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President's Message

John Erickson

This year's "Hats in the Garden" will be held on Kentucky Derby weekend, May 6th. I will be giving a free workshop on "Mounting Orchids." Here are some pros and cons:

Pros:

1. Mounting orchids can improve air circulation around the roots, which can help prevent rot and promote healthy growth.
2. Mounting orchids is a more natural way to grow them, as many orchids in the wild grow attached to trees and rocks.
3. When orchids are mounted, excess water can drain away more easily, reducing the risk of water logging and root rot.
4. Some orchids may produce more flowers when mounted, as they can be stimulated by changes in temperature and humidity.

Cons:

1. Mounted orchids dry out more quickly, so they require more frequent watering.
2. Monitoring the moisture levels of mounted orchids is important, as they can dry out quickly and may require more frequent fertilizing.
3. Since the roots are exposed, it can be harder to control factors such as temperature and humidity, which can affect the health of the plant.

Jet Tanner's workshop at our April meeting showed how successfully mounting orchids can be with proper care and attention. I hope to see you at "Hats in the Garden."



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfeld

Our orchid show ("Hoot Loves Orchids") was a success thanks to all the hardworking volunteers that helped. Our show in 2024 will be held at the Polish American Club again. Our vendors, sister societies, and our AOS judges loved the location and the inside venue. (See pages 5-7 for more about our show.)

I want to give a big thank you to John Erickson and Diane Bryant for helping with our society display for the Vero Beach show and to Dana DeMarco for picking up members' orchids for the display. Again, a very successful day for our society and for our members (more info on page 8).

Hats In The Gardens will be Saturday May 6th at the Botanical Garden (Derby Weekend). We have raffle baskets, games, a hat parade and a mounting class and how to attract butterflies class. The guest speaker is Brad Keene for the Parks Department. He will speak on how the Botanical Garden came about and what's new coming to the Gardens.

Remember our next meeting in May is the **third Monday of the month — May 15.**

April Monthly Thought: "Life is a orchid; each day is a chance to bloom."



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MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS May Meeting - **Monday, May 15, 2023**

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

12:00 Noon: **Surviving the Summer Heat** Speaker: **Jamie Lawson**



Having trouble with your orchids due to this heat?
Have questions on how to protect your orchids
when temperatures are hot?

Jamie will provide suggestions on how to protect
your orchids from heat damage and how to help
avoid heat stress.

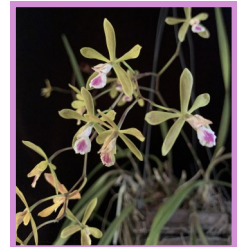


1:00 pm: **Florida Native Orchids** Speaker: **Rich Ackerman**



Rich Ackerman has lived in Fort Lauderdale for more than thirty years, where he has grown a wide variety of plants. His current interest is Florida native orchids. He caught the orchid bug attending the World Orchid Conference in Miami in 2008.

Rich works closely with UF/IFAS Extension, Broward County, where he is a Florida Master Gardener Volunteer, serves on the Urban Horticulture Advisory Board, and is leader of the Broward County Native Orchid Project. They concentrate on restoring native orchids in the urban environment, installing more than 4,000 orchids around



Broward County every summer. He also runs browardnativeorchids.com. He is also the former President of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society.

ORCHID SALE: Since our speaker 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!

CHANGE IN GENERAL AND BOARD MEETING DATES

General meetings will now be held on the **third Monday of the month**. Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month. No change in times.

This change was approved by a membership vote at our April Meeting. With the completion of the fence at the PSLBG, the new days and hours of operation of the PSLBG are Tue-Sat 9am-5pm and Sun 12-5pm. This means that the Welcome Center is now open to the general public on Tuesdays which makes it difficult for us to continue to hold our meetings on Tuesdays.

NOTE: Because we had already reserved the pavilion at the Veterans Memorial Rivegate for June 13th, the date of our annual picnic is unchanged.

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HATS in The Gardens
Presented By:
PSLBG and the Orchid Society

Join Us For Lunch with a Guest Speaker
Free Classes for the Public
Hat Parade with Prizes for the Best Decorated Hats, and a Silent Auction

Saturday, May 6, 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-

PORT ST. LUCIE
Botanical
GARDENS

The luncheon tickets have sold out, but everyone is welcome to participate in the free classes, hat parade and contest, and activities!

Schedule of Classes

1:15 Mounting on Cedar
(Cedar mounting kit available for purchase)

2:15 Butterfly Garden Class
(Butterfly garden starter kit available for purchase)



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.



