeting in July, but we will hold a business meeting in August. I will attach one separate sheet with ramble addresses, directions and phone number, in case you get lost. You can easily print it out and then take it with you to the rambles. ****RAMBLES**

July 12th—NO MEETING

****Sat., July 22th—Walter Bryant’s 11am—2pm**

Wed., Aug. 9th—Board Meeting 6pm

Wed., Aug. 9th—Meeting at Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club 7pm

This is a great time for members to bring in their blooming orchids for the plant forum.

****Sat., Aug. 12th—Sally Pancoast’s 11am-2pm**

****Sat., Aug. 19th—Rich Zoehrer’s 11am-2pm**

Sun., September 24th—Picnic at the Cocoa Beach Pavilion beginning at noon. Sign up at the August meeting and put the side dish you will bring. Main dish and drinks provided. Laura is chairing the picnic committee. Please let her know if you would like to volunteer to help set up or clean up. If you have some old tablecloths you are getting rid of, bring them to the August meeting, so we can use them at the picnic.

DIRECTIONS: From Merritt Sq. Mall drive east. Turn right (south) onto A1A. Turn right on to Minuteman Causeway. Turn left at the first street after the water towers to Cocoa Beach Country Club. The Pavilion is on the east side of the parking lot.



**FIRST PLACE
BEST EXHIBIT**

Our exhibit at CFOS Show

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Thank you to Laura Blackmon, Sally Pancoast, and Rich Zoehrer for doing the exhibit for the CFIS show and to those members who loaned their orchids to the exhibit committee for use.

Photos by Margaret Croucher

**GREAT PLACES FOR
MEMBERS TO FIND
INFORMATION ON
ORCHIDS:**

June's meeting



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.
6. Visit the PCOS website and reread some of the articles in the newsletters from the past year or two.

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.

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There was quite a crowd at the June meeting to hear Phillip Hamilton’s talk about Phalaenopsis orchids. He brought a wide variety of orchids to sell including Phal. tetraspis(above).

Some notes from the presentation:

1. Pot phals in a pot the size of the root mass, not the size of the leaves, and do not compact the sphagnum moss.
2. Make sure your fertilizer with nitrogen says “nitrate nitrogen”, which is the type the plant can easily use.
3. A wk. of 78 degrees or less will produce spikes.
4. He fertilizes with bloom booster in the winter and when he is repotting. The rest of the time, a weak solution of balanced fertilizer every week is acceptable.
5. When treating plants for pests, repeat treatment after 7 days, and perhaps after another 7 days.
6. If a plant has bacteria or fungal infections, limit water. Cut off the diseased part and put cinnamon on the cut. Be sure to sterilize any cutting tools with a torch.
7. Do not water with an ice cube. Let water flow through the plant medium and do not water again until the top of the medium is dry to the touch.

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