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### President's Message ~

Pam Scholey  
Your President

Happy New Year! I am thrilled to be your new President. I wish it were under better circumstances, but as an eternal optimist, I am determined we will make the best of it!

The board is planning our next board meeting in February. Please know, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be making a roadmap on how to proceed and keep our members educated and informed about all things orchid.

Are you interested in "Zoom" meetings?  
How about thoughts on fundraising?

I would love to hear ideas on keeping our club "fresh." You can text me: 772-285-4795 or email [pam@remaxofstuart.com](mailto:pam@remaxofstuart.com).

I am looking forward to working with the board making our club the best it can be. We value each and every one of you as friends and as members. Please stay safe! We eagerly look forward to in person, monthly meetings. Hopefully, in the near future.

Last but not least, a special thank you to Dana for all her years as President. She led us into the future and gave of herself in an unselfish manner. I for one, cannot thank her enough!



Membership Corner  
ChairPerson  
Anne Menassian

I am thrilled to announce that even through these days of quarantine and uncertainty, we have a NEW MEMBER!!

Please welcome Meredith Kelly. She moved into the area recently and has an orchid room to fill with beautiful, healthy blooms! Hopefully, we will be able to gather in the spring, and we can meet Meredith in person and help her with her mission.

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Please join us in celebrating the following Membership Milestones:

### 5 Year

- ◇ Anne Menassian
- ◇ Dave Moody
- ◇ Dottie Moore
- ◇ Lee Stradley
- ◇ Stu Schecter
- ◇ Claudia Young

We will formally recognize these members at a 2021 meeting when meetings are resumed.



# Happy New Year!

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

## PSLOS MEETINGS

Hopefully, meetings will resume  
March 2021.

The Executive Board will meet in February  
to determine if it is safe to begin  
meetings again.

We now have a ZOOM page and will be  
offering Zoom meetings from time to time  
during the pandemic. Members will be  
notified via email and on our  
Facebook page.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 concerns, a majority of  
spring shows and monthly judgments have been  
canceled or postponed. Check with events  
prior to making plans to attend.

Until meetings resume, check out the many  
resources on the American Orchid Society  
website. Their library contains many useful,  
how-to video clips on all aspects of orchids  
and orchid culture: [http://www.aos.org/  
orchids/aos-video-library.aspx](http://www.aos.org/orchids/aos-video-library.aspx) or watch a  
webinar: [http://www.aos.org/orchids/  
webinars.aspx](http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx).

Also, check out resources available on other  
orchid society websites. For a list of some  
other societies, go to our website:  
<http://www.pslos.org/other-sites.html>

# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

**VOLUNTEER  
POWER!**

## Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as  
the First Vice President.

The First Vice President “shall assist the  
President and preside over Society and Exec-  
utive Board meetings in the absence of the  
President. Planning and presentation of all  
programs for monthly general meetings of  
the Society shall be the responsibility of the  
Vice President.” AND it is hoped that in the  
future the 1<sup>st</sup> VP would agree to be the Pres-  
ident.

If you are interested or want more infor-  
mation please contact Pam Scholey, your  
new President, at 772-285-4795 or any of our  
board members.

## Master Grower Challenge - Tolumnia



For those of you who are participating  
in our Master Grower challenge,  
remember to keep your Tolumnia  
growing.

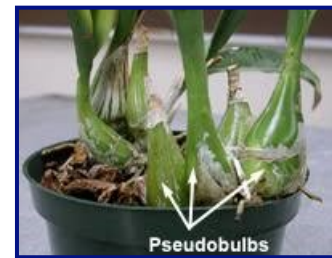
We still will be checking them out at a  
meeting in 2021!

# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



## Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by  
Nan Rothschild  
2nd Vice President



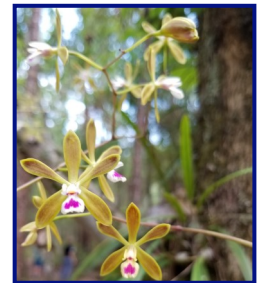
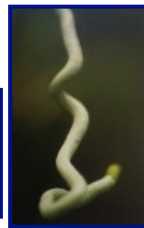
Pseudobulb—the swollen stem of an epiphytic orchid that usually serves as a reservoir for water



Adventitious growth - roots of growths that are produced from the stem or other unusual places

Alliance—a term applied to closely related orchid genera

Velamen - the white, absorbent outer layer that covers the roots.



