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President's Message

John Erickson
Your President



Dear Members,

During our January Orchid Society general meeting, I read the synopsis of a new program being offered in the Orchid Room. I think it's important for members to have something to reference, so I'm including it in this newsletter.

"In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society (PSLOS) maintains the Orchid Room with a committee of seven members who meet every Tuesday at 8:00AM. In return, the PSLOS is allowed to hold its meetings the second and third Mondays of the month gratis at the Gardens Pavilion.

We currently don't have any vacancies on the Orchid Room Committee, so we are going to have mini orchid workshops the 1st Tuesday of each month for new members (those who have joined since January 2023). A signup sheet will be available at the general meetings."

Four members have signed up for the February 6, 2024, workshop. The fifth position is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email me if wish to sign up.

I also want to notify members that the Board has approved on a trial basis two changes in the 2024 schedule of meetings: (1) the annual picnic is being changed to April (to hopefully escape the heat and to relax after the show) and (2) the auction is being changed to October (to avoid competing with Thanksgiving and hopefully catching more participation.)

♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President



Hi Folks,

We are coming into a busy couple of months. In February we have our meeting at 1:00 pm, and then there will be a short presentation on the Kool-Logs followed by the Kool-Log workshop. The Kool-Logs are \$8. You can just purchase a Kool-Log without participating in the workshop.

In March we will have Michael O give the noon workshop on Orchid Niches. This year at our 2024 "Orchid Beez's show we will have two different niche boxes. We will still have our 8 inch box, but this year we are adding a 12 inch box. I will have a sheet with the instructions at our next meeting. Also, we encourage you all to participate in our Bee Habitat or Bee Creation. Additionally, the raffle baskets make a lot of the money for our society. We need to have at least 35 basket donations. Signup sheets for volunteers, niche participants, raffle baskets, clerking, etc., will be available at our February meeting.

We will be taking orders for our tee shirts. This year we are ordering basic PSLOS Orchid Society tee shirts for the show. We do ask the volunteers at the show to represent our society by wearing a society shirt.

I personally want to thank Elly Conn and Dawn Reich for stepping up and volunteering to make our crocheted Beez's for the awards in Nan's absence. Also, I want to thank Diane Bryant for stepping into Nan's head clerking position for the show.

My quote for February: "As a symbol of beauty, the orchid inspires us to pause and reflect on the exquisite artistry of nature."

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS February Meeting— February 19

NOTE: There will be no noon workshop.

1:00 pm: Kool-Log Mounting Workshop Workshop Leader: Andrea Heitfeld



This month's meeting will feature a workshop on mounting orchids on Kool-Logs. Kool-Logs are ceramic and provide the following benefits:

- A better mounting surface and aeration of the roots
- Continuous even moisture to the roots
- Cooler temperatures of the roots
- Decreased frequency of remounting/repotting

What do you need to participate in the workshop? A Kool-Log and a small orchid to mount!

Thirty Kool-Logs and five small dendrobium Keiki's remain available for purchase/donation. First come, first serve.

For Kool-Logs (\$8.00 each), call or email Andrea (772-528-1955/tazzette55@gmail.com).

For a small Keiki (\$2.00 donation), email Diane Bryant (pslosdiane@gmail.com).

REMEMBER THE ORCHID EXCHANGE! The Orchid Exchange is a great opportunity to expand your orchid collection. For further information, talk to Maureen Kerr.

REMEMBER SHOW & TELL! We love to see how your orchids grow!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Venice Area Orchid Society Show & Sale
February 3-4, 2024
326 S Nokomis Ave, Venice

Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show
February 9-11, 2024
710 East Rollins Street, Orlando

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show
"In Love With... Orchids"
February 10-11, 2024
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton

Naples Orchid Society
50th Anniversary Show
February 16-18, 2024
4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples

Englewood Area Orchid Society's
"Orchids by the Sea"
February 23-24, 2024
3460 N Access Rd, Englewood

