

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

September 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message:

I hope everyone enjoyed our speaker, Francisco Miranda, at the August meeting. I thought his presentation of orchids in Brazil was fantastic. His focus on the 5 environments for growing orchids in that country made me appreciate how important it is to select plants that can acclimate to our growing conditions. The use of a drone to get pictures of the orchids growing in their natural habitat was also interesting. I bought 3 orchids from him and I can't wait to see how well they take to my backyard.

I now have three society members who have accepted serving on the nominating committee for our November election of 2026 Board members. According to the bylaws, the general membership must approve their appointment to the committee so that will be on the agenda for our September meeting. They will present the slate of candidates at the October meeting. We can take nominations from the floor in November when the official voting will take place. As per the bylaws, the voting will be by ballot.

Two events coming up in October. Last time to sign up and pay for the trip to Redlands on Saturday, October 18th will be at the next meeting. We're inviting Brevard County Orchid Society (BCOS) to join us so you need to confirm your seat asap.

We also have the PCOS Annual Picnic on Sunday, October 12th. The signup sheet will be passed around the next meeting. Please specify how many of your party will attend and what item you will bring to the potluck meal. The Society purchases the meat for this event so we need to know approximately how much to bring. We play BINGO with orchids as prizes! You don't want to miss that!

Lots of fun things happening. See you soon!

Laura



Charlie's C. Sweet Harmony

CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

Wed., Sept. 10th, 6pm Board meeting

Wed., Sept. 10th, 7pm Meeting Speaker—**Wes Newton**—**Wes Newton** is a professional photographer and the official photographer for the Florida North-Central Judging Center.

Sun., Oct. 12th, Noon– Picnic at Cocoa Beach Pavilion at the Country Club. Sign up at the meeting or click return and write your name, guest, and the side dish you will bring. You don't want to miss orchid bingo.

Sat., Oct. 18th Bus Trip (see page 3)

Wed., Dec. 10th, 6pm Christmas Party

SUNSHINE

Deepest sympathy to Witha on the passing of her husband.

Continuing get well wishes to Tom Dixon as he recovers from his surgery.

Continuing get well wishes to Gheri Lockwood as she recovers.

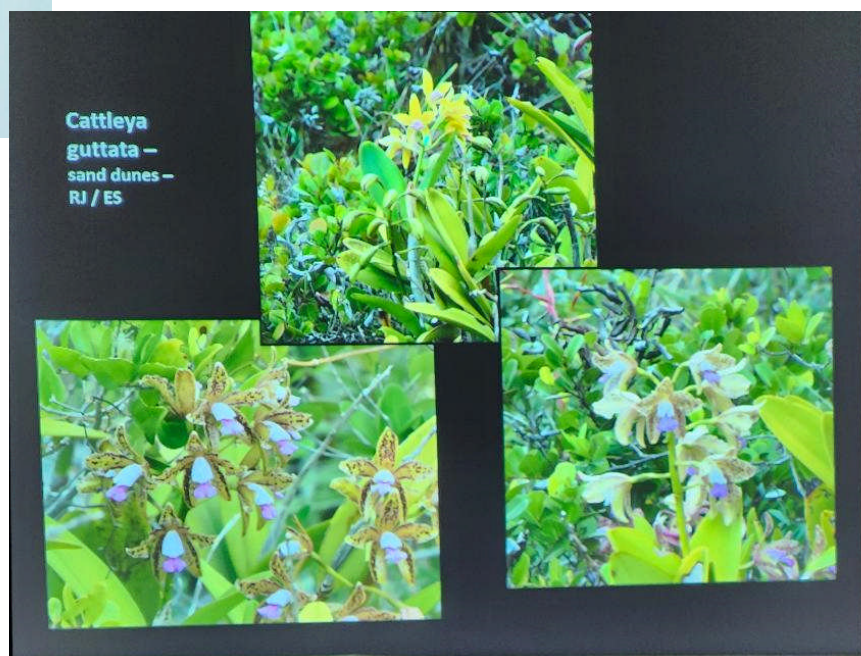
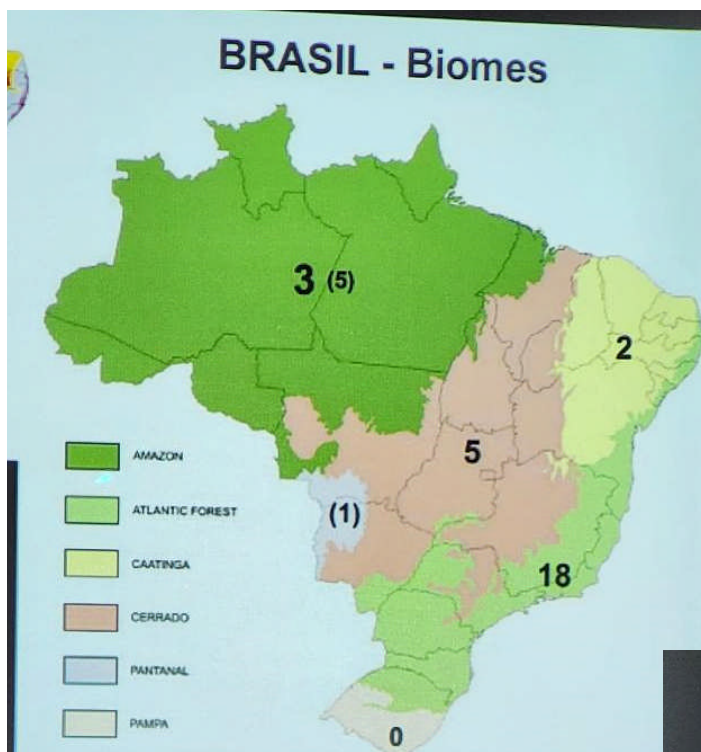
Ed reports that Jed is getting better everyday.

