



Membership Renewal



Joyce Schofield is now collecting membership dues for 2011. Please fill out the membership form attached, so your information can be updated. See Joyce at a meeting or mail your form and dues to:



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Cocoa Beach, FL 32931



(New members who joined at the 2010 PCOS Show, do not owe dues at this time.)



Renew today to avoid interruption of newsletter delivery.



Bus Trip to Fairchild Gardens

Annual International Orchid Festival

BCOS is putting together a bus trip to Fairchild Gardens Orchid Festival and would like to invite members and friends of PCOS. There will be 50 vendors and the gardens are breathtaking.

Date: Sat., Mar. 12th, 2011

Time: Pick up at 6:30 AM

Returning between 8-9 PM

Pick up Location:

Perimeter Office Plaza at the NE corner of Eau Gallie Blvd. & John Rodes Blvd.

Cost: \$43.00 for non-AOS members; Includes bus transportation, bus driver's tip, refreshments and discounted entry into the Festival

\$25.00 for AOS members to cover bus transportation related cost only. Festival entry is Included in AOS membership.

Please contact trip planners, JoAnn Amos(259-8585) or Elaine Chambers (243-8000) for reservations and information. Trip fees can be mailed to Elaine at 3113 Grayson Dr., Melbourne, FL, 32940.

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2011 PGOS Orchid Show

How you can help

April 29 through May 1

SHOW THEME: Orchid Rendezvous

SPONSORS: Every member should try to find at least one sponsor for the show. If you know of any business or individual who would like to sponsor our show winners or give a door prize, pick up the forms from Marsha Lovas or Karen Snee at a meeting. Have the sponsor fill out the form and return it to you, so recognition can be given.

PUBLICITY: If you have any connections to any publications in the area that can provide advertisement for us, please contact Patti Scholes. Magnetic signs, posters, publicity flyers, and ground signs will be available at the meetings for you to take. Plan to get the word out by distributing and displaying this information.

CLERKS: Would you like to know what the judges are looking for? Consider being a clerk. You assist the judges in locating orchids to be judged at the show. Orchids are numbered and labeled. Please contact Jan Castillo if you are interested in clerking.

REGISTRATION & CLASSIFICATION: Prior to the show, individual orchid entries are registered. If you did not attend Betty and Susan's workshop on registering orchids, don't worry. There is always help needed at the desk accepting entries, and a runner to place entries.

PRESALE TICKETS: We would like for every member to take at least 10 tickets to sell prior to the show. You can pick up your tickets at either of the meetings in March.

POTTING TABLE: This provides a great service to beginning orchid growers in the community, and it's an opportunity to recruit new members. For those of you who are great potters, this is a perfect place for you to help.

SET UP/BREAK DOWN: This is an important job and lots of help is needed to do the layout and table set up for the show. Set up takes place two or three days before the show, and break down takes place right after the show on Sunday. Most of the work is physical, but covering the tables can be done by anyone. Please contact Patti Scholes at 459-9327 if you can participate in set up or break down.

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NICHES: Do you love the exhibits? A niche is a mini-exhibit. This is a rewarding way to use your creative spirit to help make our show more beautiful, and you might win an award. A niche demonstration will be done at our March Back to Basics meeting. Each member who enters will be given guidelines and a niche box to use. If interested contact Judy Law.

PEDESTALS: Do you love flower arranging? This event is for you! Contact Elaine Chambers, if you're interested.

ENTER YOUR ORCHIDS: If you have a blooming orchid, be sure to enter it in the show. An entry form will be included in next month's newsletter. You may register several orchids on the same sheet. Please try to neatly fill out all of the information on the sheet before bringing it to the show on Thursday, Apr. 28th for registration.

Call Patti Scholes at 459-9327 if you would like to help during the show and haven't already signed up.

Awarded-It's easier than you think



Patti Scholes working on her first time ever niche at the 2009 show. It won first place.



Cathy Gillam enters her first time pedestal in the 2010 show and places.



Judy Law, Rosa Blair, Diana Swaney, and Ruth Larson at Diana's first place niche at the 2010 show.

Kathy Abel enters an orchid for the very first time in the 2011 show and wins Best in Show Miscellaneous Genera.



AOS CORNER

By Susan Taylor

SPRING FORWARD! We are always reminded of this catch phrase as we approach the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. You might also use it as a reminder to spring forward -- i.e. stepping up during National Volunteer Month (April).