PSLOS MEETINGS

March 18, 2024
Jim-N-I Orchids
Growing Brassavolas

April 6-7, 2024
PSLOS Annual Orchid
Show & Sale
"Orchid Beez's"

April 15, 2024
PSLOS Annual Picnic

May 20, 2024
Bill Nunez
Broward Native Orchids

June 17, 2024
TBD

July/August 2024
Summer Break



The Jensen Beach Garden Club, Inc.
Presents
JENSEN BEACH GARDEN EXPO
Saturday, February 24, 2024
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Indian Riverside Park
(in front of Dockside Pavilion)
1707 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach



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jensenbeachgardenclub.com

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PORT ST. LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY
**ANNUAL ORCHID
SHOW & SALE**
ORCHID BEEZ'S

Saturday, April 6, 9am to 5pm
Sunday, April 7, 10am to 4pm

Spectacular Orchid Displays
Orchid Growers & Vendors
Orchid Supplies
Free Workshops
Raffles Galore!

\$4 Admission

Location:
Polish-American Social Club
343 NW Prima Vista Blvd, Port St. Lucie

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



To have a great show, we need volunteers! Listed on the next page are some of the show categories available for PSLOS members to participate.

Please show your support by signing up for at least one activity. The sign up sheets will be available at the February General Meeting.



- ◇ Clerk (Saturday morning)
- ◇ Greet visitors & collect entrance fees (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Sell society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Donate raffle prizes, baskets, gift certificates
- ◇ Sell raffle tickets (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Be a trophy sponsor
- ◇ Create a Niche arrangement
- ◇ Create a Bee Habitat or a Bee Creation

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Clerking

Serving as a clerk is a very rewarding opportunity for members to learn not only more about orchids in general but also what makes a ribbon-winning orchid! Clerks support judges in the judging of orchids by helping keep records of judges' decisions and placing ribbons on winning orchids.



Trophy Sponsors

Please consider sponsoring a trophy to make our show one of the greatest ever. Your name will appear on one of the many certificates that are awarded to ribbon winners.

This year we will offer four levels of Sponsorship:

Trophy	\$35	Silver	\$75
Bronze	\$50	Gold	\$100

Send your check to:

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

You can also pay at the PSLOS General Meetings.

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

PSLOS Show Tee Shirts



We ask the volunteers at the show to represent our Society by wearing a Society shirt. Sign up for your tee shirt at the February meeting.

They are available in sizes:
S M L XL XXL.

The cost is \$22.00.

Bee Habitat/Bee Creation

This has been one of the highlights of our shows. Our members show off their creative skills by creating bee habitats or those cute bee creations.

Have fun! Get your creative juices flowing.



Entries will be judged for both categories!



Orchid Niche Arrangements

Use your imagination and create an orchid niche arrangement! This year we will have two categories: Mini and Small.

Keep your arrangements within the dimensions of the niche:

Mini--4" wide, 6" deep, 8" tall

Small - 6" wide, 8" deep, 12" tall

Entries will be judged for both categories.

Your container should be plain so as not to distract from the flowers, and only natural foliage can be used.



Michael Ortseifer will demonstrate how to create orchid niche arrangements at our March meeting.

Raffle Baskets/Prizes

Raffles are our primary way to raise money to cover the many expenses of our show.

We challenge everyone to donate a raffle basket or prize. Ask businesses and restaurants you frequent to contribute in the form of gift certificates, raffle prizes, or cash sponsorships. No gift is too small. Gifts are tax deductible!

Add the theme of your donation (for example, Family Game Night, Car Care, Fun in the Sun, etc.) on the sign-up sheet so that signage can be made.



Remember to sign up at the General Meeting!

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The show will be here sooner than you think!

Hope to see you all there!

Share this flyer with your family and friends!

\$1 off admission with this card.

PORT ST. LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY
ORCHID SHOW AND SALE
ORCHID BEEZ'S
April 6 & 7, 2024
Saturday 9am to 5pm, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm

\$4 Admission
\$1 off with this flyer

Location:
Polish-American Social Club
343 NW Prima Vista Blvd, Port St. Lucie

FRIENDS OF THE
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
PLANT SALE

Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Plant Sale was held January 27 & 28. The sale is dedicated to those who are interested in purchasing all things garden, yard, and patio. It is the largest garden event at the Botanical Gardens with over 50 vendors. This year the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society participated by having a booth which featured raffles, society membership information, and orchid culture sheets.

