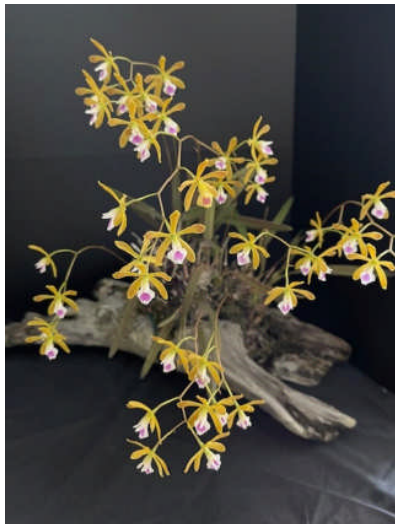


# Platinum Coast Orchid Society

## The Rhyzome

September 2024



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The August meeting was well attended, and with our "Back to Basics" members helping members program, I was able to visit with many of you. I'm hoping to get your feedback about the meeting as several members suggested a repeat for next year. Our club's purpose is education, so let me or any officer know if this was something you found helpful.

Our September speaker will be Jennifer Reinoso. She should be familiar to many of our members as Jennifer is an AOS judge. She is also a member of the Volusia County Orchid Society. Her presentation will be: Native & Naturalized Orchids of Central Florida – "What's in your neck of the woods?"

I have several native orchids in my collection. One that I've had for over 30 years is *Encyclia tampensis* (above), a gift from my sister when she moved out of South Florida. It is not as big and showy as the larger orchids but I really enjoy seeing it bloom every year. Another native I have is *Prosthechea cochleata* (far right). Although I brought my plants from Miami, I see a few vendors selling native species every year at our Show. As a local, these plants are well suited to be mounted on trees in our yards. They are definitely less trouble than many of my hybrids.

There is still so much to learn! Hope to see you at the September meeting!

*Margaret*

### CALENDAR

**Sept. 11—6pm Board Meeting**

**Sept. 11—7pm Regular Meeting**

**Speaker Jennifer Reinoso  
on native orchids.**

### GREAT THINGS FOR NEW MEMBERS TO KNOW

Now that you know everything about plant parts from last month's suggested article, you may or may not want to read a great article about **Black Rot**. If you can overcome your fear, check out the article in our September 2015 newsletter.

Now you might ask, "Where can I find that?" Just go to our website:  
[www.PlatinumCoastOrchidSociety.org](http://www.PlatinumCoastOrchidSociety.org)

Then click on **The Rhyzome**, then find 2015 and click on September.

If you have never been to the website before, this will be a great opportunity to check it out.

The crowd enjoyed the “Back to Basics” program at the August meeting.

We would like some feedback on whether our new members would welcome more meetings like this. Please just send your feedback to the editor and she will compile the information for the VEEP.



## August meeting

We are so glad that Clive (above) is back and fully recovered. He must have been a good patient because Carol looks great.



Thanks to Kathy (at far left), Jennifer (center), and JoAnn (below) for the jobs they cover every month. If you would like to volunteer for any position please let the editor know. There is something for everyone. Many thanks to everyone who volunteers to bring in snacks. If you want to do that, just let Kathy know what you will be providing. And don't forget to pick up your free ticket.