Please let Betty Adamson know when members need some "sunshine".

August's Meeting—Speaker Francisco Miranda



We all loved Francisco Miranda's captivating program on Brasil's Biomes. The country's landmass includes the wet Amazon to dry lands to sand dunes, all welcoming specific types of orchids. It is important to know where your orchids originated, so you can give them exactly what they want.



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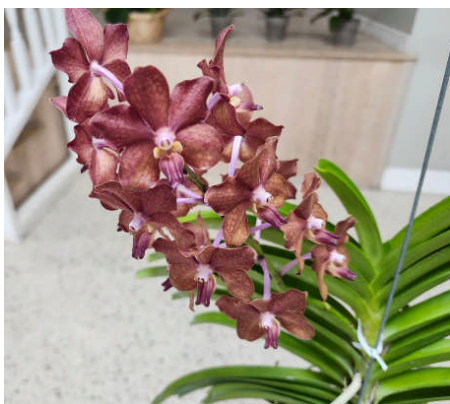
Mike and Jennifer brought in four lovely orchids.

At right: Phal. Tetraspis and Blv. Laureen Sprock (Brt Why Not x B grandiflora)



Above: Ginny's C. San Diego Surf

Below: Karen's Pinata Surprise and Clive's RP Coir



At left, Margaret's V. Flambeau (V.. Yip Sum Wah x V. tessellate)
And Epi. Sylvia White (B. nodosa x Epi. Ciliare)





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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.

www.aos.org

FOR AOS MEMBERS: The AOS also has a presence on Facebook. There is a [group](#) with close to 65,000 members, and a [page](#). Each allows you to post photographs and ask questions about your orchids. The group is the most active of the two, and group members usually respond quickly to posts. The page is parallel to the AOS Instagram account. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839> <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanOrchidSociety>

UPCOMING SHOWS

Sept. 13-14 Ridge Orchid Society Show

1515 Williamsburg Sq., Lakeland, FL

Oct. 18 Bus trip—See info below

Oct. 25 Gainesville Orchid Society Show

Kanapaha Botanical Garden

Gainesville, FL

BUS TRIP:

When: Sat., Oct. 18th

Cost: \$35 per passenger

General Information:

- Admission to the orchid show is included with your bus fare. Wristbands will be provided ahead of time to streamline entry into the show.
- The driving time is approximately 4 hours each way. We will provide donuts and water on the way down and light snacks and wine on the way back.
- Purchase your meal (dinner) at the show and bring it on the bus for the ride home.
- There is a bathroom onboard.
- There is plenty of storage room under the bus for your purchases.
- Bring a friend and introduce them to the wonderful world of orchids (same fee as the members).



Email Carolyn Anderson by September 1st at cjane.anderson@gmail.com with your name and phone number, if you would like to attend.

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