

# *Platinum Coast Orchid Society*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November continues to reward us with beautiful blooms from so many genera. Why are my Tolumnias blooming? I sure thought they were summer bloomers! What I am sure of is they do not like cold weather (below 50 degrees). I have a limited collection of these small plants and they fit in one box, so they are easily moved out of the cold. Not so easy are my large Dendrobiums, but this year I have a folding cart that Laura correctly insisted that I buy, and it works very well. Moving them into the garage by "cart" was much easier. We just had three cold nights below 50 degrees. That is usually my guide to protecting my orchids. After it was over, the actual temperatures at my house were 48-49 degrees for only a couple of hours before each dawn. The plants probably would have been just fine without the trip to the garage, but the weather forecast was for colder nights. Vandas are more sensitive to the cold and will start dropping leaves if subjected to any cold temperatures. They don't die but the plants do become less attractive. I have many people tell me they don't do anything special to protect their orchids, but I think that is the exception rather than the rule on Merritt Island.

We have our annual Christmas Party coming up and we are looking forward to a good time and lots of good food. Everyone thought my ugly sweater was "too cute" last year, so I'm trying again this year with something different. Please sign up and join us for a fun and an enjoyable evening. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

*Margaret*

## *The Rhizome* *December 2024*



PLATINUM COAST  
ORCHID SOCIETY'S

### *Annual Christmas Party*

BRING A TOY OR NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEM  
FOR A FREE RAFFLE TICKET!

SECOND ANNUAL UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

BRING AN ORNAMENT, GET AN ORNAMENT IN  
OUR EXCHANGE

ROCKLEDGE GARDEN CLUB

DECEMBER 11TH  
APPETIZERS AT 6  
DINNER AT 7

## *SUNSHINE*

*It was wonderful to see many of our members back in good health and at the meeting.*

*Belated deepest sympathy to Gheri on the passing of her beloved father.*

*We hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party.*

# BUS TRIP



*Many thanks to Ruth and Brett of Accent Orchids for inviting us. It was a great day for fun, food, and getting to know one another. It also looks like it was a great day for orchid purchases.*





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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

Dec. 7-8 Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show  
River Walk Center, Ft. Pierce, 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!!!



Charlie's Rlc. Heusermans' 'JADE'

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

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## **SHOW CHAIRMAN**

Carolyn Anderson

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# November meeting



November's meeting started with a member sale. After business, Mark Walters shared several ways of attaching orchids to various objects. As usual, he made the process look easy and exciting. Thanks to the many people who brought in snacks and to JoAnn and Jennifer for organizing the raffle. There were many winners.

Immediately below see the many blooming orchids that Witha brought in. Be it photos or orchids, she is the star of this month's newsletter.



## ORCHID FORUM

Betty led an interesting orchid forum which included a history of Charlie's orchid below, named after former member Ruth Loveless.

At far left top, Gheri brought in the many orchids she had blooming. At near top left, Tom Dixon's V. Madame Rattana x Dr. Anok 4N

At far left bottom Clive's Bulbo. Daisy Chain and Myc. Luster

