

# Orchidelirium!

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## President's Message

John Erickson

The new year started off well with over 70 members attending our January meeting. Tony Millet's workshop on Cattleya orchids was very informative and well received. The raffle, auction, and sale of orchids offered everyone the opportunity to add to their collection.

One of my goals this year is to promote our society and encourage new membership. To that end, Andrea Heitfeld, Dana DeMarco, and I gave a 'Repotting Orchids' workshop to the Riverland Garden Club on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-five people attended, and several signed up to attend our February meeting/workshop.

The Jensen Beach Garden Club requested PSLOS conduct a Kokedama workshop at their January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Andrea, with the assistance of Diane Bryant, helped the members get their hands dirty in creating Kokedamas for their plants!

On January 28<sup>th</sup> we also represented the PSLOS at the 'Ask the Expert' workshop in the Garden Center. People stopped by and asked questions at four tables – Orchids, Butterflies, Succulents/Cactus, and Herbs.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> I will be giving a workshop at the 2nd Annual Jensen Beach Garden Expo. Last year there were 6 speakers, 25 vendors and nearly 1,000 guests in attendance.

Educational and membership material were distributed at all the above events. Let me know if anyone knows of any other organizations that would be interested in a guest speaker.

See page 8 for pictures of these fun outreach events.



## 1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfeld

I hope everyone fared well with their orchids after that severe cold snap!

Just two months to go to our annual orchid show (Hoot loves Orchids). We are doing very well with our pre-sale of our show tee shirts. Feb 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day for \$20.00 pre-sale price. After the 1<sup>st</sup>, the price will be \$25.

Sign up sheets will be at our February meeting for show volunteers and the Owl Habitat and Your Owl creation! Two separate categories will be judged for ribbons. Our show post-cards also will be available at our February meeting, so grab a couple and bring a friend for \$1.00 off the \$4 admission price.

Our mounting class is full; we have 66 participants. Hope everyone will have fun doing a hands on class of mounting with the orchids Jamie is selling. Looking forward to see who has the first blooming orchid!

We have a great schedule of speakers lined up for this year. Check out the calendar on page 2.

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# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

## PSLOS January Meeting - February 14, 2023

**NOTE:** Although not required, masks are encouraged to be worn. Snacks and bottled water will be available.



### 12:00 Workshop – Fertilizer & Tonics

Jamie Lawson will share some great tips on fertilizers and tonics – the key to happy and healthy orchids!



### 1:00 pm: Orchid Mounting Workshop

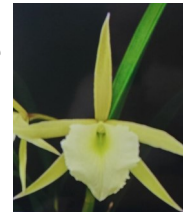
Pre-registration was recommended, and unfortunately, the mounting class is full. We cannot accommodate more than 66 participants due to the limited space on the veranda. If you did not preregister and you still wish to participate, contact Andrea Heitfeld (772-528-1955 or tazzette55@gmail.com). She will take your name and call you if anyone cancels.

Mounting supplies and orchids will be available for those members who pre-registered for the mounting workshop.

The mounts are cedar wood and include a hanger, wire, and sheet moss for mounting your orchid. Cost is \$5.



Although you may bring your own orchid to mount, Jamie will have a tray of a very vigorous new hybrid from his lab available. These are normally \$24 potted up, but as dugups suitable for mounting the special members price is \$12. The cross is #309 which is Rlc. Boh Perry X Rcv. Jimminey Cricket. (Additional plants may be available if members wish to purchase additional plants.)



As a special incentive and as part of our old Master Gardener class, the first person to bloom the hybrid will get to name it.

**NOTE:** Because of the meeting's very full agenda, there will be no Orchid Raffle, Show & Tell, or Orchid Exchange.

### PSLOS MEETINGS

March 14	<u>Workshop:</u> Michael Ortseifer - Creating an Orchid Niche <u>Meeting:</u> Angie O'Neil Butler (AOS Judge) - What They Look for in a Ribbon Orchid
April 1-2	PSLOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale - "Hoot Loves Orchids"
April 11	<u>Workshop:</u> Maureen Kerr - Organizing an Orchid Collection <u>Meeting:</u> Jett Tanner - Orchid Mounts Bare Root
May 9	PSLOS Annual Picnic
June 13	To be announced
July/ August	Summer Break

