

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

July 2014 Edition

The Rhizome



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Well, we are now deep into the summer. I don't know about you, but I'm not feeling much like outside work. I'm not sure how they do it, our hosts for the June Ramble out did themselves. We had such a great turnout despite the rain. The gardens were unbelievably beautiful. I want to thank Janice, Sarah and Joyce for their wonderful hospitality. Sharing plants, great food and fellowship, what could be better. I hope you are excited and will join us at Holly's home for our July ramble. I'm sure it will be equally amazing. Also, a note, we are well on the way for planning next year's show. I again can't thank you enough for all your help this year. As always, we can't do it without you. My best, Cathy

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH—There will be no meeting this month, but please join us for a ramble at 6:30 at Holly Pardi's home at 1102 Fairlawn Drive, Rockledge (631-7417/604-9954)

Directions from SR520: turn south on Fiske Blvd. Drive pass the garden club & golf club; at Barton Blvd turn west (right) go the length of the divided medium; at the stop sign take another right (that's Fairlawn Dr). I live about 2/3's of the way down a long block (that runs along the south side of the Rockledge Golf Course). The house is the 2nd two-story Tudor style house on the right.

Directions from the Interstate: take the Fiske/Stadium (SR519) head north. You will pass Lowes, then 2 schools, Leavitt Park and Eyster Blvd. The next light is at Barton. Take a left and go the length of the divided medium. At the first stop sign take a right onto Fairlawn Dr. I live about 2/3's of the way down a long block (that runs along the south side of the Rockledge Golf Course). The house is the 2nd two-story Tudor style house on the right.

Call if you get lost. Parking on the street is available.

We had a crowd in June and they weren't disappointed with the three beautiful yards showing different ways to incorporate your orchids into your landscape. Check out page 5 to see a tid-bit of what the members who attended had a chance to experience.

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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 articles in this month’s edition.
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.

UPCOMING SHOWS

As of now, there are no upcoming shows on the schedule for July in Florida.

Sunshine

Speedy get well wishes to John Hicks as he recovers from his shoulder surgery.

Don Prince is home and continues with intensive, long term out-patient rehabilitation to which he is responding quite well.

Raffle Fun

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



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 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.

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Orchids of Africa, part 2—Botswana

As the rainfall from Angola moves south, some contributes to the Chobe River which travels through Chobe National Park and some flows south to form the serene Okavango Delta. Chobe Game Lodge nestles along the bank of the Chobe River, and it is there, that we spot our first orchid in Botswana. As hippos battle and elephants roll in mud pits a few yards offshore, Charlie Scholes checks out the *Cyrtorchis Arcuata*, growing on a tree next to the pool.

Grounds of Chobe Game Lodge, situated in Chobe National Park in Botswana.



Summer Rambles

PCOS isn't afraid of the rain, as was evident by the crowd who attended the June ramble. Thank you to Jan, Sarah, and Joyce for sharing your yards and your plants with members who were interested. See you at July's ramble.

At right: Jan's condo garden

Middle: Sarah's yard

Bottom: Joyce's yard



Thank you to Ed Quillian and Bill Croucher for the great photos.

