

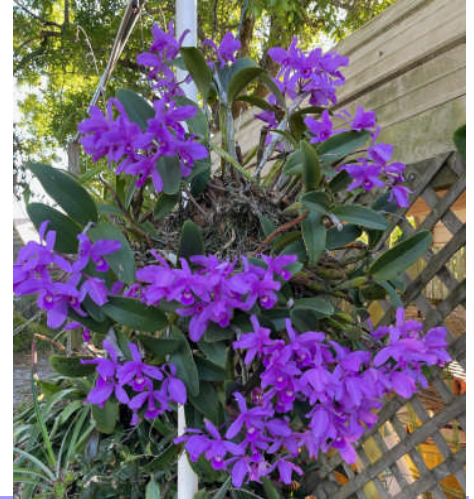
Platinum Coast Orchid Society

The Rhizome

April 2025

Sally's Guarianthe skinneri

—a species



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe the Show is only a month away! Things will really move quickly now. Thanks to all those who turned in sponsor sheets. You guys have done a great job this year, especially the newer members who have turned in several new sponsors for our show. Unfortunately, there are still many of you who have not submitted any sponsors, so I hope your major contribution to the show will be to volunteer for the various duties from set-up, to judging, registration, showtime, and tear down. To be successful we need everyone on board. We still have two niche positions open. The niche committee will do a demonstration at our next meeting. Doing a niche is a great way to learn the art of orchid display, so I hope several of you who have not done one before will sign up. We'll need your 'new expertise' when traveling to the Volusia and Central Florida orchids show to set up our society exhibit. It's really a fun experience seeing how other shows are organized and shopping for orchids to add to our collections. See you in April!

Laura

CALENDAR

- Wed., April 2nd @ 6pm Show Chair Meeting
- Wed., April 9th @ 6pm Board Meeting
- Wed., April 9th @ 7pm Business Meeting
- Wed., April 30th @ noon Show Set Up at Kiwanis
- Thurs., May 1st @ 8am Continue show set-up
- Fri., May 2nd all day Show begins

2025 dues were due in January. If you have not renewed, you may mail your check made out to Platinum Coast Orchid Society to the post office address on the Officers' page or bring it to the meeting. The May edition is the last newsletter for non renewing members.

FROM THE EDITOR: Game time! Tomorrow you will receive a photo with orchids in it. It's from 1967. Notice the orchids that were popular then. They are still around and we have one of them. Let me know if you know what movie the photo is from? I will send a hint in a few days.

Oh, and Charlie is dividing his orchids again. Let me know if you are interested. They will be bare root, so have your potting materials ready.

SUNSHINE

Our best to Jodi Kittleson as she continues her treatment.

Speedy get well wishes to Margaret Smith and Ed Kidder.

Betty

February Meeting



President Laura addresses the attending members who signed up to help at the show.



Orchid Forum



Above: Jennifer and Mike's Bllra. Big Shot 'Pink Leopard' and Zygo. Debbie de Mello 'Honolulu Baby' AM/AOS (Imagination x Helen-Ku)

Above: Laura's Chysis limminghei

Below: Joy's Den. Maynin Uralwon and V. Renu Delight

Below: "Clive's Zns. Maraskikomanchi



Show 2025

FOR OUR NEWER MEMBERS WHO HAVE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN A SHOW, HERE ARE A FEW POINTERS:

THERE WILL BE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE APRIL MEETING OR YOU CAN CLICK REPLY AND I WILL SEND YOUR REQUEST TO THE CHAIRMAN BY APRIL 12TH.

1. Everyone who is available is needed on set up days, April 30th and May 1st. Even if you did not sign up for a specific job, you can help vendors carry in their orchids. Everyone is also needed for tear down at 4pm on Sunday, May 4th.
2. You can sign up to help in a time slot at the ticket booth OR the courtesy booth OR both.
3. You can be a clerk during judging. Sign up at the next meeting. You will need to arrive at Kiwanis on Friday, May 2nd at 8:15am, and meet in the annex, which is the room adjacent to the gym. This will be a 3 to 4 hour job, so plan accordingly.
4. You can do a niche, which is a small exhibit (see photo below) for the show. There will be a niche demonstration at the April meeting so you will know what to do. Niches must be set up on Thursday, May 1st by 6pm.
5. If you have a truck, you can help on Wednesday during set up or Sunday during tear down, as we take all of the supplies back to the warehouse.

CAN'T MAKE A DECISION? MANY OF US SIGN UP FOR EVERYTHING, PARTICIPATING EVERYDAY. JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED WEEKEND AND BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR PCOS SHIRT OR NAMETAG.





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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

- Apr. 5-6** Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show
St. Lucie Polish American Club
- Apr. 5-6** Englewood Area Orchid Society Show
Englewood Sport Complex, Englewood
- Apr. 11-13** Apopka International Spring Festival
Krull-Smith
- Apr. 26-27** Vero Beach Orchid Society Show
Riverside Park
- May 2-4** **Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show**
Kiwanis Island Park Gym



Thank you to forum leader, Betty, for putting her name and plant's name on her orchid in the forum.

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