

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhizome

**July 2016 Edition**

### CALENDAR

**July 13th, 6pm Visit to Charlie's greenhouse  
1520 Tuna Street, Merritt Island.**

From 520, turn north onto Sykes Creek Parkway. At the triangle, make the curve and continue north on Banana River Drive. Turn west onto S. Harbor Drive and right onto Tuna Street. It's the first house on the right, so park on the right as soon as you turn the corner.

If it is pouring down rain, check your e-mail, and the ramble will be rescheduled for the following week.

**August 10th 6pm Board meeting**

**August 10th 7pm General Meeting at**

**Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club, 1493 S. Fiske Blvd., Cocoa**

**Speakers: Ken and Judy Russ will present "Orchid Tricks and Secrets" and will bring their pots and orchids.**

**Sept. 18th Annual Picnic at Cocoa Beach Pavilion. MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



The rain held off for our ramble at Sally and Peter's and it was a great time to meet new members and welcome back members we haven't seen for a while. Most wore their nametags, which made it easy for us to meet and greet each other. The late summer hours make it perfect for visiting members' homes, so if there is anyone else who would like to open their greenhouse for an evening, let Dave know.

In July, Patti and Charlie Scholes will host a ramble at their home. Charlie may have a few orchids to give away. For those who want to chill inside, "The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid" will be playing.

In August Ken and Judy Russ will be visiting us from Port St. Lucie. Ken's program will be "Orchid Tricks and Secrets from the Puddle". They will also bring some of their pottery and hopefully, some orchids. Please note that we will meet at the Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club in August, since the DC building is not available and the Karen Rood Building at Kiwanis is not large enough to accommodate attendees and the speaker's set up.



**MANY THANKS TO SALLY AND PETER FOR HOSTING A GREAT RAMBLE AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE.**



## **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](http://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. We’ll visit a few homes this summer.
6. Visit the PCOS website and reread some of the articles in the newsletters from the past year or two.

## **QUESTION: WHY ARE MY ORCHID’S LEAVES WRINKLED AND LEATHERY?**

**ANSWER:** Shriveled leaves indicate a lack of water to plant tissue. The next step is to determine why the plant is not getting sufficient water. First, look at the roots. If they appear a healthy white or green and are plump, and the medium is in good shape, suspect underwatering, especially if the roots are white and the pot is very light. If, on the other hand, the roots are in poor condition, suspect root loss. If the plant has no roots, it cannot take up any water, no matter how much you give it. In this case, the cause may be root loss owing to overwatering or medium deterioration, or a recently repotted and poorly established plant. The immediate solution is to raise humidity in the plants’ vicinity to reduce stress on whatever roots there may be, and then deal with whether to repot or to simply wait until the plant establishes in the fresh medium.

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

\*\*\*This question and answer came from the American Orchid Society website. If you have a question, visit [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) to see if they have answered it. If not, bring your question to the next meeting and ask it during the plant forum.

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