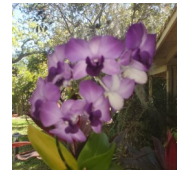


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President's Message ~

Pam Scholey
Your President

Well, it seems our annual picnic was a huge success! About 35 members came, played games, won a beautiful orchid t-shirt, bought raffle tickets, won bags stuffed with Orchid goodies and got lots of plants from the free table. Thank you Dana, Andrea, Nan, Jamie and Diana for your hard work and donations. Lots of fun and laughter. We even snuck in a few hugs. It was so wonderful getting back together!

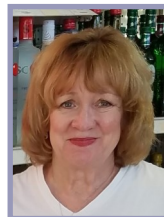
More great news! Andrea and John have volunteered to be our show chairs. Yay! They have been working diligently at planning our show and putting together an AOS judging panel. We are so happy to be able to have the show at Botanical Gardens. The theme will be Orchid Village. Make sure to keep an eye out for all the little gnomes. We hope you all love our theme and will dress accordingly. It is going to be a wonderful and fun show.

We were unable to follow through with our plans for a table at The Taste of The Tropics. It is being held June 12th at Botanical Gardens. Just because we are not there does not mean you should not stop by to enjoy all the exotic fruits and vegetables.

John has mentioned he would love some more unusual orchids for our orchid room. Should you have any you would like to donate, please contact John. Or...contact me and I will be happy to pick them up from you. Let's help make our orchid room even more beautiful!

I hope you have a perfect summer and all your orchids give you beautiful blooms. See you in September!

Pam



Treasurer's Report

Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Sorry to have missed our picnic. It sounds like everyone had fun.

Our current balance is \$9,664.08. We had five members who sold orchids in the silent auction, and we took in \$304.00. The club kept 20% of the money raised. One upcoming expense for the month is our annual PO Box rental for \$134.00.

Have a safe summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in September.



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President



News Flash!

Our Orchid Society is planning an Orchid show called "Orchid Village" in conjunction with the Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens "Botanica." This will be a AOS show on February 12th and 13th, 2022, so save the dates. We have a lot of work and planning ahead, and we need volunteers to ensure we have a successful show. Looking forward to seeing all of our members when we resume our normal PSLOS meetings on September 14th at the Botanical Gardens. Special thanks to Diane Bryant for our flyer for the show. It is an artful masterpiece!

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS MEETINGS

At the April Board Meeting, the Board decided our first General Meeting will be held in September.

We will not be serving lunch but will be offering drinks. If you wish, you may bring a snack. Our workshop will be held in the main room to accommodate social distancing, with the meeting to follow. Speaker to be announced at a later date.

Look forward to seeing you all on September 14th!



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 concerns, many shows have been canceled or postponed. Check with events prior to making plans to attend.

Central Florida Orchid Society
Orchid Show & Sale
June 5 & 6, 10am -4pm
1700 Oviedo Mall Blvd, Oviedo, FL

International Phalaenopsis Alliance
Symposium
August 6 -7, 2021
Highland Manor
503 E Main Street, Apopka, FL

Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show & Sale
November 13 and 14, 2021
Riverwalk Center
600 Indian River Drive
Fort Pierce, FL

IT'S SHOW TIME!

Thanks to Andrea Heitfield and John Erickson, our 2022 Show Co-Chairpersons, we are on the road to having a great 2022 Orchid Show in conjunction with the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens "Botanica."

For a successful show, volunteers are needed. More information will be coming after the summer break but be thinking on how you can contribute, for example:

- ◇ Set up (Friday Feb. 11) and break down (Sunday Feb. 13) help
- ◇ Kids' Corner (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Greeters for visitors & selling society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Trophy sponsors
- ◇ Raffle prizes, baskets, gift certificates,
- ◇ Niches (need members to sign up)
- ◇ Raffle sale— Saturday and Sunday



Our theme for this year's show is "Orchid Village," featuring those lovable garden gnomes in their garden habitats. Start collecting gnomes to lend for the show, and you will be rewarded with raffle tickets for the orchid raffle at our meetings. Details will be provided in our September newsletter.

Our flyer is on the following page.



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/>



ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC RETREAT



Great silent auction thanks to Nan.



Fun games and raffles thanks to Andrea, Jamie, Anne, and Dana.



Good Times

A big thanks to Dana, Andrea, Nan, Jamie, Anne, and Diana who organized the picnic. It was great having an opportunity to see one another again.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

Terete - circular in cross-section; leaves that are thin and rounded; ex. Terete vanda.



Labellum - the lip, or modified petal, of an orchid flower, usually quite distinct from the other petals



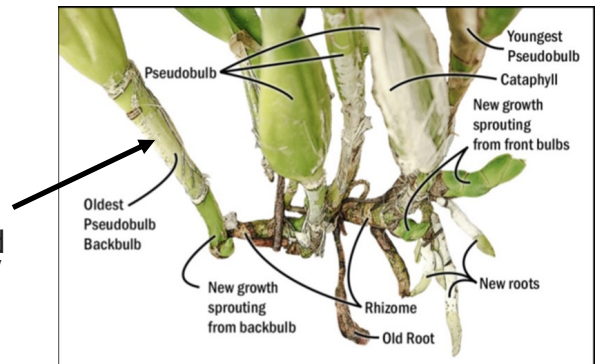
Cultivar - an individual plant in cultivation, including its vegetative propagations,

Propagation - multiplying your cultivar through division or producing plants through back bulbs.



