

Orchidelirium!

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President's Message ~ Pam Scholey

I was so disappointed to have missed our annual holiday luncheon. I understand it was well attended and everyone enjoyed spending time with all their orchid-loving family. Thanks to Barb Lynn, Laurie Wade, Andrea Heitfeld, Diana Lenartiene, Jamie Lawson, Dana DeMarco, and everyone else who helped to make this event a success. I am especially grateful to Laurie Wade for delivering my beautiful orchid from the luncheon. The blooms are just opening and it is spectacular!!

I hope all attending our meetings have been vaccinated. Even though you may be vaccinated, with the Covid numbers increasing, I just want to remind everyone to wear masks at all meetings. We want 2022 to be a healthy one for all.

I know John is requesting 2 liter plastic bottles to use at our show. Please save any you may have and bring to the next meeting.

Raffle Baskets are how we make a profit from our show. Please consider donating a basket or a gift. With enough "gifts," we can put together additional baskets. It takes a village to make this show a success.

Don't forget to let Andrea and John know where you would like to volunteer.



News from the 1st Vice President Andrea Heitfeld

Hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas with your family and friends.

Our Orchid show (Orchid Village) is approaching quickly. We need members to volunteer their time for us to have a successful show. Please, we urge you all to participate.

- We need baskets for our raffle as that is our big money maker. Diana Lenartiene will be taking the reins on this because we will not be hosting a Kiddie Corner. Botanical Gardens has the Port St Lucie Library taking care of entertaining the little ones. Remember to email Diana with the theme of your basket (lenartiene@hotmail.com).
- Diane Bryant is in charge of the registration for the Gnome Garden and Gnome loan.
- You may bring your Gnome for loan, Gnome Gardens, raffle baskets, and orchids for judging Thursday and Friday, February 10th-11th. See page 4 of the newsletter for the times.
- At our next general meeting on January 11, Michael Ortseifer will be our speaker. He will go over Niche requirements for the show.

Hope all you have a Blessed and safe New Year!

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS January Meeting - January 11, 2022

NOTE: Because of Covid concerns, members are requested to wear masks. Also, we will not be serving lunch, but you may bring a snack if you wish. We will be offering bottled water. Our workshop will be held in the main room from 12:00 to 12:45 to accommodate as much as possible social distancing, with the meeting to follow starting at 1:00.

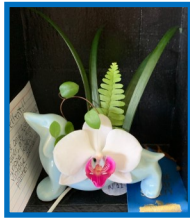
Noon Workshop: Prepping your Plants for the Show and Keeping Your Orchids Warm When It is Cold!

Jamie Lawson will share some great tips on how to make our orchids look their best for the show. And with January and February upon us, he also will give us guidance on how to keep our orchids warm during these cold months.



1:00 pm: Creating a Niche Arrangement Speaker: Michael Ortseifer

Michael will demonstrate how to create an orchid niche arrangement for our orchid show. This will be especially helpful for members who have never done it before. Hope everyone will sign up to create a niche.



PSLOS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 8, 2022
Orchid Show Preparations

February 12-13, 2022
PSLOS "Orchid Village" Show & Sale

March 8, 2022
To Be Determined

April 12, 2022
Repotting Workshop

Important Links for the Orchid Lover

Our Society:
<http://pslos.org/>

Our Facebook Page
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/PSLOS>

Florida Orchid Growing
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fl.orchid>

American Orchid Society
<http://www.aos.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 8-9 Sarasota Orchid Society's
"Orchids in Paradise"
Sarasota, FL

~~Jan 14-16~~
May 13-15 Miami Orchid Society's "Tamiami
International Orchid Festival"
Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Ctr

Jan 21-23 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society's
"Orchids Rock"
Broward County Convention Ctr

Jan 29-30 FL West Coast Orchid Society's
"Orchids Unmasked"
Seminole, FL

Feb 5-6 Venice Area Orchid Society Show
Venice Community Center
326 S Nokomis Avenue

Feb 12-13 Boca Raton Orchid Society
"In Love with . . . Orchids"
1790 NW Spanish River Road

Orchid Village

Orchid Show and Sale

By Port St. Lucie Orchid Society

Saturday, February 12, 9 - 4

Sunday, February 13, 9 - 4



-Spectacular Orchid Displays
-Orchid Vendors
-Orchid Supplies
-Free Workshops
-Kids' Activities
-Raffles

Location:
Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd.

