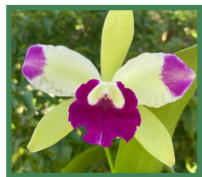


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President's Message

John Erickson
Your President



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President

I hope this letter finds you well and avoiding the heat as much as possible. As we move into September, it's a great time to start thinking about dividing your orchids. Dividing orchids can help them grow stronger and healthier and give you the opportunity to share your orchids with friends and family.

The Orchid Room Committee (Dana DeMarco, Andrea Heitfield, Lynn Fort, Anne Mygatt, Dianne Jenkins, Mary Nodelman, and myself) have already done this with an Oncidium which had overgrown the edges of a horizontal branch. We've gotten several nice-size divisions that we've added to our 4"x4"x8' Oncidium pole. We meet every Tuesday and have started a concerted effort to fertilize "weekly/weakly" with a mixture of Carbon fertilizer, Orthene insecticide and Physan 20 fungicide/bactericide. See for yourself the results.

Andrea Heitfelt, Dana DeMarco, and I also recently gave a "Repotting Orchids Workshop" to a new Garden Club in Kings Isle Saint Lucie West. Their President, Joyce Rossetti, told me that at their last meeting they had six people attend; 39 attended the workshop. Many attendee's expressed their appreciation and interest in growing orchids. I took the opportunity to invite them to our next meeting on September 18 at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens (PSLBG). It was also recommended that the Garden Club take a field trip to the PSLBG and visit the Orchid Room.


We hope to see you all at our September meeting.

John

Hope all of you all had a nice summer break. Looking forward to starting up our general meetings again.

Our speaker for September is Florida Orchid House (Tia & Henry). Their presentation will be on Dendrobium culture and care at 1 pm. They also will be bringing orchids to sell. Their bio is on page 2 for all newbies who are not familiar with one of our favorite vendors and friends. Jamie Lawson will be doing a noon class on Catasetums.

We are entering a really busy end of the year for our society. We have Florida Orchid House in September and Orchids in Bloom (Pam Waters) in October (her presentation topic TBD), our annual auction in November, and the Christmas Party at Gator Trace on December 11th.

Our Orchid Show is April 6 and 7th, 2024, at the Polish American Club in Port St. Lucie. Our theme for our show is "Orchid Beez's," *gotta love those bees*. My goal this year is to increase our vendor participation to nine. 

Fort Pierce has their Orchid Show scheduled for December 9th and 10th, 2023; their theme is "Orchid Holiday Celebration."

See you all September 18th and remember to "Live Simply and Bloom Wildly."

Andrea

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

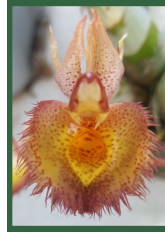
PSLOS September Meeting - September 18, 2022

NOTE: Although not required, masks are encouraged to be worn. Snacks and bottled water will be available. If you would like to bring snacks to share, please call Andrea at 772-528-1955.

Noon Class: Catasetum Info & Tips



Jamie Lawson will fill us in on everything we need to know about caring for those beautiful Catasetums. This is a wonderful orchid. If you don't have one in your collection, try one. You won't be disappointed.



As a special treat, Jamie will also have inexpensive mounted orchids for sale. All proceeds will go to Smile Train to help kids with cleft palates.

1:00 pm – Welcome to Florida Orchid House

We are a certified nursery located in Central Florida with focal points set on distinctive, uncommon species and new hybrids. We founded Florida Orchid House Nursery with a goal in mind - growing exotic beautiful plants and providing a reliable way to make our plants accessible to hobbyists and growers across the States. Our passion has driven us from the beginning and continues to drive us into the future. We know that every plant counts and strive to make your entire shopping experience as rewarding as possible.



Henry and Ti

Our presentation will be on Dendrobium culture and care. We also will have orchids to sell.

ORCHID SALE: Since our speakers will be selling orchids, members are not allowed to bring orchids to sell.

REMEMBER THE ORCHID EXCHANGE!

The Orchid Exchange is a great opportunity to expand your orchid collection!

For further info, talk to Maureen Kerr.