Division - the means by which a single cultivar is divided into 2 or more plants.

Back bulb - Old pseudobulb, usually without leaves. (Picture from Sue Bottom's article "Plant Parts and Why They Matter," <https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/>)



ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for JUNE



June Climate Data

Average high 90
Average low: 75.2
Average mean: 82.4
Average rainfall: 8.54"

- With Florida's tropical climate, outdoor plants can get plenty of water from Mother Nature. Careful watering is especially important throughout the rainy season.
- Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.
- Re-pot Phals and reset Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.
- Begin or continue a disease prevention program with the prophylactic application of Thiophanate Methyl (Cleary's 3336) and Alliette or with Banrot.
- Clean up growing area and plants.
- Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Pull weeds.
- Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly every two weeks.
- Set air conditioning thermostat at 80 and fan on high.

(per Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month)

Tasks for JULY



July Climate Data

Average high: 90.9
Average low: 76.5
Average mean: 83.7
Average rainfall: 5.79"

- Enjoy the break in rainfall and let your plants dry "hard."
- After hard drying, saturate the pots, roots, and media by watering twice two minutes apart.
- Substitute fertilizer for water with a weekly application of a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20 or 18-18-18) at two tsp. per gallon. Alternate weekly with potassium nitrate and Epson salts.
- Never water before fertilizing. Roots saturated with water cannot absorb fertilizer but the prolonged wetness can rot your plants.
- Finish up the repotting of sympodials and the top working of vandas – this is the 11th hour for both!

(per Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month)

Tasks for AUGUST

August Climate Data

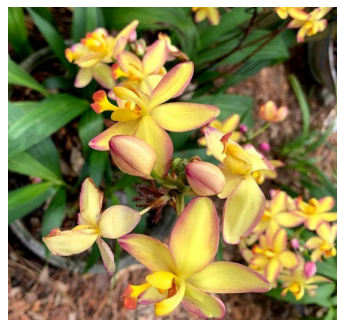
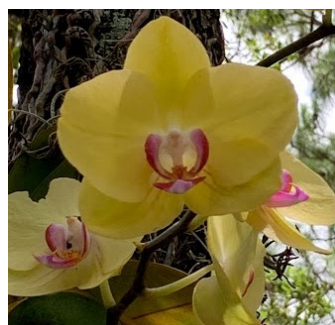
Average high: 90.6
Average low: 76.5
Average mean: 83.6
Average rainfall: 8.63"



- Water as early in the morning as possible due to shorter days. If a vanda looks like it needs water, water it. If a cattleya or Oncidium looks like it needs water, water tomorrow. If a paph or phals looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday.
- Finish cutting teretes and reed stem epidendrums early in month.
- Reset strap leaf vandas early or not at all.
- Dry hard once or twice.
- Continue anti-fungal spray program.
- Apply snail baste lightly twice ten days apart.

(per Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month)

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.

Times: Monday and Thursday mornings, from about 8-9 am. If interested, contact: Jessica Beneford at jessca10chb@gmail.com

Remember to loan or donate unusual orchids to the Orchid Room. Contact John Erickson at erickson_326@bellsouth.net.



ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Hats off to our member Judy Wagner for this fantastic feat. Judy repotted her entire collection. She started April 1st, and as of April 22nd, she had 40 left to do out of 500! Wow! She said each plant in an 8 inch pot turned into 4 or 5 inch pots.



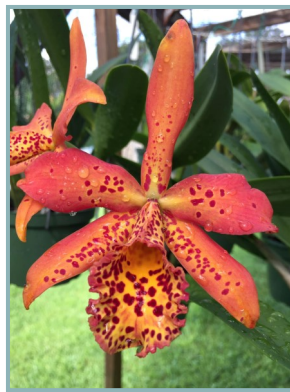
See Judy's repotting hint



Judy Wagner

I learned from an older orchid grower 45 years ago. First loosen up the roots starting at the back of the plant. Watch your thumbs around new growths they snap off easily. Follow the rhizome and visually inspect where you will make your cuts. Try not to divide into less than four bulb pieces. That way you will get blooms on the next growth. I clean up the roots cutting off all the dead mushy ones. Put cinnamon on the cuts. Always use sterile cutters. I flame mine with a torch. Don't repot into too big of a pot.

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



From Judy Wagner's Collection



From Carol Farmer's Collection

Lee Stradley



From Diane Bryant's Garden



Maureen Kerr's 11 year old Myrmecophila, Schomburgkia



Gail Mathews

Jennifer Margolis

Michael Ortseifer

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<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>

Martin Motes FL Orchid Care Website

<https://www.motesorchids.com>

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amorhidnews@gmail.com

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

See you in September.

Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

General Meeting Starting in September 2021

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 Starting in August 2021

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

All members are welcome at Board Meetings.

Have a great summer!

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