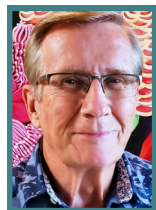
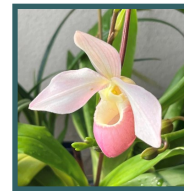
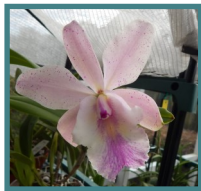


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President's Message

John Erickson

I am proud to be a member of the Port St Lucie Orchid Society (PSLOS) because it does so many great things. Probably the most obvious is the maintenance of the Orchid Room in the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden (PSLBG). Volunteers from our society meet weekly to create an environment that illustrates the different ways orchids can be grown and displayed. The PSLBG is becoming a destination point for tourists and citizens. Many say the Orchid Room is the highlight of their tour of the gardens.

Then there was the 2022 Christmas Party. The food was better than ever, and the orchids from Florida Orchid House were fantastic. It was all topped off by all the toys that were donated. Even the Salvation Army was amazed at our generosity.

Finally, there was the 2022 Orchid Show in conjunction with Botanica. The vendors were extremely pleased; several said it was the best show they attended in 2022 and they were looking forward to returning in 2023. Our biggest money maker was the raffle baskets, and this year we're hoping for 35 baskets.

Unfortunately, due to construction at the PSLBG, Botanica had to be canceled this year. Hence, we have moved our Orchid Show to the Polish American Club. This presents us with new opportunities and challenges. Now we will be able to charge for admission and cook for the judges, vendors and volunteers, but we will also need more volunteers. So, here's your challenge: come to the March meeting willing to volunteer wherever possible to fill up all the needed volunteer positions.

I'm honored to be your president, John



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfeld

Remember March 3rd, 4th and 5th is the Martin County show; set up is Thursday March 2nd. I will be at the Botanical Gardens at 9 am on Thursday, the 2nd, to pick up the blooming orchids for our display. If you choose to bring them yourself, be at the Martin County Fairgrounds by 11am on Thursday. We need to have blooming orchids to have a competitive display. Please remember to put your name on your plant pot that you are putting in the Martin County show.

Our annual show is fast approaching. We only have one general meeting left to prepare. We have spots left for volunteering for the show. I encourage participation in the create a owl display or a owl habitat; it is fun being creative. Last year the Gnome gardens were a success, and the public enjoyed them. You can also try to create a niche for judging. I encourage members to show their creative side and experiment with the owls or a niche.

Last but not least, "Hats In The Gardens" is coming up Saturday, May 6, 2023. This is going to be an annual event at the Gardens because of the success we had last year. Luncheon will be served from 11:30 to 1pm and classes to follow. Mark your calendars! Info to follow; tickets will be available starting March 7th.

Quote for March: "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"



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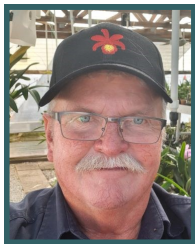
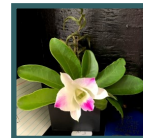
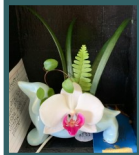
MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS March Meeting - March 14, 2023

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

12:00 Creating a Niche Arrangement Speaker: Michael Ortseifer

Michael will demonstrate how to create an orchid niche arrangement for our orchid show. This will be especially helpful for members who have never done it before. Hope everyone will sign up to create a niche.



1:00 pm: How to Grow Specimen Orchids Speaker: Bill Nunez, AKA 'Rhizome Cowboy'

I have been growing orchids most of my life and get great pleasure when I am making new hybrids mostly in the Cattleya alliance. I have been fortunate enough to receive several AOS awards and register several of my hybrids. The greatest satisfaction for me is to have one of my hybrids awarded.