Epiphyte - a plant growing non-parasitically above the ground on another plant, log, or other structure, often referred to as an 'air plant'

## 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>

Caring for Orchids During Cold Weather, Marvin Motes, <https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/Alert-ColdWeather.pdf>

Cold Tolerance of Orchids, Sue Bottom, <https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/ColdToleranceofOrchidsbySueBottom.pdf>

Winter Orchid Tips, AOS, <http://www.aos.org/orchids/additional-resources/winter-orchid-tips.aspx>

# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

## Why Shouldn't I Cut Those Brown Sheaths?



DO NOT CUT BROWN SHEATHS. In the photo at the left, the brown sheath is 6 months older than the green one. They both opened on the same day. Many, many cattleyas will start sheaths and then those sheaths go into a waiting, dormant period until the right blooming time for that orchid. Green sheaths may develop and all open at the same time, or sometimes there are only brown sheaths to open. I post this about once a month because we have so many new members who are tempted to keep things neat by clipping out brown sheaths. Don't do it unless you see that it is split and has bloomed. I repeat this post every few months for the newest members and in the last couple of days I have seen two posts on this topic.



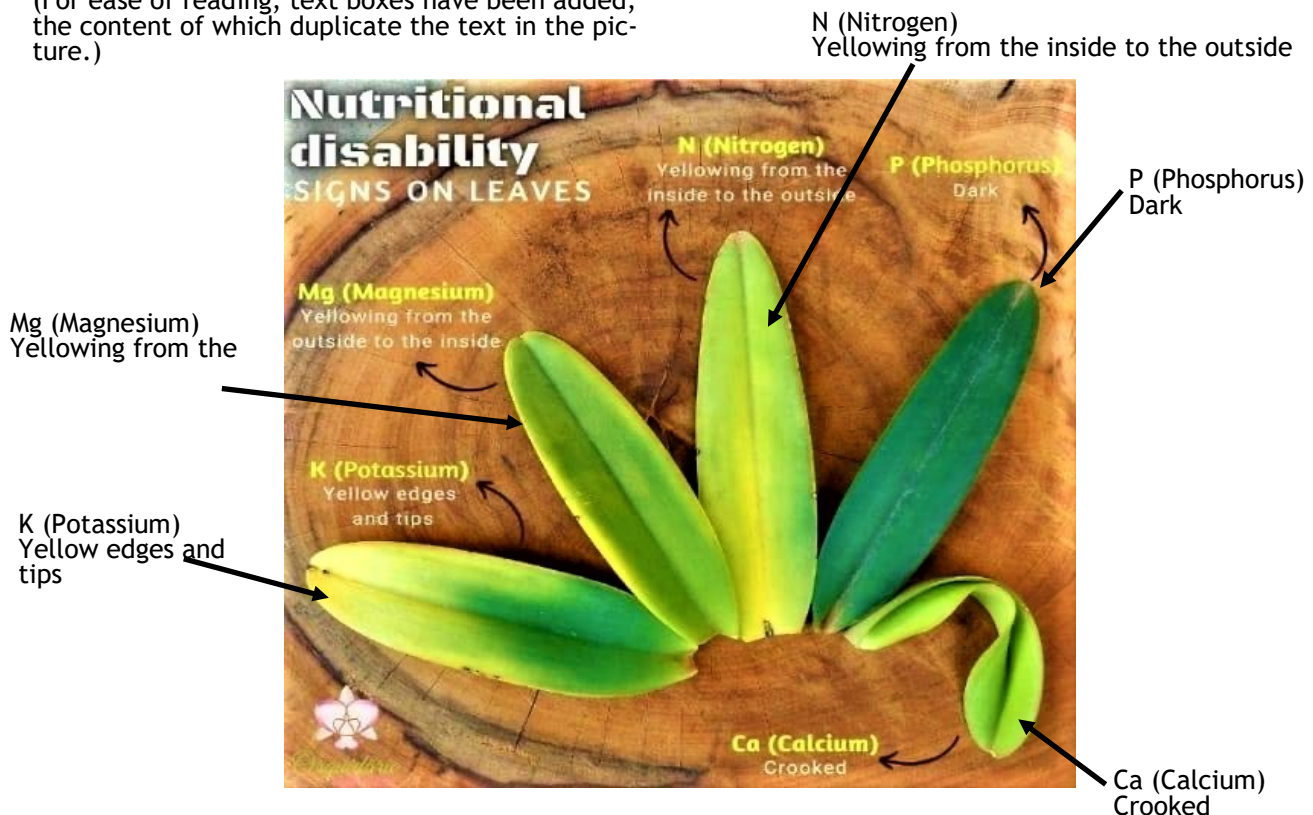
Advice from Doris Happel, Newbie Florida Orchid Growing

## Troubleshooting Tips

The leaves on your orchids can point you to a nutritional problem.