For more info, visit us at:
<http://www.pslsos.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PSLOS/>



Make copies of the show flyer and share with your friends!

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



To have a great show, we need volunteers! Sign up sheets will be available at the January meeting.

- ◇ Set up (Thursday Feb. 10 & Friday Feb. 11) and break down (Sunday Feb. 13)
- ◇ Clerk (Saturday morning)
- ◇ Greet visitors & sell society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Sell raffle tickets (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Donate raffle baskets & gift certificates
- ◇ Sponsor a trophy
- ◇ Enter a Niche arrangement
- ◇ Create a Gnome Garden

Membership & Raffle Tables

We currently have **no** volunteers to man the Membership Table on Sunday and **no** volunteers to man the Raffle Table from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday.

Please help by signing up to man either table on Sunday.



Raffles



Raffles are our biggest fund raiser. We challenge everyone to donate a raffle basket or prize.

EMAIL Diana Lenartiene if you are donating a raffle basket. Also let her know the theme of your donation (for example, Family Game Night, Car Care, Fun in the Sun, etc.). We need this info to determine how many tables we need and to make up the signage for your donation.

Email: lenartiene@hotmail.com

Ask businesses and restaurants you frequent to contribute in the form of gift certificates, raffle prizes, or cash sponsorships. No gift is too small. Their gifts are tax deductible!

Loan a Gnome



Liberate your gnomes! Lend a gnome for our Orchid show. Let us borrow your gnome to display at the show, and you will receive raffle tickets for our raffles during the show. (All gnomes will be returned after the show.)

Schedule for Show Set-Up at PSLOS Botanical Gardens

Bring Loaned Gnomes, raffle prizes, & Gnome Gardens

Thursday, Feb 10, 2:00-4:00

OR

Friday, Feb 11, 12:00-2:00

Bring Orchid Niches and Orchids for the PSLOS display and judging

Thursday, Feb 10, 2:00-4:00

OR

Friday, Feb 11, 12:00-1:00

Sponsors

We are in need of **9** more sponsors for show trophies. Please consider sponsoring a trophy to make our show one of the greatest ever. Sponsorship costs \$30.00. You can send a check to

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
P.O. Box 8421
Port St. Lucie, FL 34985

This is a great way to help our Society, especially if you can't attend or help out in person.

Kids' Korner

Unfortunately, we will not have a Kids' Korner. If you volunteered for the Kids' Korner, please volunteer for another activity. And thanks so very much for volunteering.

Gnome Gardens



Have fun and create a tabletop gnome garden. There are two categories – mini: tallest gnome not to exceed 3 inches and miniature: tallest gnome not to exceed 5 inches. Entries will be judged!

Orchid Niche



Use your imagination and create an orchid niche arrangement!

Learn some tips on creating a niche at our January meeting.

DECEMBER PSLOS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Checking the list to see whose naughty or nice!



Thanks to Santa's helpers!



Thanks to all for the toys donated for the Salvation Army's toy drive!



Good food and Good fellowship!



Lots of gifts!



So many beautiful orchids!



Look at what we got!



Thanks, Jamie, for fetching these gorgeous orchids!



ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

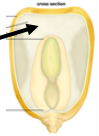


Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

This month's Orchidabulary is about terms related to plant growth regulators. Orchids can produce a huge quantity of seeds, but according to research, most don't have any functioning endosperm.

Endosperm - the part of a seed that acts as a food store for the developing embryo (ex: corn kernel)



This makes in vitro culture, the technique of cells or tissues derived from a living plant, desirable. In vitro culture of orchids has been developed for many purposes. Some native orchids and commercial orchid hybrids are propagated using seed germination or cut explants such as leaves, shoot tips, and roots to produce large numbers of orchid plantlets.

Plant growth regulators (PGRs) - chemicals used to modify plant growth, such as increasing branching, suppressing shoot growth, increasing return bloom, and making Keikis on orchids. (Ex. Keikigrow).