I began growing orchids in the late 60's after several years of tagging along with my father to visit his friend's greenhouses. Some of these growers were prominent growers in the area, and some of you may remember them: Jack Sweet, Cliff Curry, John Matthews, John & Gloria Naugle, etc. I began to receive a few back bulbs from some of these folks, and a few of them lived. I was off to the races after that. I built my first flask box when I was in high school. I grew up on 1800 acres of family-owned ranch land. I started working on cattle ranches in the 70's and became familiar with Florida cypress swamps, greatly enjoying my adventures in these wonderful swamps. They became my refuge, and I always had the sense of traveling back hundreds of years in time when I entered one of these untouched places. I was able to find many of the Florida orchid species along with native ferns. Now I am older than dirt and I am still fascinated with orchids. Somewhere back in my memory, I am still a young man on an afternoon adventure in a pristine Florida cypress head, oak hammock, or creek bottom.

PSLOS MEETINGS

- April 1-2 PSLOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale - "Hoot Loves Orchids"
- April 11 Workshop: Maureen Kerr - Organizing an Orchid Collection
Meeting: Tips & Tricks on How to Grow 1000 Orchids on the Lanai
- May 9 Rich Ackerman—Broward Native Orchids
- June 13 PSLOS Annual Picnic
- July/Aug Summer Break

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Mar 3-4 Englewood Area Orchid Society "Bewitched by Orchids" 3460 N Access Rd, Englewood, FL
- Mar 3-5 "Orchid Express" Martin County Orchid Society Show
- Mar 4-5 Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show "For the Love of Orchids" 3315 W Lemon St, Tampa
- Mar 11-12 Orchid Society of Coral Gables "Fairchild Orchid Festival" 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables
- Mar 18-19 Jacksonville Orchid Society Show "A Legacy of Beauty" 2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville
- Mar 24-26 Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show 15000 Livingston Road, Naples

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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/>

Make copies and share this flyer with your friends, neighbors, your church and community bulletin boards, and the merchants where you shop.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



We still need some volunteers! Listed below are the show categories still 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 March General Meeting.

- ◇ 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
- ◇ Help serve and clean up breakfast/lunch for vendors, show judges, and PSLOS volunteers
- ◇ Be a trophy sponsor
- ◇ Enter a Niche arrangement

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to

- Help collect entrance fees and sell society memberships and raffle tickets.
- Serve as "Ask Me" representatives by answering questions from the public.
- Help serve and clean up breakfast/lunch for vendors, judges, and PSLOS volunteers.
- Donate food items for breakfast and lunch on Sunday for vendors and PSLOS volunteers.



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!

Trophy Sponsors

We are in need of additional sponsors for show trophies. 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. 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.

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!

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

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.



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



PSLOS ORCHID DISPLAY

FOR THE MARTIN COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW
March 3-5, 2023

Members, we need a lot of orchids
to have a great PSLOS display.

By Tuesday, February 28 (If Possible)

If you have orchids for judging, email the following information to Andrea Heitfeld (tazzette55@gmail.com):

- name and color of Orchid,
- size of Cattleya (over or under 5"), and
- size of Phalaenopsis (over or under 2").

Thursday, March 2

If you want Andrea to take your orchids to the show, take them to the PSL Botanical Gardens by 9:00 a.m.

OR

If you want to deliver your orchids to the show, take them to the Martin County Fairgrounds (2616 SE Dixie Highway) by 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 5

Meet at the fairgrounds at 4:00 p.m. to help break down the exhibit and pick up your orchids. If you need us to deliver the orchids back to the Gardens, please let us know.

If you have questions, please email me at tazzette55@gmail.com.

HATS In The Gardens
Presented By:
PSLBG and the Orchid Society
Join Us For Lunch with Guest Speaker
Free Classes for the Public
Hat Parade with Prizes for the Best Decorated Hats, and Raffles
May 5, 2023
KENTUCKY DERBY WEEKEND
11 Am-3 PM (Luncheon @ 11:30)
LUNCH TICKETS-\$25
Luncheon Tickets Available at PSLBG and Through the Orchid Society
Only 65 Luncheon Tickets Available
-All Other Activities Are Free-

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



It's Picnic Time!

