

Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! 2025 is here, and at our January meeting we will initiate a new generation of Officers and Directors for our Society. My official tenure began way back in 2012 when Patti asked me to take the Treasurer's position. I was still commuting to Miami 2-3 days a week for my accounting practice. In the past 13 years I have been privileged to hold an officer position for 11 of those years. It is time to move on and pass the gavel to a very competent slate of new officers who can bring in some new ideas to further grow and improve our Society.

2024 was a successful year for PCOS with so many opportunities to expand our members' individual knowledge and collections of orchids. I reflect back on our great monthly speakers who brought us interesting information as well as wonderful varieties of raffle plants and plants to sell. Our May Show was a great success for our community and our Society. We set up PCOS exhibits at the Volusia and Central Florida Orchid Shows. We had a Ramble, a picnic, a bus trip to Accent Orchids, and our very entertaining Christmas party. So much good food and fun, and every member received a free orchid. All great memories! I want to thank very much all the members who helped me this year by volunteering for so many jobs and tasks through the year.

Our monthly meeting attendance and our member participation at special events set records which we hope will continue in 2025. Our January meeting will be our installation of Officers and Directors for 2025. We'll have cake to celebrate, our popular Orchid Forum (bring your blooming plants to show them off or your troubled plants to ask questions) and our Raffle. I hope to see you at the meeting!

The best way to learn about orchids is to get involved in your Society's activities by volunteering for various jobs and tasks through the year. And, I guarantee you'll meet some terrific people!

Margaret



CALENDAR

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| Jan. 2nd 6pm | Show Chair Meeting |
| Jan. 8th 6pm | Board Meeting
New officers to attend, also. |
| Jan. 8th 7pm | Meeting
Installation of New Officers
Member Plant Sale |
| February | Speakers Art Chadwick
"First Ladies & their cattleyas" |

SUNSHINE

Wishing a healthy and happy 2025 to all members and their families



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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

- Jan. 3-5 Sarasota Orchid Society Show
Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
- Jan. 10-12 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show
Charles F. Dodge City Center
Pembroke Pines, FL
- Jan. 17-19 Miami Orchid Society Show
Tamiami International Orchid Festival
Miami-Dade County Fair Expo Center
Miami, FL
- Jan. 25-26 Florida West Coast Orchid Society Show
Seminole Recreation Center
Seminole, FL
- Feb. 1-2 Venice Area Orchid Society Show
Venice Community Center
Venice, FL

PCOS NEWS

The 2025 show will be held on May 2, 3, and 4th. The show theme will be *An Orchid Jubilee*. Carolyn Anderson will be the show chairman.

The elected officers for 2025 to be installed at the January meeting:

President	Laura Blackmon
Vice President	Tom Dixon
Treasurer	Charis Gaines
Secretary	Tammy Cheng
Directors	Lois Fletcher Ann Wade Phyllis Gautreaux Carolyn Anderson

THERE WILL BE CAKE!!!

2024 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN BE PART OF THE TEAM!

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DIRECTORS

Tammy Cheng (2024)

Anna Palermo (2024)

Tom Dixon (2024-2025)

Carolyn Anderson(2024-2025)

Bert Forbush (2024)

PLANT FORUM

Betty Adamson

MEMBERSHIP

Margaret Smith

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Patti Scholes

SUNSHINE

Betty Adamson

GREETERS

Margaret Smith & Jennifer Starr

AOS LIAISON

Betty Adamson

RAFFLE

JoAnn Amos

WEBMASTER

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AUDIO

Scott Anderson

REFRESHMENTS

Kathy Ballance

SHOW CHAIRMAN

Carolyn Anderson

CHRISTMAS PARTY CHAIRMAN

Tammy Cheng

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Christmas Party 2025



Many thanks to Tammy for planning another amazing Christmas Party and to her helper elves.

Let the party begin.....



Party
People
Continued







Above, some cute couples!

Above right, Jennifer wins toy raffle..

Party fun



At left, ornament exchange..

Below, ugly sweater contest: some were not sweaters, some were not ugly, and some were JUST RIGHT.

