

Orchidelirium!

Newsletter of The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
DECEMBER 2021 Volume XXXIII Issue 4
pslorchidsociety@gmail.com

Co-Editors: Diane Bryant, email: pslosdiane@gmail.com
Anne Menassian email: amorchidnews@gmail.com

Visit us on the Web at: www.pslos.org —Join our Facebook group!



President's Message ~ Pam Scholey

I hope to see you all at Gator Trace on December 7th. It is our annual Holiday Celebration and aside from good friends and lots of smiling faces, each paid member attending will get a beautiful orchid to take home. And, we will have lots of fun with our annual gift exchange. A special thank you to Barbara Lynn and Laurie Wade for planning this special event.

Our auction was a huge success! Many members sold their overflow of plants, and many members had the good fortune to take home some beautiful orchids (including me). I told myself I was not going to buy anything until I got mine snipped and weeded. Well, that did not go as planned. I have a feeling a few others also took home more than they anticipated. That just goes to show you our selling members grow spectacular orchids. Jamie did an amazing job as auctioneer and sold 101 lovely plants. Thank you to Nan for making this a great day! Thank you to those who volunteered and those who brought plants to sell and donate to the society.

Don't forget our Orchid Show February 12 & 13. Andrea and John along with a very active committee are working tirelessly to make the best show we have ever had. As always we would appreciate any time you are able to help out. Whether for an hour or all day, you are needed. Please contact Andrea or John, and let them know you would like to help. Their contact information is below in this newsletter.

Another event taking place is The Garden Expo, in Jensen Beach, on February 26th. This is being sponsored by the Jensen Beach Garden Club. We will be having a raffle as well as plants for sale. We are hoping to have members donate orchids for both the raffle and those we are selling. And again, we would love to have you volunteer. We will need people to man the booth, share their knowledge of orchids, and help promote membership in our society. I am taking the lead on this event. If you have suggestions (always welcome), please contact me: 772-285-4795 Real-torpan1234@gmail.com More information as we get closer to the event.

May you find your orchids blooming for the Holidays!



News from the 1st Vice President Andrea Heitfield

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Our orchid show is just over two months away, and we really need participation from our members. please consider volunteering your time to guarantee we have a successful show. Remember alone we can do so little; together we can accomplish so much more. We will have the show sign-up sheets at the holiday luncheon and the January meeting.

The raffle is the big money maker for our orchid show. We are in dire need for raffle donations and baskets. Please consider being a trophy sponsor the donation is \$30.00. Since we are a not for profit organization, all donations are tax deductible.

See you all at the Holiday luncheon. Remember your gift for the gift exchange and a unwrapped toy for Salvation Army Angel Tree.



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS December Meeting Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon December 7, 2021 12:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to our Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon at Gator Trace Golf and Country Club, 4302 Gator Trace Dr, Fort Pierce, FL 34982.

Attendance at the December 7 luncheon is limited to members and their guests who have already signed up and paid in advance. Unfortunately, we are not able to allow walk-ins. Orchid gifts are for paid members only.

Please remember the \$5 wrapped gift exchange, and if you can, bring an unwrapped children's gift for the Salvation Army's Toy Drive.



For further information, call Barb Lynn, 772-873-9098.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Barb Lynn
Holiday Party Coordinator



NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: Our December meeting is the Holiday Awards Luncheon on December 7. The December board meeting will be on December 14.

PSLOS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 7, 2021
PSLOS Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

January 8, 2022
To Be Determined

February 12-13, 2022
PSLOS "Orchid Village" Show & Sale

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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| Dec 12 | East Everglades Orchid Society's Holiday Orchid Event Homestead, FL |
| Jan 8-9 | Sarasota Orchid Society's "Orchids in Paradise" Sarasota, FL |
| Jan 14-16 | Miami Orchid Society's "Tamiami International Orchid Festival" Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Ctr |
| Jan 21-23 | Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society's "Orchids Rock" Broward County Convention Ctr |
| Jan 29-30 | FL West Coast Orchid Society's "Orchids Unmasked" Seminole, FL |



Orchid Village

Orchid Show and Sale

By Port St. Lucie Orchid Society

Saturday, February 12, 9 - 4

Sunday, February 13, 9 - 4



-Spectacular Orchid Displays
-Orchid Vendors
-Orchid Supplies
-Free Workshops
-Kids' Activities
-Raffles

Location:
Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd.

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



Make copies of the show flyer and share with your friends!

