

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

December 2023

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I enjoyed seeing the many orchid genera that our members brought to the November meeting for Show and Tell. There were several catasetums, a couple of zygos, vandas, cattleyas and even a *Liparis viridiflora*! Thank of Springwater Orchids was our speaker and he brought with him a nice variety of orchids for the Raffle and to sell. I bought one of his *Paphiopedilums* as I have finally had some success in reblooming Paphs. Hope you were lucky enough to win a Raffle plant or at least found something interesting to buy.

Our May 2024 speaker, Dave Sorokowsky has a very informative article in the November *Orchids* magazine: "Culture of Multifloral *Paphiopedilums*". There are many good cultural tips, and also some good advice for novices, such as: "You should try to find blooming size plants as there will be some gratification in the near future." For me, I only buy blooming size plants. If you are interested in trying Paphs, make a note so you don't miss our May 2024 meeting

Our annual Christmas Party in December is another PCOS event you don't want to miss. I hope to see you there. I also wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to our many activities already in the works for 2024.

Margaret

2024 Elected Officers to be installed in January:

President—Margaret Croucher

Vice President—Ed Kidder

Secretary—Janet Scenna

Treasurer— Mary Ellen Jelen

Directors—Tammy Cheng, Anna Palermo,
Carolyn Anderson, Tom Dixon, Bert Forbush



CALENDAR

Wed., Dec. 13—Holiday Party

6pm Appetizers

7pm Dinner

Always a fun time. You are welcome to BYOB.

Reserve with your number and side dish by Dec. 1st.

Wed., Jan. 10—Board Meeting and General Meeting.

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 how others in your area grow their orchids.

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 SHOWS

Dec. 9-10 Ft. Pierce Orchid Show
River Walk Center
600 N Indian River Dr.
Ft. Pierce, FL

Jan. 5-7 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show
Charles R. Dodge City Center
Pembroke Pines, FL

Jan. 27-28 Florida West Coast Orchid Society Show
Seminole Rec Center, Seminole, FL



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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>

2023 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN BE PART OF THE TEAM!

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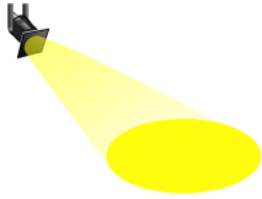
Kathy Ballance

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Carolyn Anderson



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Charis (far right) and her mom, Elizabeth (near right) joined PCOS at the 2023 Show.

Charis loves growing things and has been “somewhat successful” growing orchids for about five years. She shares orchids with her mom, so they both joined to meet some nice people who also enjoy their hobby.

We all learn from each other and our knowledgeable speakers, so welcome to the right place.



NOVEMBER'S MEETING

It was great to see Thanh again.



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