RELAXING BY THE BEAUTIFUL ST. LUCIE RIVER AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL RIVERGATE. JUNE 13. 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. SIGN UP AT THE APRIL MEETING. PRICE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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



PSL Botanical Gardens



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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 AT 9 AM - 4 PM

Art, Craft, & Plant Sale 🎨🌿🪴

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Join us on Saturday, March 25 from 9 AM to 4 PM for this fun-filled community event at the Gardens! We will be welcoming plant vendors and artists from all across the Treasure Coast, who will be showcasing a wide variety of native plants, hand-crafted art, and paintings. Attendees will also enjoy delicious food options, live music, and raffles. Admission is free. We hope to see you there!

 Representing the Port St Lucie Orchid Society, John Erickson will be conducting an orchid potting class. Thanks, John!

OUTREACH EVENTS

Jensen Beach Garden Club Expo February 25, 2023



John was invited to give a repotting class at the Jensen Beach Garden Club Expo Saturday.

As usual, he did a great job – and all enjoyed it.

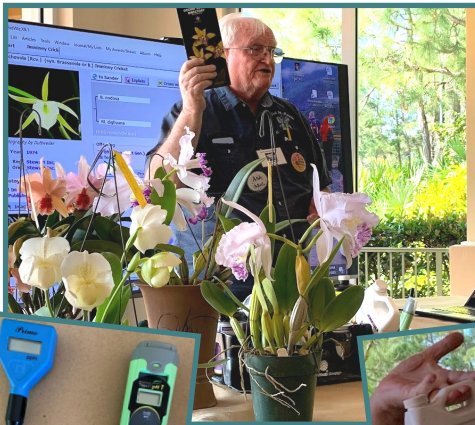


FEBRUARY MEETING



Another full house!

Signing up for the orchid attendance prize.



A great workshop on fertilizers and tonics with lots of good suggestions on products. Thanks, Jamie!

Check out the link to the video:
<https://youtu.be/TGoKQ3zl5Aw>



What's a meeting without snacks? Thanks to Andrea, Laurie, and Anne for donating the snacks for today's meeting.

Members: Remember to sign up to donate snacks at future meetings.



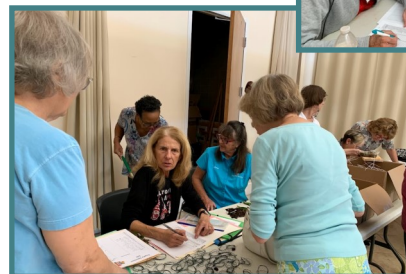
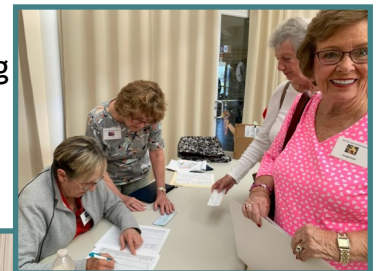
We ♥ our Volunteers

Signing up to help with our orchid show. We love our volunteers!

Remember to sign up at our March meeting. We still need volunteers, raffle prizes, and trophy sponsors.

Lots going on!

- Collecting orchid mounting supplies.
- Paying for show t-shirts.
- Signing up to be trophy sponsors.



FEBRUARY MEETING

Lots of fun learning how to mount orchids!

Check out the link: <https://youtu.be/ulfWKJ7UyS4>



A lot of help available!



Look at ours!



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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Spring is fast approaching, so its spring-cleaning time. I am working on cleaning up the Membership Directory and removing those who haven't paid dues for FY 2023. If you are someone who still wishes to receive the newsletter and participate in the PSLOS activities but have not as yet sent in your dues, please email me ASAP to make arrangements to get the money to me. You can send a check payable to PSLOS to: PSLOS, PO BOX 8421, Port St Lucie, FL 34985.

Individual Dues are \$20

Family Dues are \$25



Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Hello all,



Here's the March newsletter financial report. Our current balance is \$10,583.04. This is our QuickBooks balance which reflects all checks and deposit as of February 21. I am providing an update from January 1 so the cumulative amounts of deposits are reflected.

