

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

September 2016 Edition



August's program by Ken Russ was informative and fun. In addition to a great slide show, Ken and Judy brought some of their plants and pots.

Please be sure to read the newsletter each month, just in case changes are necessary. We are going through a transition with our meeting place, due to the Carlton building being unavailable to us at this time. This will be discussed at the September meeting, so we hope all members will be there.

Please take note that our September meeting is in the Karen Rood building at Kiwanis, and the October meeting will again be at the Garden Club, since we are having a speaker.

The nominating committee will present the 2016 slate of officers at the September meeting. There are a few other details we need to finalize, so the September meeting will be a business meeting with our regular agenda. Be sure to bring your orchids for the plant forum.

If you have a great theme idea for our show next year, bring it to the September meeting. No more than two ideas per person, please.

SUNSHINE

Best wishes to Karen Snee for a speedy recovery from her hip surgery.

CALENDAR

September 14th, 6pm Board meeting

September 14th, 7pm General Meeting at Karen Rood Bldg. at Kiwanis (first bldg. on right.)

This will be a general business meeting, with plant forum.

Sept. 18th, 12:30 Annual Picnic at Cocoa Beach Pavilion on the east side of the parking lot at Cocoa Beach Country Club. Main dish and drinks provided by the club. If you have not signed up for your side dish, please do so at the September meeting. *Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help Kathy set up.*

Directions: Take A1A to Minuteman Causeway and turn west. If they are still working on Minuteman, you will have to turn west on one of the streets north of Minuteman and then take Cedar south to Minuteman in order to get to the Country Club Parking Lot.

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AUGUST MEETING
With Ken and Judy Russ



Notes from Ken's program.....

FOR PESTS

4 cups of water

1/4 c. Isopropyl alcohol

3 tbs. 409

KEN'S SUBSTITUTES

He uses "Plant It" or "Grow it" from Jet.com since Aliflor is no longer available.

12 gauge ceiling wire can easily be made into "s" hooks or hangers.

WHEN DIVIDING A PLANT, MIX CINNAMON AND ELMER'S GLUE AND SPREAD IT ON THE CUT.

ALWAYS STERILIZE YOUR CUTTING UTENSIL OR USE DISPOSABLE RAZOR BLADES.

KEN'S FERTILIZER SCHEDULE

Weekly—2 tsp. per gal. of water balanced fertilizer 20/20/20

Every 4th week—substitute Bloom Booster

Twice monthly—2 tbs. per gal. of water Maxicrop (In addition to weekly fertilizer)

Four times annually—2 tbs. per gal. Epsom Salt (dissolve in warm water before spraying.)

GOOD FACEBOOK SITE

Florida Orchid Growing

FOR OTHER PESTS

Thrips—Orthene—spray and then repeat 7 days later

Scale—Safer

Ants—Orange Guard

**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.
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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UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

Sept. 10-11—FL West Coast Orchid Society Show and Sale

Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4981 78th Ave. North, Pinellas Park, FL

Sept. 17-18—Ridge Orchid Society

Jamboree Stewart Center, 1702 US Highway 17 South, Bartow, FL

Sept. 24—Central Florida Orchid

Society Annual Auction National Guard Armory, 2809 South Ferncreek Ave., Orlando, FL

Check with Teri Scott at

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Sept. 30-Oct. 2—South Florida Orchid Society Show

Bank United Center, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL

Oct. 8-9—Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show

Ft. Pierce Shrine Club, 4600 Oleander Ave., Ft. Pierce, FL

Oct. 14-16—East Everglades Orchid Society Show and Sale

28100 S.W. 182 Avenue, Homestead, FL

Oct. 22-23—Gainesville Orchid Society Show

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 S.W. 58th Dr. Gainesville, FL

Oct. 28-30—Delray Beach Orchid Society Show

Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL

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