

# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhyzome October 2024

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our September meeting, I mentioned how much I enjoyed my Dendrobiums. There are perhaps over 1000 different species, but I'm referring to those you typically find for sale at Home Depot or Lowe's. Usually the Phalaenanthe (those that resemble Phalaenopsis), Spatulata (antelope with twisted petals) and Latouria (tall canes with about four leaves around the top). I sometimes say I've had a plant for 30 years, but actually I have only the new growth and the Kikis that these plants regularly produce. If a plant dies, I always have another one. I kill them mostly if I leave them unprotected when temperatures get below 50 degrees. They are definitely cold sensitive, but they are able to tolerate severe cold for short periods only.

I almost always pot them in clay pots and stalite potting mixture. Many will grow tall and will need the weight in the pot so they are not always overturning. I have also used my regular bark and clay pebbles with good results. I have to repot more often with my bark mixture as the bark does deteriorate. Most of the time they just sit on plastic shelves in my pool patio area producing long lasting blooms for me to enjoy for months.

We enjoyed Jennifer's presentation in September on Florida native orchids. There are so many! It was funny hearing her story about trying to save orchids from DOT mowers along highway parkways.

Our October speakers are Keith and Dina Enig on 'Vandacious Orchids – Not Including Vandas'. They have not spoken to PCOS before, so I'm sure we can all learn something new. See you at the meeting!

*Margaret*

## SLUGS AND SNAILS

With all of the rain, are you having an issue with slugs and snails? Does it look like something is chewing on the leaves of your orchids?

CHECK OUT THE ARTICLE AT [www.PlatinumCoastOrchidSociety.org](http://www.PlatinumCoastOrchidSociety.org)

Then click on **The Rhyzome**, then find 2015 and click on October for the article "Slugs and Snails" by Sue Bottom.

### CALENDAR

**Oct. 9th—6pm Board Meeting**

**Oct. 9th—7pm Regular Meeting**

**Speakers Keith and Dina  
Enig on Vandacious Orchids**

**Sun., Oct. 20th—Noon Picnic**



If you did not sign up at the last meeting, but still want to attend, please immediately let the editor know how many will be attending and what side dish you will bring. She will forward it to picnic chair Kathy.

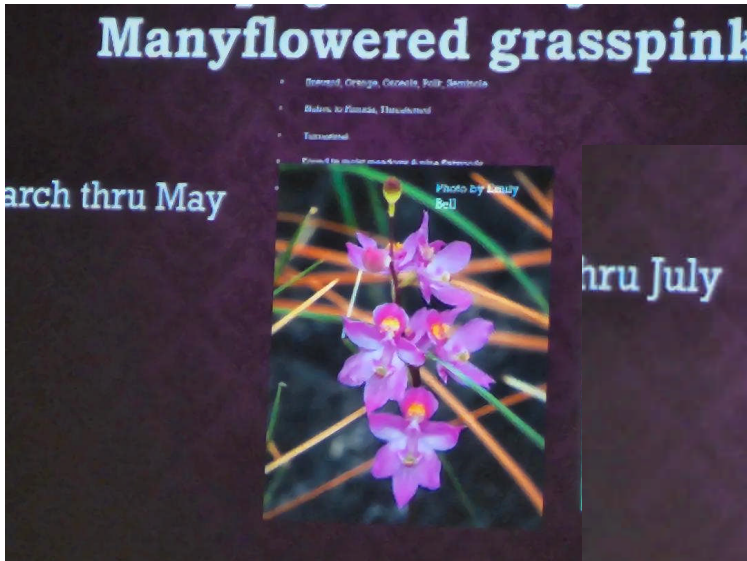
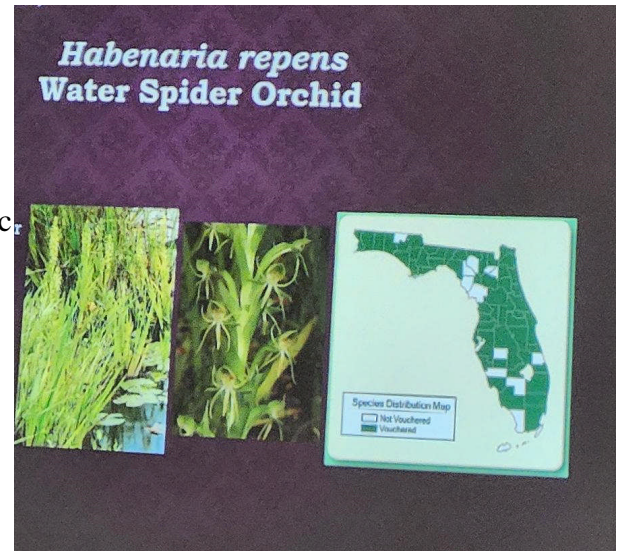


We all enjoyed Speaker Jennifer Reinoso on Native and Naturalized Orchids of Central Florida.

Who knew we had so many native orchids right here in Brevard County? Now we know what to look for on the highways and byways of our area.

At right, see the a semi aquatic Water Spider Orchid and its range.

There are several grasspinks shown below in our area.

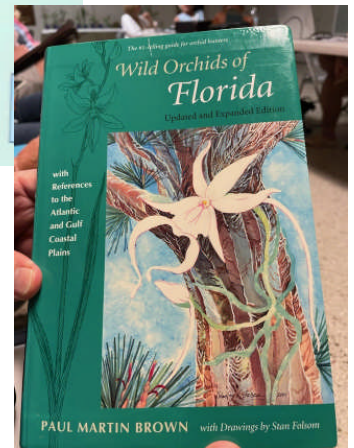


At left: Pale grasspink

Most of the above are protected and won't thrive out of their environment.