PSLOS MEETINGS

May 15 Rich Ackerman—
Broward Native Orchids
June 13 PSLOS Annual Picnic
July/ Aug Summer Break

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 5-7
Platinum Coast Orchid Society
"Orchid Fantasy"
Merritt Island, FL

May 13-14
Volusia County Orchid Society
"Orchids Around the World"
Deland, FL

Apr 22-23
Redland International Orchid Festival
Redland Fruit & Spice Park
Homestead, FL

APRIL MEETING



Thanks to Maureen for presenting a great workshop on how she organizes and keeps track of her orchid collection. She walked us through her orchid notebook where she keeps records on all her orchids – “the when and where and what” -- so that she has a complete history.

As you can see, she had a full house at her workshop!

Jet Tanner gave a very informative presentation on her “tips and tricks for growing 100+ orchids on her lanai.” She presented a lot of practical tips and advice for growing orchids in this area which was really enjoyed by the members.

To see her complete PowerPoint presentation, check it out on the PSLOS website: <https://pslos.org/orchid-tips>.



She also brought a number of her orchids for sale which was a great hit with our members!



A list of the resources and supplies she uses.

Jet's Orchid Addiction Jet Tanner jetsorchids@gmail.com

Resources that I find useful:
 FB - Newbie Florida Orchid Growers (look at files & search)
 FB - FOG (Florida Orchid Growers)
 Other Facebook Groups (orchid specific, etc.)
 American Orchid Society (AOS) - Website and FB
 You tube (with caution)
 Orchid Roots Website (Registered orchids, photos, Ancestry, etc.)
 Orchid Society Meetings
 Orchid shows (dangerous!)
 Orchid Friends - The Best!
 Motes Website (subscribe to newsletter) and book - Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month
 Royal Horticultural Society - Abbreviations and more
 St. Augustine Orchid Society (SAOS)

Supplies:
 1- and 2-gallon pump sprayers (pressure release)
 Battery Sprayer - buy a good one (Milwaukee, Ryobi)
 Dynamite Slow Release (Red bottle) - Organza bags, Fertilizer baskets
 Fertilizer, Cal Mag, Maxicrop
 Cork, Plastic Net baskets, Clay Pots
 Hangapot, Pot clips
 Shepherd Hooks
 Mix - Orchidata, Leca, Charcoal, Spongerock
 Karmex herbicide (For ferns)
 Banrot (Systemic Fungicide)
 Physan
 Rustoleum
 Wire stands and racks (gridwall)
 Drill and Bits
 Blades - single edge razor blades, Clippers, Steak knives
 Bioadvanced 3 in 1 systemic
 Bioadvanced Rose and flower spray (buds and blooms)
 Zip ties
 Plastic and metal tags, Hole puncher
 Wire for "S" hooks, securing plants, etc. - Wire cutter
 Kitchen torch/fuel
 Wire, Coated wire, Green Velcro
 Gloves, mask, goggles
 Label maker (brother p-touch)

Household Items:
 Nail polish
 Dish soap
 Wine corks
 Peroxide
 Rubbing Alcohol
 Cotton swabs, Q-tips
 Cinnamon
 Kill Sauce
 Needle nose pliers
 Dawn/Palmolive original dish soap
 Clorox wipes

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show - 2023

Congratulations to all the PSLOS members' trophy and ribbon winners!



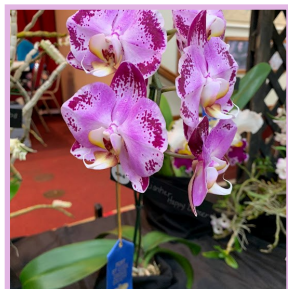
Jennifer Margolis
 1st Place - C. Traida Swan 'Polar Bear'
 –Best Cattleya 5” and Greater Trophy
 –The Barbara Robinson Best PSLOS
 Grower Trophy



Amanda Dier-Huth
 1st place - Cym. aloifolium
 1st place - Max. tenuifolia



Diane Bryant
 1st place - Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'
 3rd place - Den. aggregatum



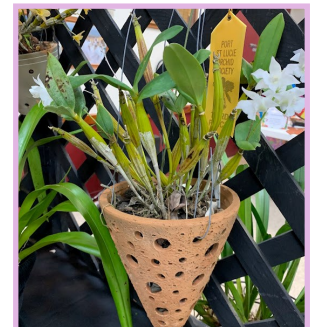
Andrea Heitfeld
 1st place - Onc. Starlight