- We now have \$1,500 from show vendors and \$665 in trophy sponsorships.
- T shirt sales are \$700.
- Master Growers income was \$1,100 and membership is \$1,524.
- We rented the pavilion at Veterans Park for June 13 for \$31, storage space \$162, \$894 in expenses for the Master Growers class, \$144 for badges and new member bags/items, t shirts \$727 (additional shirts were ordered).

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

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for March

- Average high: 80.7
- Average low: 64
- Average mean: 72.4
- Average rainfall: 2.56"
- Repot cattleyas and other sympodials that finished blooming over the winter if you haven't already done so and the hard cane dendrobiums that need it (remember they don't like to be disturbed and like their roots crowded).
- Replant genera which are breaking out of dormancy (e.g., catasetums, mormodes, etc.)
- Apply slow release fertilizer to last the season (Dynamite is the best.) and regular 15-5-15 fertilizer weekly thereafter.
- Slowly acclimatize sun-loving plants that have been in the shade to full sun.
- 'Tis the season for THRIPS! Orthene is the chemical of choice. Liquid dish soap (2 oz per gallon of water) is a non-chemical solution and should be applied thoroughly (water your plants the day before applying soap).

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

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

MOUNTING ORCHIDS

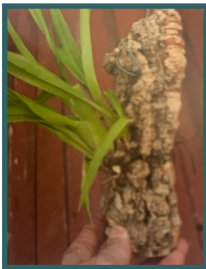
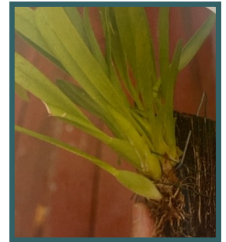
What a fun mounting class we had! Here is some additional information about mounting.

Orchids growing naturally will most often be found growing on tree trunks or branches. So mounting orchids provides a natural environment.

- ◆ Best time to mount an orchid - after it has flowered and new roots are appearing at its base.
- ◆ If mounting an orchid that has previously been potted, rinse the roots thoroughly to remove potting medium.

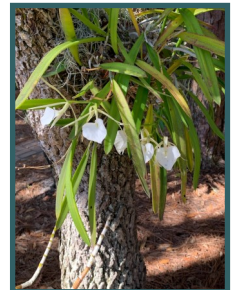
Some mounting media suggestions -

Tree fern slabs - are actually compacted dried roots. They come in a variety of sizes, thicknesses, and densities. They may come with or without wire hooks attached. They drain quickly and don't retain moisture, so they require frequent watering. Once they were over harvested but are now being grown for the marketplace. Create a slight indent where you want to secure the plant. Clear out a little tree fern and secure plant.



Cork slabs - are a renewable resource made of the bark of cork trees which grows back after being harvested. Use the outside to mount the orchid. They come in many sizes. Orchid roots attach well to cork. Cork slabs dry out quickly, so frequent watering is necessary. In rare cases, overwatered cork can become slimy and moldy. If this occurs, cut down on watering, let it dry up and cut or shave it to reveal fresh cork underneath. Use the natural curves and indentations to decide where to position your orchid.