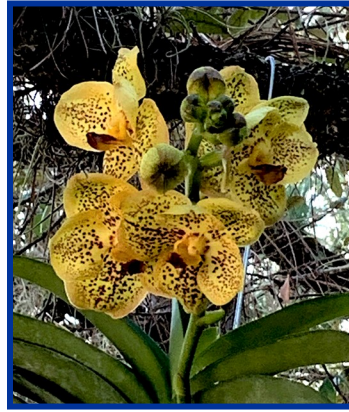
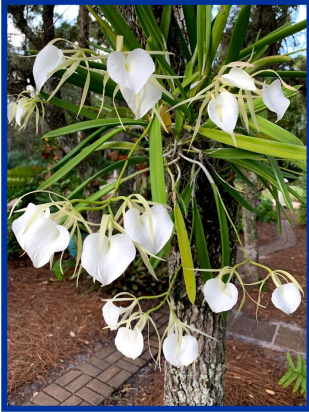
Shared by International Encycilia Group

(For ease of reading, text boxes have been added, the content of which duplicate the text in the picture.)



What tips do you have for growing your orchids successfully? Share your tips with your fellow PSLOS members by emailing them to [pslosdiane@gmail.com](mailto:pslosdiane@gmail.com).

## PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Share your love of orchids with the public!  
Loan an orchid to the Orchid Room.

For further information, contact John  
Erickson at [erickson\\_236@bellsouth.net](mailto:erickson_236@bellsouth.net).

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 and Thursday mornings  
from about 8-9 am

If interested, contact:  
Jessica Benford at [jessca10chb@gmail.com](mailto:jessca10chb@gmail.com)

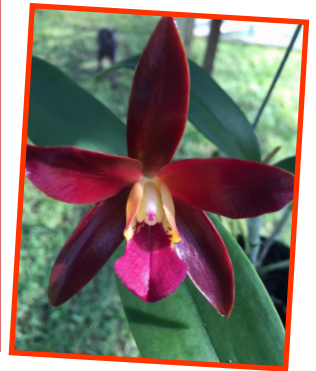
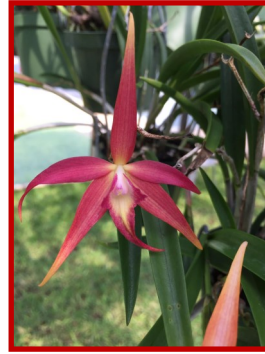
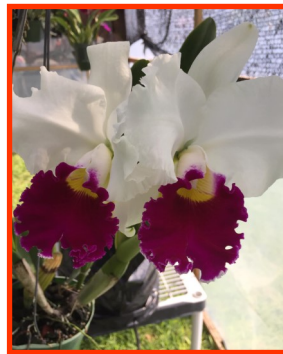
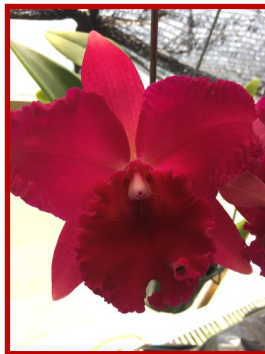


A big thanks to John Erickson, Dana DeMarco, Ann Menassian, Marion Sherry and Jessica Benford for wrapping up the orchid room in anticipation of the cold temperatures Christmas week.

# WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



From Jennifer Margolis' Garden

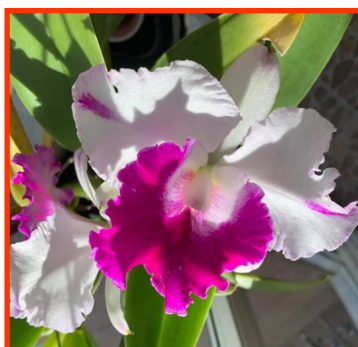
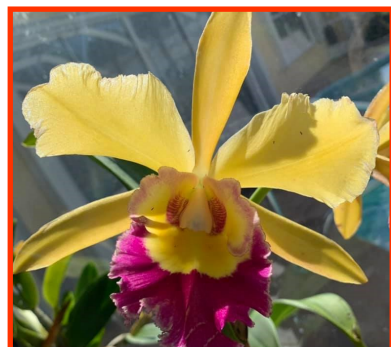


From Judy Wagner's Garden



From Maureen Kerr's Garden

From Diana Lenartiene's Garden



From John Gauvreau's Garden

From Gail Mathews' Garden

From Diane Bryant's Garden

If you would like to share pictures of your orchids, send your pictures to [pslosdiane@gmail.com](mailto:pslosdiane@gmail.com) or [amorichidnews@gmail.com](mailto:amorichidnews@gmail.com).

## Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2021 Officers and Volunteers:

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Vice President - Volunteer Needed  
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Corresponding Secretary - Carol Farmer  
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                  Jessica Benford - 2023  
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                  Menassian  
Website - Diane Bryant  
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr  
Food Set Up/Picnic Coordinator - Diana  
                  Lenartiene

## 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>

Angraecum's Individual Culture Resource

<http://angraecums.blogspot.com/p/behind-clonal-names.html>

## Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

**Cancelled until future notice.  
Stay safe!**

### General Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:00 PM  
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden

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

### Board Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the month, 12:30 PM

PSL Police Station, PSL Municipal  
Complex, corner of Airoso Blvd. and  
Port St. Lucie Blvd.

All members are welcome at Board Meetings.

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