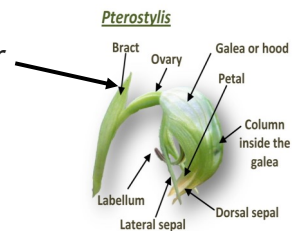
Auxin - a plant hormone which causes the elongation of cells in shoots; produced at the apex of a growing stem. Some root stimulators on the market contain auxin (Ex. Dip 'n Grow)

Cytokinins - plant hormone that primarily stimulates cell division and are a derivative of the purine adenine. They are produced by the roots and travel upwards through the system. This promotes tissue growth and budding.

Bract - modified leaf on a flowering stem often just beneath a flower



Clinal plantlet - a baby plant that is a genetically identical copy of a plant; it is produced asexually (not by seed).



Tasks for January



- Be prepared to protect outdoor plants from freezing temperatures.
- Spray for mites; spray again in 7-10 days.
- Many genera are entering or are in flowering season. Stake for better displays.
- Flush excess fertilizer salts from Cattleyas and other sympodials.
- Watering, fertilizing and re-potting should be kept to a minimum.
- Water early in the day.

From Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, *Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month*

For further information specific to different orchid genera:
<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Membership Corner

Membership Chairperson
Anne Menassian
amorchidnews@gmail.com

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

We are starting the new year off right with a new member! Please welcome Julia Thomas from Jensen Beach to PSLOS. Hopefully, she will be able to join us at the January meeting.

And don't forget: Dues for 2022 are payable by January 31, 2022.



Treasurer's Report

Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Hello everyone! The holiday was a whirlwind and here we are, getting ready for 2022! Our year end checking account balance is \$7,639.33. Our major expenditures were the holiday luncheon and orchids for members who attended. We made a donation to Smile Train of \$495 which was raised from Jamie's orchid sale at the 12 pm class and Diane Bryant's selling of her Catasetums at our member auction. The donation was made on giving Tuesday and was matched, so Smile Train netted \$990. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting.

Annual dues are \$20 individual,
\$25 family.

Dues for calendar year 2022 are due
by January 31, 2022.

Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

General Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:00 PM
(Educational Class 12:00 PM)

Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden

Speakers, Classes, Show and Tell, Raffles,
Orchid Exchange, and more

Board Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the month, 12:30 PM
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2022 Officers and Volunteers:

President - Pam Scholey

1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfeld

2nd Vice President - Nan Rothschild

Recording Secretary - Diana Lenartiene

Corresponding Secretary - Carol Farmer

Treasurer - Laurie Wade

Membership - Anne Menassian

Immediate Past President - Dana DeMarco

Trustee - Barbara Lynn - 2022

Jessica Benford - 2023

Diane Bryant 2024

AOS Representative - Laurie Wade

2022 Show Co-Chair - Andrea Heitfeld

2022 Show Co-Chair - John Erickson

Newsletter Co-Editors - Diane Bryant, Anne
Menassian

Website - Diana Lenartiene (Primary)

Diane Bryant (Alternate)



• Individual \$35

• Family & Friends \$50

We encourage PSLOS members to consider joining the Friends of the Botanical Gardens and enjoy these exclusive benefits:

- 10% off most Gift Shop purchases
- Garden Center Member Specials
- Reciprocal Admission and/or Discounts to American Horticultural Society Member Gardens
- Members Only Events
- Members Access or Discounts on Selected Classes, Seminars & Events
- and more.

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Volunteers are always needed to help with routine chores in the Orchid Room. Tasks include watering and general maintenance such as raking leaves and pine needles.



Monday mornings
from about 8-9 am



If interested, please
contact:

Jessica Beneford at
jessca10chb@gmail.com

Remember to loan or donate unusual orchids to the Orchid Room. For further information, contact John Erickson at erickson_236@bellsouth.net.



Thanks to everyone who donated a toy at the Holiday Luncheon for the Salvation Army's Toy Drive!

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Carol Farmer



Look at those orchids above the archway! Nan & Jeff in Mexico



Nancy Lyman



Wise owl keeping watch for Diane Bryant!



Diana Lenartiene

If you would like to share pictures of your orchids that have just bloomed, send your pictures to pslosdiane@gmail.com.

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