Joan Schiller
 1st Place - Tps. Lianher Happy Dancer



Dana Demarco
 2nd Place - Ctt. Trick or Treat
 'Orange Magic' AM/AOS



Nan Rothschild
 3rd place - Den. Mini Snowflake

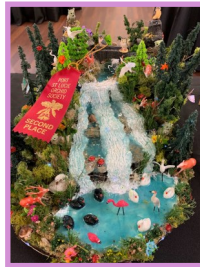
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Owl Habitat



Anne Menassian
1st place &
Best Owl Habitat
Trophy



Pam Segal
2nd place



Laurie McCarty
3rd place

Owl Creation



Jennifer Margolis
1st place &
Best Owl Creation Trophy



Anne Menassian
2nd Place



Dawn Reich
3rd place



Orchid Niches



Laurie McCarty
1st Place & Best
Mini Niche Trophy



1st Place Ribbon Winners:
Jennifer Margolis (4)
Laurie McCarty (2)
Maureen Kerr (2)
Georgia Fowler (2)
Illona Christie (1)



Illona Christie
1st Place & Best
Mini Niche Theme



2nd & 3rd Place Ribbon Winners:
Dianne Jenkins
Diana Lenartiene
Joan Schiller
Pam Segal
Dawn Reich
Elsie Freiheit
Pam Plumstead
Jessica Benford

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show - 2023

Fantastic show thanks to a lot of teamwork from volunteers!



Thanks to Barb, Jamie, & Diana for registering plants.



Thanks to Michael and Jennifer for judging niches.



Thanks to Nan for crocheting all those great owls!



Thanks to Jackie, Shelley, Illona, and many others for setting up the raffle table and selling raffle tickets.



Thanks to all the members who volunteered to clerk! A great learning experience.



And, finally, thanks to John and Andrea for planning and organizing the show. It was a wonderful show! (This was the only picture of Andrea that was taken — she just didn't slow down long enough for pictures to be taken!)



Over thirty volunteers were recognized at our May meeting! Thanks to all of you for your generous time and efforts!

Some of the great exhibits as well as some of our fantastic vendors!



Vero Beach Orchid Society Show - 2023



We were awarded a AOS Merit award for our display at the Vero Beach Orchid Society show. Thanks to all the members who kindly gave us orchids for the display, my helpers John and Diane B, and also Jamie Lawson and Diana LeNartiene for the registration and paperwork.

“Success is best when shared.”

— Andrea Heitfeld



Pictures of some of our Blue Ribbon winners! Congratulations!



Andrea Heitfeld

- 1st place Den. Airy Snow ‘Orchid Snow’
- 1st place Phal. Little One
- 2nd place Eny. Golden Sunburst
- 2nd place Max. tenuifolia
- 2nd place Eny. Jackie Bright ‘Hilo Stars’ AM/AOS
- 3rd place Den. Margarita
- 3rd place V. Motes (V, ampullaea x christensoniana)



Dana DeMarco

- 1st place Ctt. Wolteriana
- 1st place Den. Jacqueline Thomas
- 2nd place JKf. Appleblossom
- 2nd place Van. Bangkae
- 3rd place Dancing Lady



Amanda Dier Huth

- 1st place Onc. Sphacelatum
- 2nd place B. Nodosa
- 3rd place Max. tenuifolia

Susan Spring

- 1st place Gry Rosy Orchoa
- 1st place Bro. Sanguinea

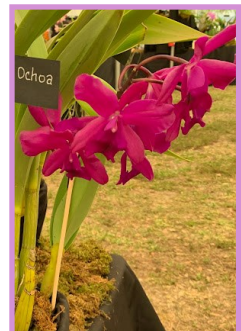


Gail Matthews

- 1st place C. intermedia f alba
- 3rd place Paph philippinense

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- 1st place V. Lilac Blossom
- 2nd place Le Cariad’s Mini Quiree “Angel Kiss” HCC/AOS



Diane Bryant

- 1st place C. Hawaiian Wedding Song

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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Hope you are all enjoying the spring. The show was a success, and we gained 3 new members: Dotty Schultz, Paul Gifford, and Mary Lea. Please welcome them to the society. Dotty and Mary joined us at the April meeting along with 58 other members and 3 guests.

Please feel free to bring a friend to the next meeting to introduce them to our great group.



Laurie Wade
Treasurer

April 2023 Treasurer Report: Current balance is \$11,675.50.