A big thanks to those members who volunteered their time at our booth!

Thank you!



JANUARY PSLOS MEETING

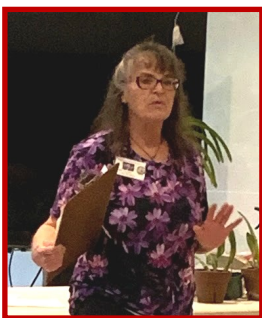
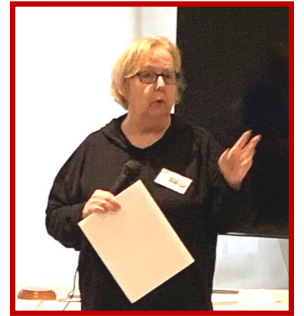
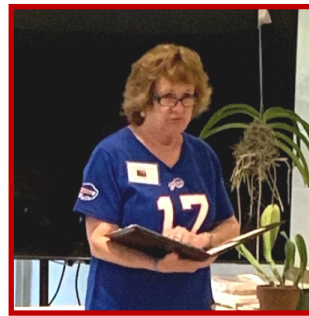


John conducted a popular workshop on repotting orchids which included tips on getting stubborn orchids out of pots, trimming roots, and staking orchids in pots.



Tony Millet's presentation on small cattleyas was really fantastic and enjoyed by everyone. It also was a great opportunity for members to get answers to the many questions they had.

If you missed his presentation, you can catch it on this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kryl6E0Slgtg>



A big thanks to those members who made our meeting successful: President John and 1st VP Andrea who keep us up to date on society business, Secretary Diana who records the meeting speakers, Treasurer Laurie who keeps track of our moneys, Ann who tracks membership (remember dues for 2024 are due by the February meeting), and Jessica who graciously takes your money for raffles! A special thanks to Jackie and Karen who feed our souls.



Not only did Carol have a beautiful orchid for Show & Tell, we also saw her checking out other orchids from Tony. You go girl!



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Anne Menassian
Membership Chairperson
pslosmember@gmail.com
772-497-4371 (for texts only)

Our society has 2 new members. Please welcome

Nilda Tiscareno and
Sara Castagnola

February is housekeeping month for membership. Members are reminded dues are payable by February 19. If you can't make it to the February meeting, you can send a check (payable to PSLOS) to:

Port Saint Lucie Orchid Society
PO Box 8421
Port St Lucie, FL 34985

If that is not possible, please make arrangements with me to get your dues paid.



Laurie Wade
Treasurer



Our current bank balance is \$6,917.05.

Our meeting raffle netted \$188, and members donated \$44 to help cover the cost of the lunch provided because we had a speaker. We also have one trophy sponsorship at \$75, and memberships paid of \$1,075. We sold \$140 in raffle tickets at the Botanica event at the PSLBG.

Our expenses are the annual Sunbiz report of \$61.25, storage space rental of \$199, speaker fee of \$125, and several expenditures for the April show such as t-shirts for purchase, ribbons, and awards.

I'll see everyone at the February Kool Log mounting event on February 19th. For those who haven't paid, please bring cash or a check made out to PSLOS.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for February



- ◆ Average high: 77.7
 - ◆ Average low: 60.7
 - ◆ Average mean: 69.1
 - ◆ Average rainfall: 2.07"
- Spread snail bait lightly and frequently (every 7-10 days for several applications).
 - Morning dew and fog can lead to Botrytis. Spray using Florida recommended fungicides or Bicarbonate of soda (1 tbs. per gallon).
 - For reddening of foliage, apply Epson salts (1 tbs. per gallon).
 - Many cattleyas and other sympodial orchids have bloomed and are just starting new growth. Right after flowering is usually an excellent time for repotting.
 - Treat for mites if necessary.

From Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month, (<https://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/2022/2/4/february-in-your-orchid-collection>)

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

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

COLOR FORMS

My article this month was inspired by last month's guest speaker, AOS Judge Tony Millet. Tony referred to "color forms" in Cattleya orchid hybrids. Here are some color related terms.



Alba refers to a plant lacking in color pigments, meaning it will be white or green or yellow in a plant in which the type species has color.

Semi-alba refers to a plant lacking color pigments, but the lip is still colored.



Coerulea refers to blue tone; there is no true blue; usually violet or lavender with a tinge of blue. Bright blue orchids have color injected into them and subsequent flowers are often white.

Aquinii means that there is collation in the petals mimicking that of the lip; also known as **flared**.



Virginalis means pure white.

Carnea refers to a raspberry or strawberry colored lip.



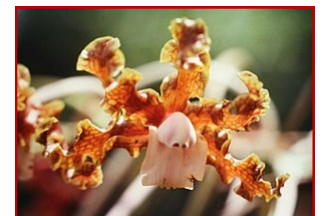
Vincolor, **Bordeaux** refers to red wine color.

Rubra refers to strongly colored petals and sepals, red lip.



Sanguinea means very dark red.

Marginata refers to a darker color border.



Flamea refers to patches of color that radiate out along the petals and sepals against a lighter background looking like flames

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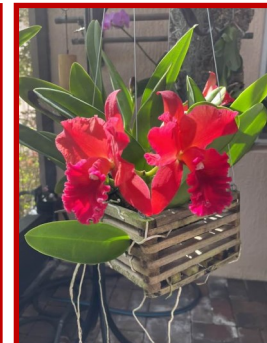
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Gladys Velez



Claudia Young

Diane Bryant



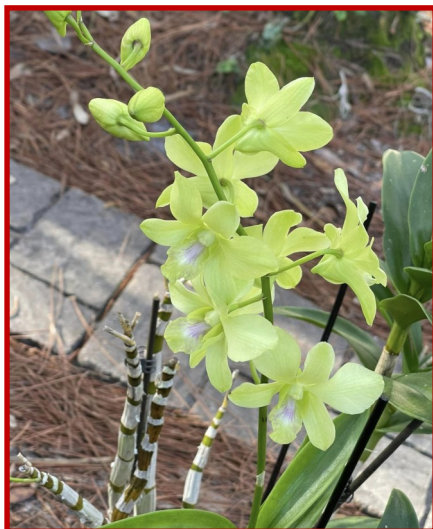
Gilda Gomez

We love to see our members' orchids, especially if you can't bring them to "Show and Tell". Send pictures to pslosdiane@gmail.com.



Barbara Lynn

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



For further information about the Orchid Room, contact John Erickson at erickson_236@bellsouth.net.

January 2023
This is how our Orchid Room looked last year!
We have been lucky so far this year.

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2023 Officers and Volunteers:

President - John Erickson
1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfield
2nd Vice President - Nan Rothschild
(Barbara Lynn - interim 2nd VP)
Recording Secretary - Diana Lenartiene
Corresponding Secretary - Dana DeMarco
Treasurer - Laurie Wade
Membership - Anne Menassian
Immediate Past President - Pam Scholey
Trustee - Diane Bryant - 2024
Barbara Lynn - 2025
(Jackie Young - interim Trustee)
Jessica Benford - 2026
AOS Representative - Laurie Wade
2023 Show Co-Chairs - Andrea Heitfeld & John Erickson
Orchid Room - John Erickson
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
Newsletter - Diane Bryant & Anne Menassian
Website - Diane Bryant (Primary)
Diana Lenartiene (Alternate)
Annual Retreat - Barbara Lynn
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon - Barbara Lynn

Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

General Meeting

3rd Monday 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
June, November, and December
Special Meetings
Times to be Announced

Board Meeting

2nd Monday of the month, 12:30 PM
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden



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>

Martin Motes FL Orchid Care Website

<https://www.motesorchids.com>



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