

Orchidelirium!

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President's Message ~ Pam Scholey

Well, if you have not stopped by the Botanical Gardens, you might want to treat yourself. The Orchid Room staff, led by John and Jessica, has outdone themselves. They have added many new orchids, and Andrea's husband has generously spent his time building lattice displays to showcase our special orchids. If I could give out prizes, I would give our Orchid Room 1st Place. It is looking spectacular! Please remember to let them know how much you appreciate their hard work.



I am so looking forward to our annual picnic on May 10th. Diana and her committee have worked very hard and have put together a fun filled event. It will be great to get together and catch up with our society friends. Don't forget to bring a few plants to sell at the silent auction. Friends, food, and fun games. What more could we ask for?

The Vero Beach Orchid show is over. I did not get an opportunity to go, but the photos of our display were beautiful. Once again, Andrea and John have done a wonderful job and made us proud. Without members sharing their orchids for display, it would not be possible for us to take part in this wonderful tradition. We thank you so much.

We are currently working on some new ideas for our future show and a fundraiser with a twist. Make sure to come to our next general meeting and get all the scoop.

Growing Orchids is the Best!



News from the 1st Vice President Andrea Heitfeld

Hi Folks,

Hope all who participated in the repotting class at our April meeting enjoyed and received some pointers on repotting their orchids.

Congrats to Dana DeMarco! She had two orchids that won first place ribbons at the Vero Beach show!

Our picnic is right around the corner. I hope to see you all there. Our guest speaker at our June general meeting will be Jim-N I Orchids. Please plan to come; there will be orchids to purchase from them.

Great news! We have a PSLOS show scheduled for April 1, 2023. The show will be held at the Polish American Club in Port St. Lucie. We are not able to attend Botanica because of all the construction for the New Port District. Parking is an issue, and we felt that transporting attendees from City Hall and Mid Florida Center to Botanical Gardens and back would definitely cut down on our attendance. Our theme is "Hoot Loves Orchids," featuring those cute feathery friends. More info coming!!



Looking forward to seeing you all at the picnic for some food, fun, and games.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS May Meeting - May 10, 2022 - 12:00 Noon



It's Picnic Time!

RELAXING BY THE BEAUTIFUL ST. LUCIE RIVER AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL RIVERGATE. MAY 10TH. FESTIVITIES WILL BEGIN AT NOON. WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL RETREAT WITH FOOD, FUN AND GOOD COMPANY. BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND SET UP IN THIS LUSH AREA NEAR THE WATER. ENJOY OUR CORN HOLE GAME, BASKET RAFFLES AND OUR ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION WHERE YOU MEMBERS MAY SELL YOUR PLANTS WITH 20% OF THE HIGHEST BID DONATED TO THE SOCIETY. LIMIT OF FIVE PLANTS EACH, PLEASE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DRINKS, CHIPS AND DESSERTS, AND TWO FREE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EACH PERSON WHO PAID TO ATTEND.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE RETREAT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT DIANA LENARTIENE AT 772-812-7823.

SEE YOU THERE!



PSLOS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 14, 2022
Jim-N-I Orchids

July/August
Summer Break

September 13, 2022
Florida Orchid House

October 11, 2022
Kokedama Workshop

November 8, 2022
Annual Orchid Auction

December 13, 2022
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7-8 Volusia County Orchid Society
"Orchademy Awards"
Volusia County Fairgrounds
DeLand, FL

May 13-15 Miami's Orchid Society
"Tamiami International Orchid Festival"
Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center
10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.), Miami



Judy Wagner



Diane Bryant



Gilda Gomez

APRIL PSLOS MEETING

REPOTTING ORCHIDS WITH CONFIDENCE!

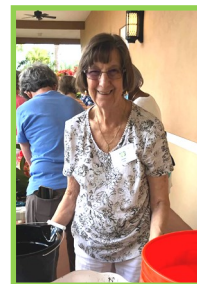


A great time was had by all!

A special thanks to John for his thorough repotting overview. And thanks to Andrea, Dana, and the other members who helped John put it together and helped the members with their orchid repotting!

Want to watch John's workshop? Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liYxgjA31NA&t=5s>



Lots of fun and lots of learning!

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Vero Beach Orchid Society Orchid Rainbow Show, April 23-24



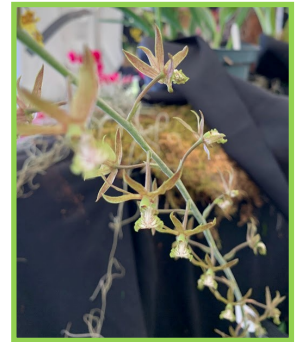
Fantastic exhibit! Thanks to Andrea, John, and the rest of the PSLOS team.



Wow! Congratulations to Dana! Two orchids entered, and two blue ribbons won! We're proud of you.



Oncidium Starlight



Eulophia Andamanensi Clowesia

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Andrea Heitfeld



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Joan Schiller

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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Treasurer's Report
 Laurie Wade
 Treasurer

Welcome to the wonderful month of May.