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Feb 4-5	Venice Area Orchid Society Show 326 S Nokomis Ave, Venice, FL
Feb 10-12	Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show Loch Haven Park, 710 East Rollins
Feb 11-12	"In Love with Orchids" Boca Raton Orchid Society Show 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd
Feb 24-26	"Orchid Mardi Gras" Naples Orchid Society Show 4820 Bayshore Drive
Feb 26	West Palm Beach Judging Center Orchid Auction Flamingo Gardens Learning Center
Mar 3-5	"Orchid Express" Martin County Orchid Society Show



# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

## *Hoot Loves Orchids*

PORT ST. LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY

## Annual Orchid Show & Sale

Saturday, April 1, 9am to 5pm

Sunday, April 2, 10am to 4pm

- ✿ Spectacular Orchid Displays
- ✿ Orchid Growers & Vendors
- ✿ Orchid Supplies
- ✿ Free Workshops
- ✿ Miniature Owl Habitats
- ✿ Raffles Galore!

**\$4 Admission**

**Location:**

**Polish-American Social Club**

**343 Prima Vista Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL**

For more info, visit us at: <http://www.pslos.org/>

Or [https://www.facebook.com/ groups/PSLOS/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PSLOS/)

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



To have a great show, we need volunteers! Listed below are 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.**

- ◇ Set up (Friday, March 31) and break down (Sunday April 3) help
- ◇ Clerk (Saturday morning)
- ◇ Greet visitors & collect entrance fees
- ◇ Sell society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Serve as PSLOS “Ask Me” representatives
- ◇ Sell raffle tickets (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Donate raffle prizes, baskets, gift certificates
- ◇ Be a trophy sponsor
- ◇ Enter a Niche arrangement
- ◇ Enter an Owl Habitat or an Owl Creation.

## Raffles



Raffles are our primary way to raise money at the 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. Their gifts are tax deductible!

Email the theme of your donation (for example, Family Game Night, Car Care, Fun in the Sun, etc.) to Diane Bryant so that she can make up the signage.

Email: [pslosdiane@gmail.com](mailto:pslosdiane@gmail.com)

## Membership & Raffle Tables and “Ask Me”

We need volunteers to man the various tables to collect entrance fees and sell society memberships and raffle tickets as well as to serve as “Ask Me” representatives in answering questions from the public.

## Sponsors

We need sponsors for show trophies. Please consider sponsoring a trophy to make our show one of the greatest ever. Sponsorship costs \$35.00. You can send a check to

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

You can also pay at the PSLOS General Meeting.

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

## Owl Habitat/Owl Creation



Last year we had lots of fun and a great response to our gnome gardens. This year we want to feature table top Owl Habitats or Owls created by members.



Have fun! Get your creative juices flowing. Entries will be judged for both categories!

## Orchid Niche



Use your imagination and create an orchid niche arrangement!

Keep your niche within the dimensions of the niche: 4” wide, 6” deep, 8” tall. Your container should be plain so as not to distract from the flowers.

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

## Set Up



And, last but not least, we need members to help set up the show on Friday. The more help, the faster it goes!

## Show T-Shirts



T-shirts are available for pre-sale price of \$20. After Feb 1, the price is \$25. For the pre-sale price of \$20, **order today (Feb 1)** by emailing Diana Lenartiene ([pslosdiane@gmail.com](mailto:pslosdiane@gmail.com)). Include your size. Last day to order and pay is at the February meeting.



# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



The West Palm Beach Judging Center is planning an auction for Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 1:00 pm to be held at the Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens, Davie, Florida. This is a fund-raising event for their center to raise money to cover ongoing expenses for their Judging Center which includes rent, photographer's fees, speaker fees and travel expenses as needed, etc.

As an Affiliated Society Member they are inviting our members to attend this auction and bid on some exciting orchids from some of their judges' private collections, grower donations, orchid books, orchid supplies, memorabilia, etc., to support their Center. They are not subsidized by the American Orchid Society and any funds raised will be restricted to the use by the WPBJC for expenses mentioned above.

They are looking forward to seeing everyone on February 26 at 1:00 pm. Additional information will be sent out closer to the date.