Our 2023 show income was \$6,188.00, and expenses were \$4,133.70, leaving a profit of \$2,054.30. Compared to last year our profit was \$1364.68. Our monthly income from March 15 to April 18 was \$1,051.00 in donations (anonymous), \$170 profit on our raffle items (WOW!), \$584 at the Botanical Gardens event (funds earmarked for the Orchid Room), and \$85 in dues. Our expenses were \$174 for storage, \$90 for meeting supplies (sodas, water, ice, snacks, utensils), \$109 for Hats in the Gardens, and \$158 for our Orchid Room.

See you all at our next meeting and thank you SO MUCH for your support at our raffle table!

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.
- 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 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 black rot and crown rot.

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

DECODING TAGS

When you are decoding the information on the tag of an orchid:

1. All orchids belong to the family **Orchidaceae** (pronounced “or-kid-DAY-see-ee).”
2. Within the family are many **genera**. In an orchid name, the genus comes first (ex. - Cattleya, Dendrobium, Phaleanopsis, and many more). The genus is capitalized.
3. Then comes **species**. A species is a member of a genus. There are many species within each genus.

Species - may also refer to plants that originated in nature, even if they are now propagated in cultivation. It can be found in the wild and was not created by humans. A species is always indicated by a lower case letter (Ex. Cattleya triana).



Hybrids - may be made by nature but most have been created by humans. This name also occurs after genus, if it isn't a species, but is indicated with a capital letter (ex. Cattleya Doris and Byron). This name applies to every seedling that results from this particular cross and all future crosses of the same parents. There are bi-generic and multi generic hybrids.

Clonal names - can be given by a hybridizer or another owner to a plant and all of its divisions. (ex. *Paphiopedilum* Jim Kie 'Springwater').

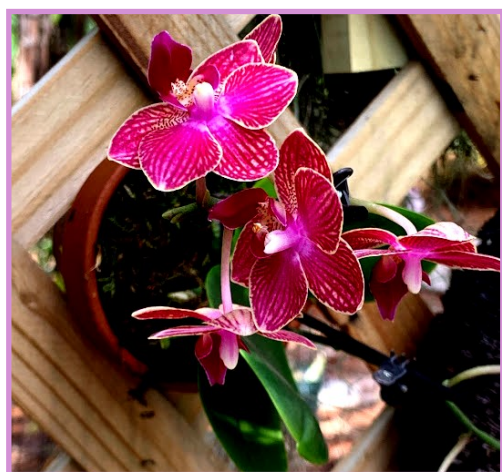
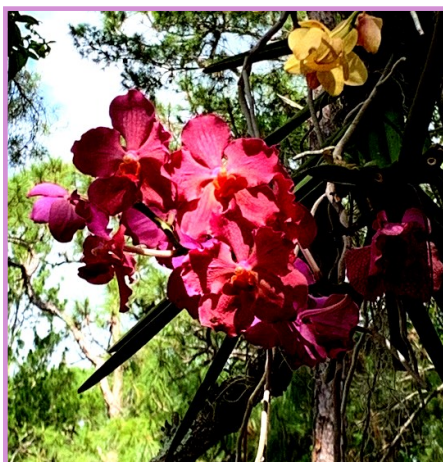


The originator who produces and first flowers a new hybrid may name and register it with the Royal Horticultural Society, London, the International Registration Authority for Orchids.

A **specimen** plant is a mature plant that carries a spectacular number of flowers, preferably so uniformly distributed that the plant is covered with blooms.



PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Volunteers are always needed **Tuesday 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. (Note: the day has changed due to our meetings now being held on Mondays.)

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

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2023 Officers and Volunteers:

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

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>



Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

General Meeting

3rd Monday of the month, 1:00 PM

(Educational Class 12:00 PM)

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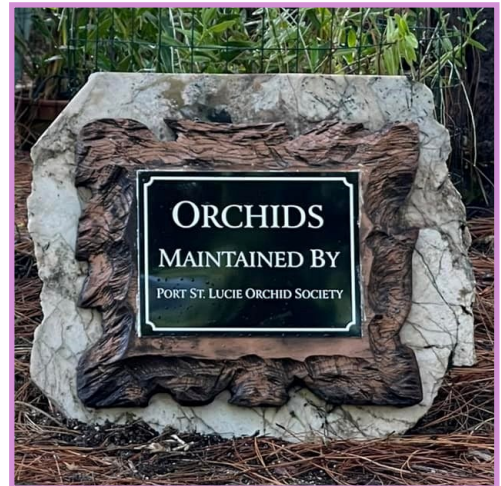
Speakers, Classes, Show and Tell, Raffles,
Orchid Exchange, and more

June and December—Special Meetings
Times to be Announced

Board Meeting

2nd Monday of the month, 12:30 PM

Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden



Orchid Room

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