

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhyzome

October 2016 Edition

Many thanks to all of the members who came out in the rain for the September meeting. We covered a lot of business and had some fun, too. It was decided that we will move our meetings to the Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club. Our regular meeting room is not available now, due to voting, and as of right now, it has been reserved by a class for the 2017 year. The Karen Rood building, where we met in September is not conducive to the majority of our meetings, considering the size of our membership.

Pictures of our annual picnic are on page two. It was an enjoyable time for all who attended and a great opportunity to get to know our new members.

The October meeting features Prem Subrahmanyam who will speak on Florida native orchids. For all of you who took one of the native orchids to establish a year ago, this would be a great time to return the data you have been keeping. Even if yours was not successful, that is important information to pass on. Like all science projects, not being successful is part of the experiment. And just so you know, you won't have the only unsuccessful attempt.

If you have a suggestion for the 2017 show theme, please send it to Patti, newsletter editor, so she can include it on the ballot for the October meeting. Submissions must be made by the Monday before the October meeting.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2017. The election will take place at the November meeting. The slate can be found on page four of this newsletter



Charlie's C. Mary Schroeder, grown from a small bagged orchid.

### SAVE THE DATE

**October, 6pm Board meeting**

**October, 7pm General Meeting at  
Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club**

**DIRECTIONS: Take Fiske Blvd. to St. Andrews Drive. The Garden Club is on the northwest corner of Fiske and St. Andrews. Coming from 520, it is at the third stoplight. Parking is in back.**

**Speaker - Prem Subrahmanyam. His program will be on native orchids.**

**[www.flnativeorchids.com](http://www.flnativeorchids.com)**

**November 9th—Election and Plant sale for members**

**December—Christmas Party at Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club on Wed., Dec. 14th at 6pm. The drinks and main dish will be supplied by the club, and members attending will bring a side dish or dessert. Please be sure to sign up at the meeting. Let Chairs Shearer or Nadine know if you would like to help decorate.**



Many thanks to Kathy (left above) for chairing the picnic . She and Julie were two of the bingo winners to take home orchids.



A good time was had by all. It was great to see several new members and hope even more will be there in December for the party.



# PICNIC 2016



Our business meeting in September gave members a chance to share their blooming plants and bring in ones they were worried about. The heat has taken its toll on some of our orchids, and having time for our plant forum and some discussion was nice.

The Titusville Men's Garden Club will have a plant sale on October 7 & 8, Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-4.

Take Knox McRae to Hood to 1230 Thoreau Street. It is right next to Stuart Park.

### SUNSHINE

Get well wishes are sent to member, Karen Snee, as she recuperates from her recent hip surgery

### 2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President	Jodi Kittleson
Vice President	Walter Bryant
Treasurer	Margaret Croucher
Secretary	Elaine DeRiso
Director (Past Pres.)	Dave Colchin
Director 2017	Trish Bearnse(to finish Walter's term)
Director 2016-2017	Clive Gay
Director 2017-2018	Michael Ellis
Director 2017-2018	Maria Maloney

### Judges (from AOS.org)

American Orchid Society judges are dedicated volunteers who serve the membership and the orchid-growing public through participation in the Society's judging system. Each judge has made a sincere, long-term commitment, and gives much of their personal time and resources. AOS Judges are not compensated for their services or travel to various judging events.

### Judging Centers \*\*

The AOS's judging system is comprised of 35 Centers throughout the United States and Canada. These Centers provide opportunities to have plants judged on specified monthly dates. The Centers also provide judging service to AOS-sanctioned shows here and abroad. Center activities are open to visitors who wish to see the judging process in operation or bring their plants to be evaluated. Meeting dates, times, places and contact information are published each month in Orchids magazine as well as on our Events listing.

\*\*At the September meeting we voted to make a donation of \$200 to the Florida North-Central Judging Center. We appreciate their participation in our show every year.

## **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](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)

## **UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS**

**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

**Nov. 19-20—Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Show** Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6th St., Pompano Beach, FL

Please take a look at the jobs listed on the last page of this newsletter. Several people seem to be interested in having good speakers. Please let Patti know if you would like the position of program chair, so you can get busy on our programs for 2017. We also need a new greeter and someone to share the refreshment responsibilities.

There are about 50 people in our society who help out in some capacity throughout the year, either at meetings or at the show. This society is thankful for everyone who volunteers their time. If we have missed finding your special talent, please let us know. Become a part of this amazing team.

## **2016 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRS**

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**Walter Bryant (2016-2017)**

**Clive Gay (2016-2017)**

**Maria Maloney (2016)**

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