

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhyzome

### November & December 2016 Edition

Prem Subrahmanyam's wonderful program on Florida native orchids was a real treat for all who attended the October meeting. The book that started Prem on his life journey to photograph Florida's native orchids was donated to PCOS by Betty Eichhorn, so it is available to members who would like to check it out. Some of the interesting things we learned from Prem are on p. 2, but you may also check out his website at [www.flnativeorchids.com](http://www.flnativeorchids.com).

In November, we will have our election and a plant sale for members in good standing. Again, our meeting will be at the Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club. The slate of officers for 2017 is below.

Prem's photo of the Florida native Ghost Orchid is available on his website in several formats.



#### SAVE THE DATE

**November 9th, 6pm—Board Meeting**

**November 9th, 7pm—Election and Plant Sale for members 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.

**December 14th, 6pm—Christmas Party at Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club on our regular Wednesday meeting night. 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 November meeting. Let Chairs Shearer or Nadine know if you would like to help decorate. See p.3 for details.**

#### 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 Bearse (to finish Walter's term)
Director 2016-2017	Clive Gay
Director 2017-2018	Michael Ellis
Director 2017-2018	Maria Maloney



Many thanks to Prem for his wonderful program on Florida Native Orchids. His enthusiasm and poetic descriptions of roadside adventures had us captivated. The slide show was informative and it was great to have some of our local orchids identified, as in the slide shown below. In addition, Prem had several portraits of FL native orchids, as well as t-shirts and cards available for sale, which are also available on his website [flnativeorchids.com](http://flnativeorchids.com)



Species Name: ***Platanthera ciliaris***  
Common Name: **Orange Fringed Orchid**  
Protection Status: *Threatened.*  
Blooming: *July-September*

Description: *Plant consisting of strongly pointed leaves growing progressively smaller up the fluted stem. One-inch flowers orange with a heavily fringed lip.*

Habitat: *terrestrial in open pinelands, savannahs, and moist roadsides*

Range:

### Notes from Prem's program

There are 106 native species in our state. 56 are found nowhere else in the U.S. and 4 are endemic, or found nowhere else in the world.. If you are interested in



searching for native orchids, their habitats include pine forests and roadsides next to these forests. Woodland areas in Central Florida, coastal scrub, swamps, hammocks and fields are also great places to search. State Road 65 in the Panhandle of Florida is a designated highway for wildflowers and Prem has seen thousands of orchids there. The first and second week of May, on State Road 92 towards Deland, you can find orchids in the median. Florida's butterfly orchid, *Encyclia tampensis* can be found in Myakka State Park near Sarasota and in Fort Christmas Historical Park on SR 50. There is a Ghost orchid in the Corkscrew Swamp. Happy hunting and don't forget our library has a Florida Native Orchids book.



**Holiday Party**  
**Wed., Dec.14, 2016 at 6 pm**  
**For members and their family**

**Roast Turkey and Spiral Cut Ham**

When you sign up at the meeting, please indicate the side dish below you will bring:

Mashed potatoes

Scalloped potatoes or potato casserole

Sweet potato casserole

Green beans

Squash casserole

Corn casserole

Other vegetable dish

Dessert—please specify type

Appetizers—please specify type

Rolls and butter

BYOB—Iced tea and mixers will be provided.



## 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.
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.

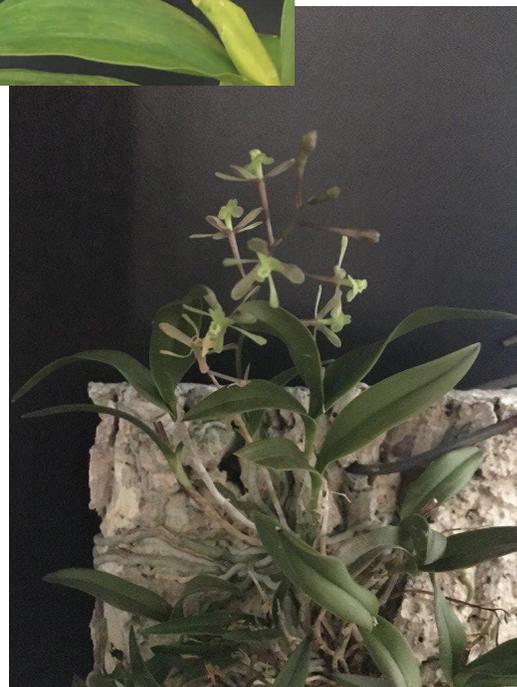
[www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

## UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

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



Margaret Croucher brought her Florida native orchid, *Prosthechea cochleata*, to the October meeting.



Florida Native Orchid *Epidendrum magnoliae* ‘Green Fly’, also grown by Margaret.

## SUNSHINE

Our thoughts are with Judy Law as she recovers from her recent illness.

## **2016 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRS**

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**Walter Bryant (2016-2017)**

**Clive Gay (2016-2017)**

**Maria Maloney (2016)**

### **PLANT FORUM**

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