The rewards of volunteerism are abundant but perhaps the biggest payoff is the satisfaction of knowing you have contributed your time, talent and energy to a good cause. In addition, it provides social activity where you are with other like-minded people sharing a common bond or passion. Certainly the orchid world is filled with volunteer opportunities at your local society level or within the regional and national organizations to which you belong. You might consider taking refreshments to your society meeting, exhibiting your blooming plants or greeting visitors at a local orchid show or helping to repot orchids at a nearby botanical garden. All regional and national orchid organizations need volunteers to serve on committees or to assist in planning meetings or speaker days. The American Orchid Society depends on national volunteers to serve on the many committees that make the organization function and prosper. Our entire judging system is made up of dedicated volunteers who spend years preparing for and later conducting the business of the many judging centers around the country in such a professional manner. Please consider being a volunteer.

SPRING TIME IS PRIMETIME FOR ORCHID SHOWS! Check the AOS site (www.aos.org) for an updated listing of orchid shows and events. Get involved if your society is hosting a show....you will enjoy the backstage peek at what it takes to produce these events. If you can't volunteer your time at a show, you can support local shows by attending to listen and learn from the speakers and workshops plus shopping to support the show's vendors.

SPRING AOS MEMBERS MEETING

Orchids à la Louisiane April 27-May 1 Shreveport, LA will be hosted by The Shreveport Orchid Society whose volunteers have been working hard to plan a schedule for your enjoyment. For more information and registration, check their website at <http://www.shreveportorchidsociety.com/aos-show.html>. By attending this special event you will be supporting not only the AOS, but the local society that is sponsoring it. Members meetings provide the perfect opportunity to find out what's new in the orchid world, hear first-class speakers, purchase plants from select vendors and enjoy meeting your orchid friends in a collegial atmosphere.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

Affiliated Societies Committee

UPCOMING SHOWS

Mar. 4-6

Martin County Orchid Society Show
Martin County Fairground
Stuart, FL

Mar. 11-13

Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show
Fairchild Botanical Garden
Coral Gables, FL

Mar 12-14

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show
Port St. Lucie Community Center
Port St. Lucie, FL

Mar. 19-20

Jacksonville Orchid Society Show
Garden Club of Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL

Mar. 25-27

Naples Orchid Society Show
First Presbyterian Church
Naples, FL

Mar. 25-26

Englewood Area Orchid Society
Englewood United Methodist Church
Englewood, FL

Apr. 2-3

Central Florida Orchid Society Show
Maitland Civic Center
Maitland, FL

Apr. 16-17

Tallahassee Orchid Society Show
Doyle Conner Bldg.
Tallahassee, FL

Apr. 22-23

Vero Beach Orchid Society Show
Riverside Park Dr.
Vero Beach, FL

Apr. 29-May 1

Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show
Cocoa Expo Sports Arena
Cocoa, FL



Blc. Helen's Fortune "Soybil" x Blc. Oconee "Mendenhall"
 Grower: Sally Pancoast

From Carter and Holmes. Grown in shade house, except in winter.



At right:
 Ang Veitchii
 Jim Adamson

Members and their orchids



At left: Hsin Buu Lady
 Grower: Nadine Kern
 Grown outside



Above: Den. goldschmidtianum
 Growers: Steve and Mary DeSorbo



Left: Blc. Lily Marie Almas and
 Dtps. Sogo Yukidian
 Growers: Joan and Ed Lehnert



At left: Hasgw. Hwa Yuan Grill
 Grower: Craig Helpling

Publicity

Patti and Jim set up a booth at the Boomer/Senior Expo on February 23rd to introduce PCOS to the community, offer orchid advice, and talk about our upcoming show. If you hear of a great publicity venue, let us know. We 'll help you set it up.

This was great fun and we received positive feedback.



Platinum Coast Orchid Society
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION for 2011

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NEW MEMBER: _____ or RENEWAL: _____ (Renewal ONLY no changes in data) _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY? _____ Yes, _____ No.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$15.00 PER PERSON FOR REGULAR MEMBERS AND \$3.00 FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS (UNDER 16 YEARS OLD). Please pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to the "Platinum Coast Orchid Society" or "PCOS".

The membership fee is for one calendar year from Jan. 1 thru Dec 31, except for new members who join at the 2011 PCOS Orchid Show or those who join after Oct 1, 2011, who will be members through 12/31/2012.

AMOUNT PAID: _____ CASH: _____ CHECK NO. _____

Give or mail this completed form with cash or a check for the MEMBERSHIP FEE stated above to Joyce Schofield, your Membership Chairman, addressed below:

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