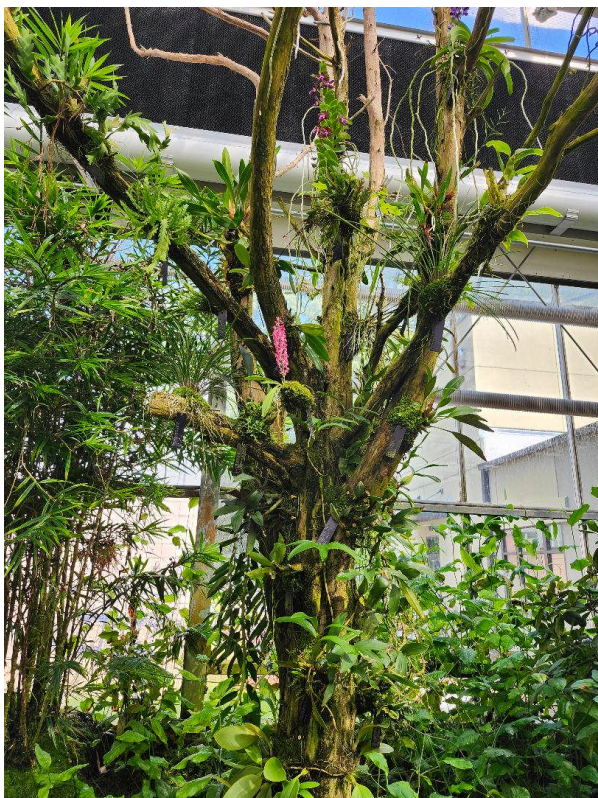
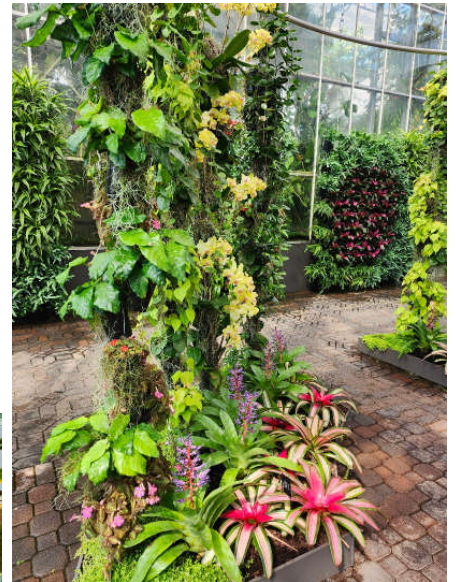
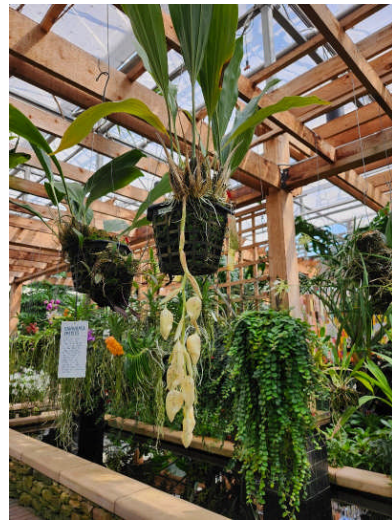
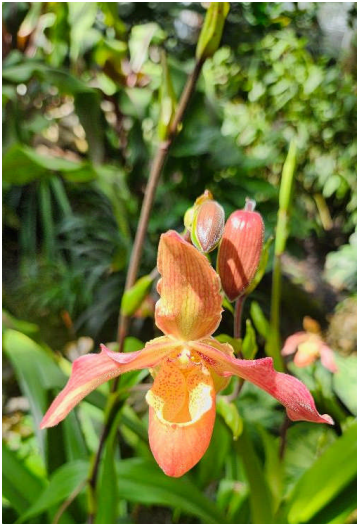


We had a nice selection for the member sale and the plant forum.



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BOTANICAL  
GARDEN

FUQUA  
ORCHID  
CENTER



ABOVE: HABENARIA  
MEDUSA

Touring the center provided  
some ideas for future show  
exhibits.





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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.

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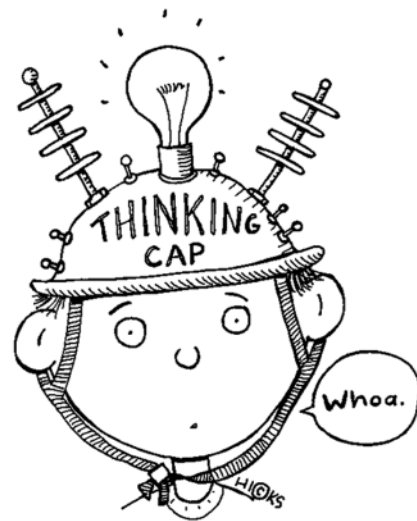
FOR AOS MEMBERS: The AOS also has a presence on Facebook. There is a [group](#) with close to 65,000 members, and a [page](#). Each allows you to post photographs and ask questions about your orchids. The group is the most active of the two, and group members usually respond quickly to posts. The page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

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**Sept. 28-29—Ridge Orchid Society Show**  
United Women's Club of Lakeland  
Lakeland, FL

## SUNSHINE

Speedy get well wishes to Elizabeth Gaines as she recovers from her surgery.



## 2025 SHOW THEME

It's time to come up with a show theme for the 2025 show. It will be our 60th annual show, so it's a big anniversary event. Send your favorite theme to the editor by September 6th. The editor may be out of town after that date, so start thinking NOW. The limit is 2 ideas per member.

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