**Quality Vendors!**

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- ✦ Furniture
- ✦ Native Plants
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**Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 am - 5 pm**  
**Sunday, Feb. 5, 9 am - 4 pm**

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[www.gardenclubofirc.org](http://www.gardenclubofirc.org)

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The Jensen Beach Garden Club, Inc.  
Presents

**JENSEN BEACH GARDEN EXPO**

*Saturday, February 25, 2023*  
*9:00 am - 3:00 pm*

*Indian Riverside Park*  
*1701 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach*  
*(Grassy Area-North of Children's Museum)*

*Featuring:*

*Vendors with garden plants, supplies & accessories*

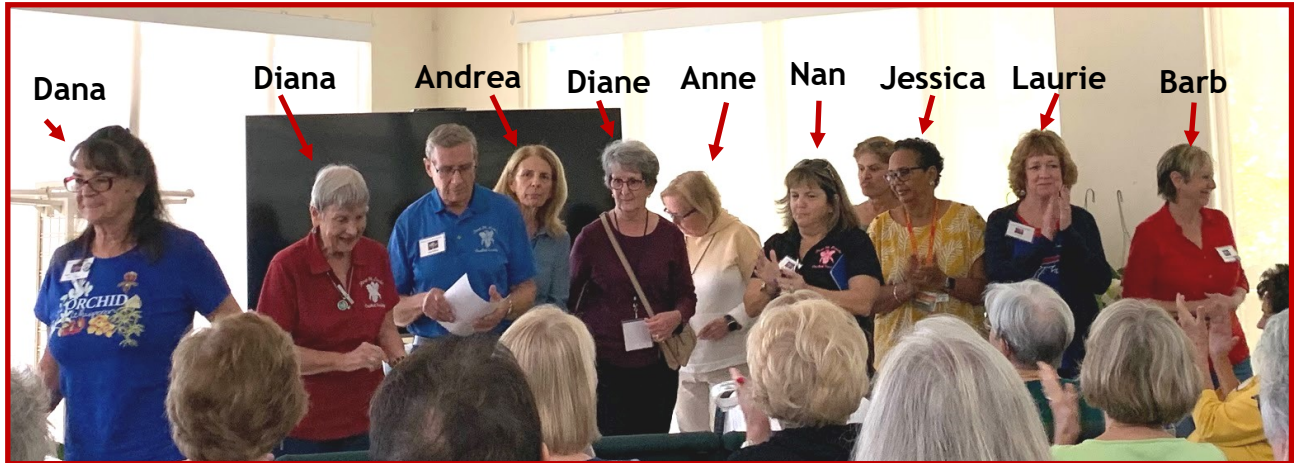
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*Delicious Food Trucks*

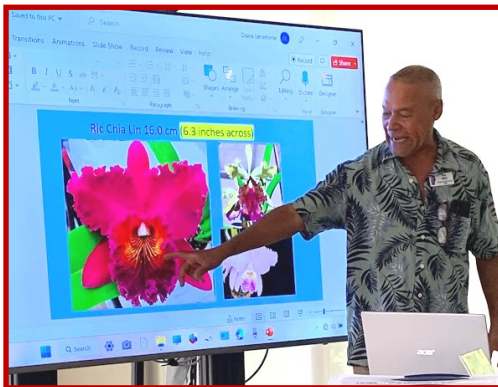
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# JANUARY MEETING



John Erickson, our new President, introduced the 2023 Board Members. (It's hard to keep all those women in line!)



Tony Millet presented a lot of great info about hybridizing cattleyas. Everyone enjoyed the session. He also contributed orchids for our raffle and for an auction at the meeting. Thanks, Tony!



We had a full house!

Beautiful orchids for Show and Tell





# JANUARY MEETING



15  
Years!



20 Years— WOW!

Pins were awarded to our many members in recognition of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of continuous membership.

## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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Happy Valentines Day Members!

In January we added 7 new members. Please make them welcome at our next meeting.

Zoa Collins	Theresa Lyden	Gladys Velez
Christine Mainella	Audrey Martin-Vegue	
Grace Michel	Carole Miller	

For those who have not paid their dues yet, it is due no later than February 14. I will be purging the roster of those who don't wish to remain members after the February meeting.

Individual Dues are \$20/year. Family Dues are \$25/year. Checks may also be sent to the PO Box made out to PSLOS.



Laurie Wade  
Treasurer

Hello all,

Here's the January's summary. Our account balance as of January 25 is \$8,306.99.