Once again, the month of April brought PSLOS more new members. Six new members joined us during the April General Meeting. Please welcome to our great group the following new members:

Crystal Davis
 Patricia Davis
 Karen Wolkowski
 Florence Hoot
 Eileen Storck
 Cystal Wolaver



Meet some of our new



Tom and Lynda Houston joined during the show. Attended their first meeting in time to join the re-potting class.



Mother and daughter team Florence Hoot and Eileen Storck enjoyed the meeting.

Sydney Wolaver joined her Grandmother Jonneae Rout and friend Ann Marie Cunningham to watch the class and decided to join PSLOS.



members:

Crystal Davis joined so she could learn how to take care of orchids that came with her new home.



Enjoy the May picnic!

Hello members!

Here is the Treasurer's report.

Our bank balance is \$10,033.57.

Income for the month is \$292.00 for our May picnic and \$125.00 in member dues.

Expenses are \$42.79 for a recorder to be used at our board meetings, \$23.74 for the Vero Beach OS show display, and \$333.59 for the PSLBG orchid room.

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>

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

May and December—Special Meetings
 Times to be Announced

Board Meeting

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

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2022 Officers and Volunteers

President - Pam Scholey
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 Diane Bryant - 2024
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Noon Workshop - Jamie Lawson
Orchid Room - Jessica Benford & John Erickson
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
Newsletter - Diane Bryant & Anne Menassian
Website - Diana Lenartiene (Primary)
 Diane Bryant (Alternate)
Annual Retreat - Diana Lenartiene
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon - Barb Lynn

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for May

May Climate Data

- Average high: 87.2
- Average low: 72
- Average mean: 79.6
- Average rainfall: 5.52"



- Water heavily when you water; then dry hard to encourage new growths on sympodial orchids.
- Fertilize with up to 2 tsp. of 15-5-15 per gal of water every week or so. Alternate with Epsom salts and potassium nitrate at 1 tbs. each per gal. Do not “water before fertilizing” as it’s a recipe for over watering.
- Continue all your repotting this month. Recently acquired plants, if planted in sphagnum, **MUST** be re-potted annually. Choose a more durable media such as rock, red wood chips or various mixtures to avoid this annual ritual.
- Re-set vandaceous orchids whose baskets have deteriorated or that have grown too tall to be easily managed. Keikies (off-shoots) can be most safely removed now.
- Follow good cultural practices: adequate spacing, brisk air movement, the strongest possible light, combined with careful watering to minimize fungi.
- Use systemic fungicides when necessary (for example, Thiophanate methyl (Cleary’s 3336, Domain, Fungo) for leaf spotting and Etridiazole (Truban) for black rot and crown rot. Banrot is a combination of the two.

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

For further information specific to different orchid genera:
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/may-june-checklist.aspx>

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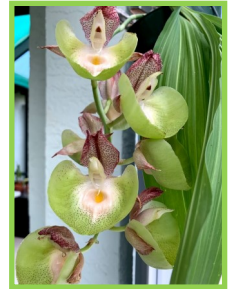
Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

This month's Orchidabulary is dedicated to
Catasetinae .



Catasetinae - is an orchid genus that includes the genera *Catasetum*, *Cynoches*, *Clowesia*, and *Mormodes*



Dormancy- *Catasetinae* have a distinctive growth and rest period. Leaves turn yellow-brown and drop off. Stop fertilizing and reduce water.



Pseudobulbs - large, fleshy, spindle-shaped, roundish, or almost conical moisture storing organs

Pneumatophores- erect aerial roots.

Many orchids have flowers that are **perfect** - embodying both sexes. *Catasetinae* have flowers that may be male or female.



Male flowers - carried on long, arching, many-flowered inflorescences; fleshy lip which may be either helmet-shaped, **saccate** (shaped like a pouch or sack), or concave and which may be fringed, toothed or crenulated around the opening. The column usually has two antennae at the base which, being sensitive to touch, release their pollination rather forcefully.

Female flowers - a fewer number of flowers on a short, fairly upright inflorescence. The lip is generally saccate or helmet-shaped. The column is short and stout with no antennae. Sepals and petals are flat and of heavy substance.

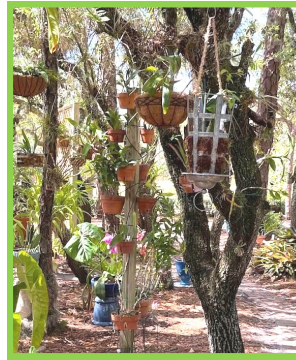


HAVE A GREAT PICNIC AND SUMMER! Looking forward to seeing you in the Fall!

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM

Have you visited our Orchid Room lately? There are more great changes thanks to the efforts of the volunteers who maintain the Orchid Room.

Volunteers are always needed to help with chores in the Orchid Room on Monday mornings from about 8-9 a.m. Tasks include watering and general maintenance such as raking leaves and pine needles. If interested, please contact: Jessica Benford at jessica10chb@gmail.com.



Thanks to all our volunteers who help make our Orchid Room look great!

Advertise in this newsletter for \$50/year for 10 issues.

If interested, contact Diane Bryant at pslosdiane@gmail.com or Laurie Wade at rmush@comcast.net.

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