PSLOS MEETINGS

October 16, 2023
Orchids in Bloom

November 20, 2023
Annual Orchid Auction

December 11, 2023
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Ridge Orchid Society's Diamond Jubilee
"Enchanted Orchid Garden"
September 16 - 17, Bartow, FL

Tampa Orchid Club Expo
September 30 - October 1
Northdale Recreational Center

Fort Pierce Orchid Society
"Orchid Holiday Celebration"
December 9-10
River Walk Center

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



**Fort Pierce Orchid Society Annual
ORCHID SHOW
AND SALE**
“Orchid Holiday Celebration”
December 9 & 10, 2023
 Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
 Sunday 9 am to 4 pm

\$4 ADMISSION
\$1 Off with this flyer

River Walk Center
 600 N. Indian River Dr., Fort Pierce, FL
 Rita2zfpos@gmail.com

Bring a Friend!



ORCHID BEEZ
 PORT ST. LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY
Annual Orchid Show & Sale
 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.

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



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Anne Menassian
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Hello Members,

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 session of Port St, Lucie Orchard Society. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break. It has certainly been hot and rainy!

Membership has reached 120 members. I have badges for those who joined at the end of last session. Please feel free to bring friends with you to our September meeting. The more the merrier.

Dues are payable at anytime and will extend from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP is \$20.00
 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is \$25.00

See you in September!



Laurie Wade
 Treasurer

Our current account balance is \$9,833.27.

Highlights for June, July, and August include \$130 to the AOS for 2024 show trophy fee, \$500 deposit to the Polish American Club for the 2024 show venue, 3 months storage space payment - total \$545.00. We netted a profit at the picnic of \$154 and received payment from the Botanical Gardens to settle the Hats in the Gardens event. Both PSLBG and PSLOS profited \$354.

I will have the year to date income and expenses report at the September meeting for anyone who wants to review it.

See you in September!

JUNE MEETING – PICNIC TIME

Lots of comradery and laughs!



A BIG THANKS to all our helpers and participants at the picnic this year – Barb and John for grilling with Dave’s help, Laurie for EVERYTHING, Jessica and Dana for helping with setup and take down, and for everyone else who helped make this year’s picnic a success. A special thanks to Diana for organizing it all.

Great to see such a huge turnout on such a hot day! At least we had that nice breeze from the water.



Lots of good food!



Games to play and win!



The silent auction is always a winner with members!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Andrea Heitfelt, Dana DeMarco, and John Erickson recently gave a “Repotting Orchids Workshop” to a new Garden Club in Kings Isle Saint Lucie West (see page 1 for story). Thank you John, Andrea, and Dana for representing our society.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

OH, THOSE BEAUTIFUL COLORS!

Sometimes we see unusually vivid colors of orchids in the supermarket. These may have been artificially dyed and have names that may include, for example, “Mystique” or “Watercolor.”



How do they get their color?

Most dyed orchids have pigment (usually food grade dye) injected into their stems although there are other possible methods. The concentrations and colors vary. The hole that has been created is sometimes sealed with wax. The stem takes the dye up through its vascular system, and the bloom starts to change color within 24 hours.

When the dyed orchid reblooms, the new bloom will be the color of the original plant. Most frequently, white Phalaenopsis orchids are used because the white blooms will take up the ink most readily. Naturally purplish bloomers are used for an indigo color, and yellow bloomers are used for a pink lemonade color.

How can you tell if an orchid is dyed?

Sometimes by sight alone - comparing a natural color to a dyed one. Sometimes you can see the dye on the roots or potting medium. You can also look at the flower spike for an injury where the dye was injected. In addition, younger flowers on the spike are often lighter than the more mature blooms that opened first.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for September

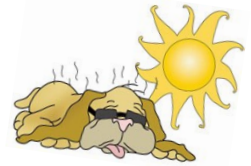
Fall Climate Data

Average high: 89.0

Average low: 75.7

Average mean: 82.4

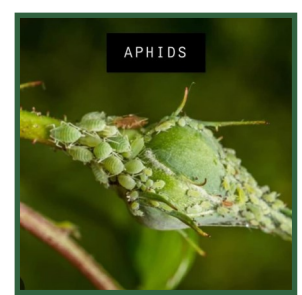
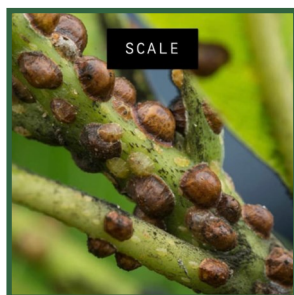
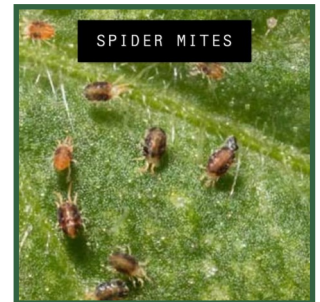
Average rainfall: 8.38"



- Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Water only when truly necessary.
- 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.
- Clean up growing area and plants. Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly early in the month and again lightly mid-month.

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

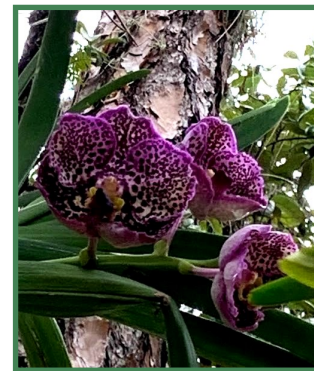
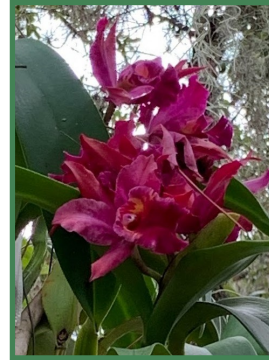
Oh, Those Nasty Critters! What they look like up close.



These are just a few of the pests we have to deal with in caring for our orchids. For great information on how to treat and prevent these pests:

<https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/OrchidPestsandDiseasesbySueBottom.pdf>

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Be sure to check out the exciting new displays in our Orchid Room.

A big thanks to the Orchid Room Committee for all their hard work in maintaining our Orchid Room.

Volunteers are always needed Monday mornings from about 8-9 am to help with routine chores in the Orchid Room. Tasks include watering and general maintenance such as raking leaves and pine needles.

For further information, contact John Erickson at erickson_236@bellsouth.net.

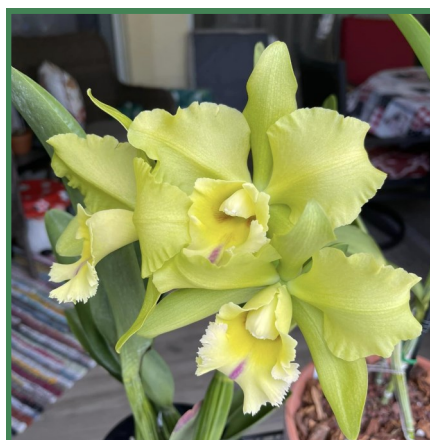
WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Jet Tanner



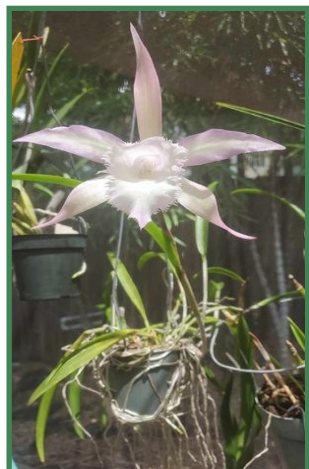
Laurie McCarty



Andrea Heitfeld

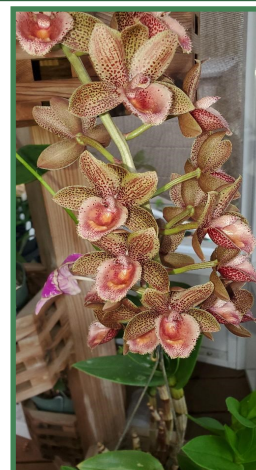


Gilda Gomez



C Caudebec x David Sanders
First bloom after 9 years from flasking.

Jamie Lawson's Pride & Joy



FAD 'Jamie's Big Boy'

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

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Diana Lenartiene (Alternate)
Annual Retreat - Diana Lenartiene
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon - Barbara Lynn Lenartiene

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 and December—Special Meetings
Times to be Announced

Board Meeting

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



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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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