There are some varieties, like the *Encyclia tampensis* (left below), which is indigenous to our area, and the *Spathoglottis plicata* (below right), which is native to south Florida, that have become commercialized and can be purchased.

If you are interested in knowing more about the native orchids in Florida, the book at the right was recommended.



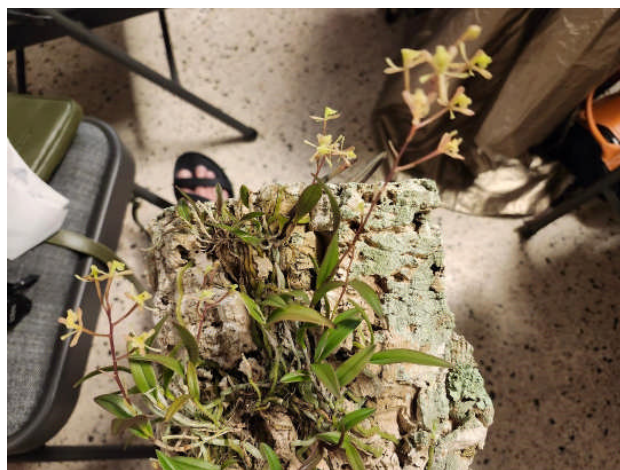
# September meeting forum



Please place yellow tags in your plant, so they can be readily identified by the editor for info.



Margaret loves dendrobiums because they are easy to grow and bloom a lot. Two of hers are shown above: Den. Salaya Red and Den. Mem. Lillian Yamada 'Hawaii'



The native Green Fly orchid was highlighted in our program. Margaret happened to bring the specimen above for the plant forum, so it was passed around for all to see.



At right, Laura's Bl. Yellow Bird



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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](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](#) 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

- Oct. 4-6 East Everglades Orchid Society Show  
RF Orchids Banyan Pavilion  
28100 SW 182nd Ave., Homestead, FL
- Oct. 5-6 Tampa Orchid Club Expo  
Northdale Recreation Center  
Tampa, FL
- Oct. 19-20 Gainesville Orchid Society Show  
Kanapaha Botanical Garden  
Gainesville, FL

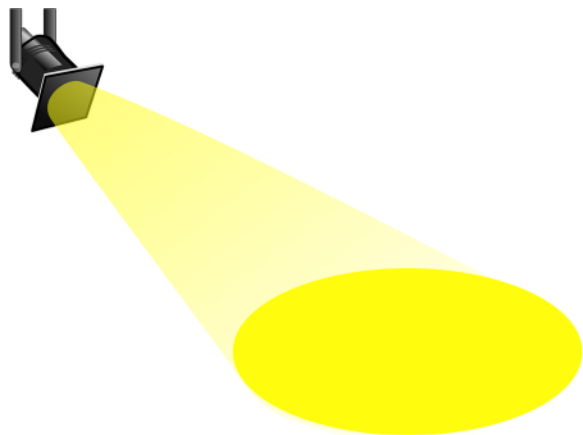
## PCOS NEWS

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 slate of officers for 2025 to be voted on at the November meeting:

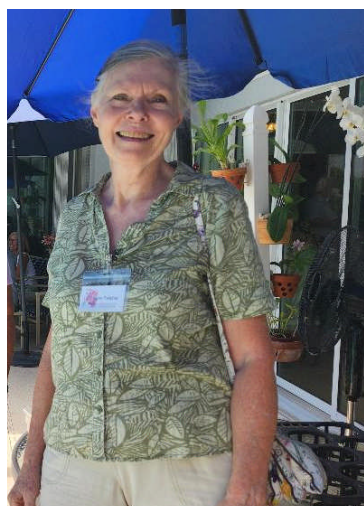
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## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



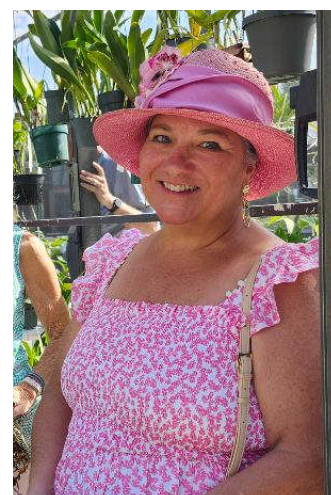
*Many thanks to two brand new members who willingly accepted jobs in the club. There are so many ways to be involved:*

- helping Kathy with the meeting snacks or in setting up the picnic*
- working on the Christmas party*
- being the newsletter editor*
- taking a job at the show*



Lois was lucky enough to be gifted an orchid collection from her sister. Now she is learning everything she can to make her new orchids happy.

Fortunately, she attended the ramble at Margaret's home, so she saw how successful Margaret is with her dendrobiums, which are grown in full sunlight under screen. Since they can be top heavy and they want stability, clay pots and pebbles usually work better and of course, they don't want to be left outside if it will be in the 50's or lower for more than a couple of hours.



Ann reads the newsletter and takes notes from the articles recommended. She also was the first person to see the notice about Charlie's divisions being given away. Charlie gave her a short lesson on repotting, before she dashed off to go dancing.-

# 2024 PCOS OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN BE PART OF THE TEAM!

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