- Our raffle and sale at our January meeting brought in a total of \$715.06 thanks to Tony Millet's generosity. His speaker fee was \$350.00.
- Membership income was \$1,044.00.
- We spent \$61.25 for our annual Florida Sunbiz report and \$162.00 for our storage unit.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

# PSLOS OUTREACH

## Riverland Garden Club

PSLOS was invited to the Riverland community in Tradition to conduct a presentation on repotting orchids. As always, John, with assistance from Dana and Andrea, did an outstanding job. After the presentation, the attendees were given pointers on the orchids they brought to the meeting.



It was great to go out and educate people who are interested in growing orchids.

Thank you Riverland community for the invitation!



## Jensen Beach Garden Club

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All had a great time! Thank you Jensen Beach Garden Club for the invitation.

## Ask the Expert

John, Andrea, and Dana represented the PSLOS at the 'Ask the Expert' workshop in the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden Center. People stopped by and asked questions at four tables – Orchids, Butterflies, Succulents/Cactus, and Herbs.



The Smile Train donation was \$1001 to help the kids with cleft palates.

Thanks go to Jamie, Andrea, Diane, Claudia, and Vivian especially, plus all the members who bought the divisions and scraps that Jamie brought to the classes and auction.

MCOS also joined in to add \$300.

Hopefully, the donation was submitted in time to get a 4X multiplier offered by some rich guy!

—Jamie Lawson



# 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.
  - Time to start spring potting.
  - Treat for mites if necessary.

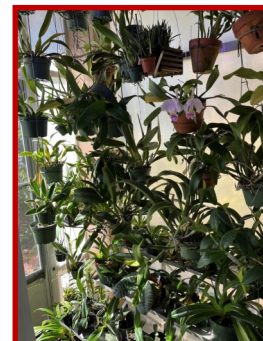
From Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, *Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month*, (<https://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/2022/2/4/february-in-your-orchid-collection>)

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



## IT WAS SO COLD!

Once again a January cold spell hit us requiring quick action on the part of us orchid lovers! Some orchids came in – others were covered up – and then a few just had to tough it out!



**THANK YOU**

And once again our members came to the rescue of the Orchid Room. A big thanks to John, Dana, Andrea, Ann Mygatt, Dianne Jenkins, and Lynn Fort!



See this AOS article for info regarding cold damage:  
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases/cold-damage.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.



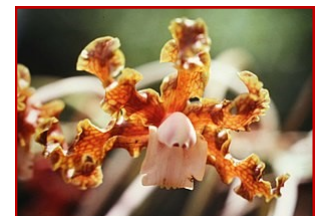
**Vincolor**, **Bordeaux** refers to red wine color.

**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



## PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM

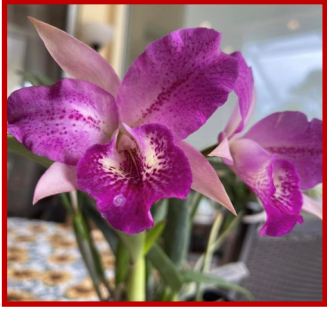


Volunteers are always needed Monday mornings from about 8-9 am to help with routine chores in the Orchid Room. Tasks include watering and general maintenance such as raking leaves and pine needles.

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



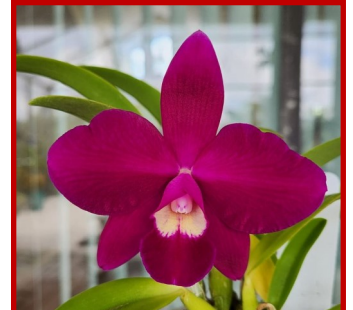
# WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



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Barb Lynn



Diana Lenartiene



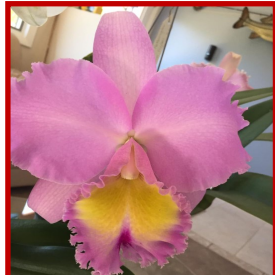
Joan Schiller



Diane Bryant



Jennifer Margolis



Judy Wagner



Patricia Davis



Lee Moody



Georgia Fowler



Laurie Wade

We love to see our members' orchids, especially if you can't bring them to "Show and Tell".

Send pictures to [pslosdiane@gmail.com](mailto:pslosdiane@gmail.com).



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## 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



Orchid Room

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