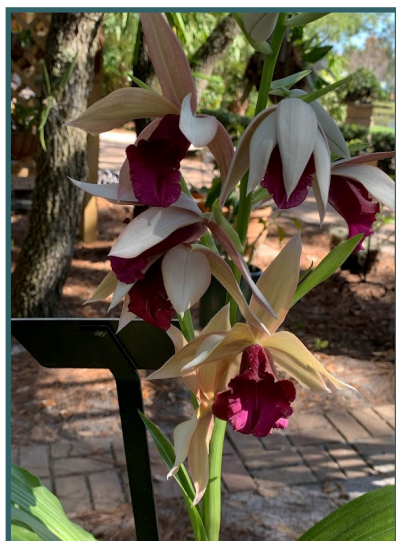
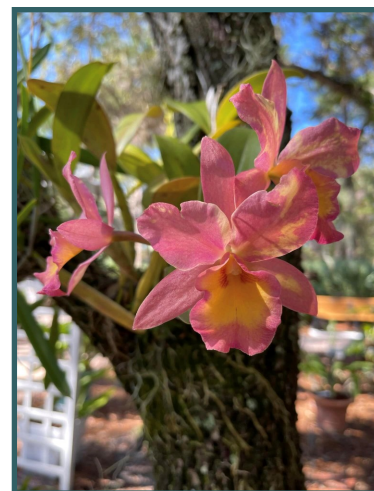
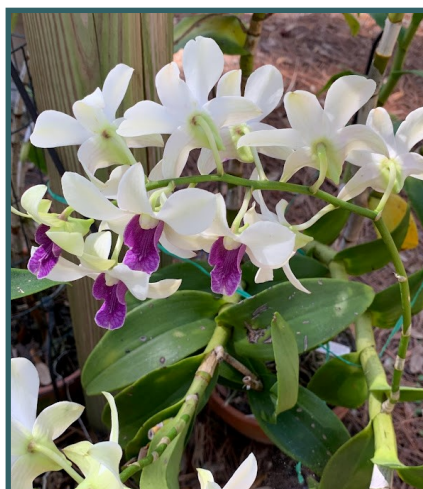
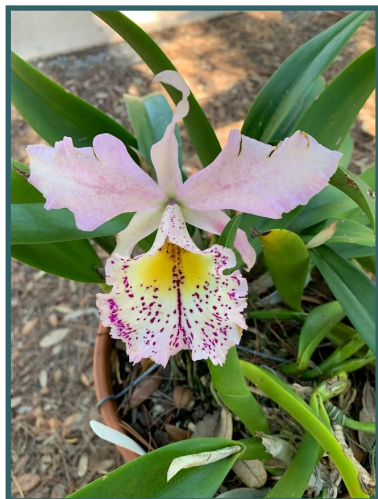
Tree branches and trunks - are a great way to mount orchids if a water source is available. Add a little sphagnum moss to the spot where you want to attach the orchid.



Wooden slat baskets with hangers and plastic mesh net pots - are readily available where orchid supplies are sold. They have increased drainage and air exposure, which is beneficial, but requires frequent watering. They are difficult to repot into another container because roots become intertwined in the openings.

Some suggested fastening materials: raffia, floral wire, string, fishing line, or "old" pantyhose.

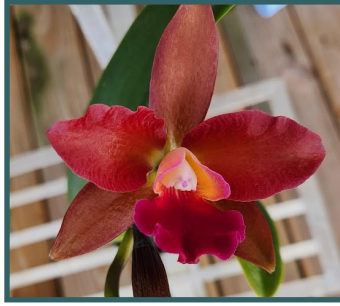
PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



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.

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Barb Lynn



Diana Lenartiene



Jet Tanner



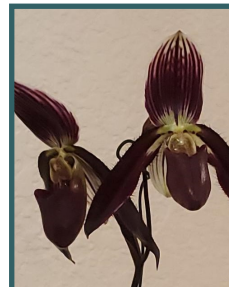
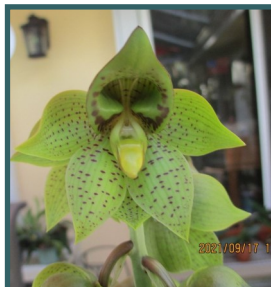
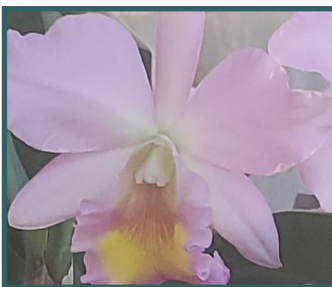
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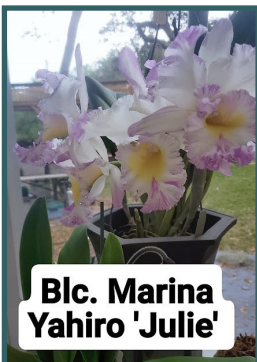
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Joan Schiller



Jamie Lawson



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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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<https://www.motesorchids.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
June 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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