

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhizome

### June 2023

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Orchid Show was a great success thanks to show chair Jodi Kittleson and all the volunteers who turned an ordinary gymnasium into a floral wonderland. Our Show always reminds me of my first orchid show in Miami. I was hooked on orchids from that day. I'm still amazed, and I'm always on the lookout for new, unusual hybrids.

One who is new to growing orchids will quickly learn that the answer to every growing question is, "It depends". There are so many different kinds of orchids and they all require different care. Experiment with different growing methods at your location. Listen to our speakers and ask questions specific to you.

We had a great May meeting after the Show, attended by many of our new members who joined at the Show. Thanks, to Sally Pancoast for a great presentation and demonstration on potting.

We will have T.J. Hartung from Mexico as the guest speaker at our June meeting. His topic is appropriately, "Orchids of Mexico". Since Florida shares similar growing conditions as areas in Mexico, we may learn about some new orchids that will grow well for us here. *Margaret*



#### Calendar

**June 7th, 5:30 Post Show Meeting for Show Chairmen**

**June 14th, 6pm Board Meeting**

**June 14th, 7pm Regular Meeting**

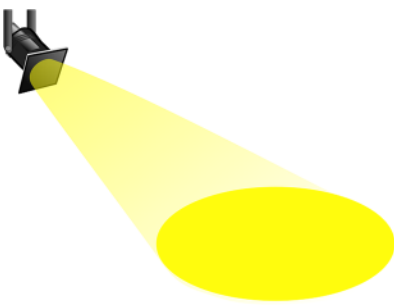
**Program by T.J. Hartung from Puerto Villarta, Mexico**

**Meeting held at Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club, 1493 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955**

From the editor: We had 45 members volunteer at the show. Do you think it's all work? Ask any of the members featured in this newsletter what they think the best job is and then sign up for it next year. Our show is so much fun that we have friends and family members who want to help at the show. Hope to see you there next year for the fun!

#### SUNSHINE

*Best wishes to Michelle MacDonald and Shearer Kennedy as they continue their treatment.*



## New Member Spotlight

During show set up, we had several new members volunteer. They all joined at last year's show or during the year. Cheers to the following who showed up to help:

(Below) **Karen and Cleve** were there on Wednesday to set up tables.

Karen also came on Thursday to do her first niche.

It won second place and had several orchid ribbon awards.



**Tom** (below left) helped Clive with the society exhibit.



**Louise** (above left) provided a fresh eye for the show arch team, at the entrance. Oldtimers Laura and Betty were happy for the help.



(Above) **Phyllis** with her completed niche. She came in wondering what to do and left a niche pro, winning first place.

(Below) **Jingling** jumped right in to help with the Orchis set up.





## 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 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](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)

FOR AOS MEMBERS: The AOS also has a presence on Facebook. There is a [group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839) with close to 65,000 members, and a [page](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanOrchidSociety). 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 FLORIDA SHOWS

June 3-4 Central Florida Orchid Society’s  
“Rainbow of Orchids”

### A big thank you to our hostesses at the show.

From left to right: Witha chaired the judges’ luncheon on Friday. Carolyn was our show hospitality chair, keeping our vendors and workers well fed. We would also like to spotlight new member, Janet, who signed on to come in everyday to help in the kitchen.

In addition, food was made and provided by members Nadine, Tammy, Patti, Ruthie, Jodi, Kathy, Laura, and Louise.



Speaking of food, don’t forget to sign up if you would like to bring snacks to a meeting. Kathy is our refreshments chair and is in the kitchen during the meetings.

A variety of goodies are usually available thanks to Kathy and those of you who regularly volunteer.





# THANK YOU

To our wonderful sponsors, shown at right, and to everyone who came out to help during the show.



Al, Ticket chairman, and Ruthie welcomed people at the entrance.



Jim and Tammy (above) and Carl (below) at our amazing Courtesy Booth, which was chaired at by Tammy and Anna. WOW!



Jim, JoAnne, the Awards chair, and Rich (above).

Betty with a guest (at right)





# PCOS Show Awards

American Orchid Society Award Bredren Orchids  
 Candlelighter's Award Don Wallstedt  
 PCOS President's Award Don Wallstedt

Best Tabletop Commercial Exhibit Accent Orchids  
 Best Tabletop Orchid Society Exhibit Volusia County OS  
 Best Niche Display Phyllis Gautreaux  
 Best Variety of Genera Accent Orchids  
 Best Show Theme Interpretation Bill Jelen  
 Best Large Cattleya Alliance Clive Gay  
 Best Small Cattleya Alliance So Orchids  
 Best Encyclia Margaret Croucher  
 Best Other Cattleya Alliance Michael Orpi  
 Best Dendrobium Patti Scholes

Best Oncidium Alliance Don Wallstedt  
 Best Large Phalaenopsis Alliance Clive Gay  
 Best Small Phalaenopsis Alliance Bredren Orchids  
 Best Large Vanda Curtis Lutchman  
 Best Small Vanda Clive Gay  
 Best Other Vanda Alliance Nancy Cameron  
 Best Slipper Alliance Anna Palermo  
 Best Cymbidium Alliance Krull Smith Orchids  
 Best Miscellaneous Genera Curtis Lutchman  
 Best Miniature Orchid Anna Palermo

CONGRATULATIONS  
 TO OUR MEMBERS  
 WHO WON  
 AWARDS



Phyllis won Best Niche



Patti won Best Dendrobium



Anna won Best Slipper Alliance  
 and Best Miniature Orchid

Bill won Best Show Theme Interpretation  
 for his niche.



Far left: Clive won Best Cattleya, Best  
 Phalaenopsis, & Best Vanda.

Near left: Margaret won Best Encyclia.





Many thanks to Chairman Clive for coordinating our beautiful exhibit (at left).



ORCHID FANTASY 2023

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SHOW!

WHAT A GREAT TEAM OF EXHIBITORS!



Thank you to our wonderful vendors and to Volusia County Orchid Society and Central Florida Orchid Society for their exhibits. The exhibits are what make our show so special.





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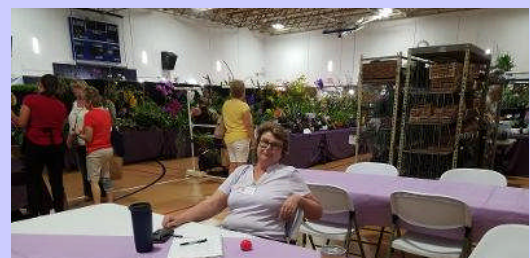
## **REFRESHMENTS**

Kathy Ballance

## **SHOW CHAIR**

Jodi Kittleson

*Thank you so much, Jodi, for chairing an amazing show!*



# It never ends.....

Just 5 days after we tore down our show, the team below went to the Volusia County Orchid Society show to put in an exhibit. It was great to have new volunteers join Margaret.

Exhibit team members, (l-r) Witha, Margaret, and Mary Ellen are shown below with our exhibit in the Volusia show, which won second place exhibit and Best Show Theme Interpretation. Bill Jelen and Scott Anderson were also there to help with set up. Many thanks to all of them, and if you are interested in helping with away exhibits in the future, let Laura or Margaret know (or you can respond to the newsletter editor).



## Our Volusia Show Exhibit