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 Holiday Awards Luncheon

- ◇ Set up (Friday Feb. 11) and break down (Sunday Feb. 13) help
- ◇ Clerk (Saturday morning)
- ◇ Kids' Corner (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Greet visitors & sell society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Sell raffle tickets (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Donate raffle prizes, baskets, gift certificates
- ◇ Be a trophy sponsor
- ◇ Enter a Niche arrangement
- ◇ Create a Gnome Garden

Raffles



Raffles are our primary way to raise money at the show. So far **only 14 members** have volunteered to donate raffle baskets or prizes.

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

Loan a Gnome



Loan your gnomes to the show, and you will be rewarded with raffle tickets for use at the show. Bring your gnomes by the January meeting. (All gnomes will be returned after the show.)

Sponsors

We are in need of 15 more sponsors for show trophies. Please consider sponsoring a trophy to make our show one of the greatest ever. Sponsorship costs \$30.00. 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 Holiday Awards Luncheon on December 7th.

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

Membership & Raffle Tables

We currently have **no** volunteers to man the Membership Table on Sunday and **no** volunteers to man the Raffle Table from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday.

Please help by signing up to man either table on Sunday.



Gnome Gardens

Have fun and create a table top gnome garden. There are two categories – mini: tallest gnome should not exceed 3 inches and miniature: tallest gnome no taller than 5 inches. Entries will be judged!



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 January meeting

NOVEMBER PSLOS MEETING

As required by the PSLOS bylaws, the election of officers was held at the November meeting. Our thanks to those members who have volunteered to serve.

Meet your officers, chair persons, and volunteers for the year 2022.



Pam Scholey
President



Diana Lenartiene
Recording Secretary



Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President
2022 Show Co-Chairman



Dana DeMarco
Immediate Past President



Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President



Barb Lynn
Trustee 2022



Laurie Wade
Treasurer
AOS Representative



Jessica Benford
Trustee 2023



Carol Farmer
Corresponding Secretary/
Sunshine Lady



Diane Bryant
Trustee 2024
Newsletter Co-Editor



Anne Menassian
Membership Chairperson
Newsletter Co-Editor



Maureen Kerr
Orchid Exchange



Jamie Lawson
Chair, Noon Class



John Erickson
2022 Show Co-Chairman

NOVEMBER PSLOS MEETING

AUCTION TIME!



A good time was had by all!
Lots of orchids hit the auction block.



Thanks to Nan, Jamie, all the volunteers, and the buyers and sellers that made the day a success!

Over \$2,240 gross proceeds – wow!

Over \$350 profit for PSLOS!

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for December

December Climate Data

- Average high: 77.5
- Average low: 62.2
- Average mean: 69.9
- Average rainfall: 2.18"



1. Water judiciously - early in the day so plants have as many hours as possible to dry and allow longer intervals between watering to dry plants thoroughly.
2. Reduce fertilizer as most sympodial orchids are resting in December. Provide extra potassium and magnesium. Biweekly or even monthly applications of a balanced fertilizer or 15-515 are still desirable.
4. Segregate dormant genera in bright dry area.
5. Keep those vandas, phalaenopsis and hard cane dendrobiums as warm as you can.

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

For further information specific to different orchid genera, go to <http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/november-december-checklist.aspx>

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

How many of these orchids are in
our Orchid Room? (Answer below)

Epiphytic orchids - grow on other plants
using the host plant as anchorage



Terrestrial orchids- grow in the
ground, in soil or leaf litter

Lithophytic orchids- grow on rocks



Bilaterally symmetrical flowers - each
side mirrors the other

Pollinia - clumps of pollen



Lip - the modified bottom petal of an orchid, usually
showy to attract pollinators

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Answer: All except the
lithophytic orchid.

It's that time of the year that some of our orchids need special attention. The following links provide valuable information:

Caring for Orchids During Cold Weather, Marvin Motes, <https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/Alert-ColdWeather.pdf>

Cold Tolerance of Orchids, Sue Bottom, <https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/ColdToleranceofOrchidsbySueBottom.pdf>

Winter Orchid Tips, AOS, <http://www.aos.org/orchids/additional-resources/winter-orchid-tips.aspx>



Brrrrr, baby it's cold
outside!



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Membership Corner
Membership Chairperson
Anne Menassian
amorchidnews@gmail.com

Hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. Its hard to believe 2021 is coming to a close. With every passing month, PSLOS continues to grow. At the November meeting we had 6 new members join our society. Please welcome:

Ann Marie Cunningham
Dianne Jenkins
Jonneaue Rout
Lureen Young
Hiromi Kuroiwa
Michael Capaiola

We now have a total membership of 119.

Dues for 2022 are payable by January 31, 2022.

Individual Membership Dues are \$20.00 Family Membership Dues \$25.00.

Finally, it is with sadness that we share with you the passing of longtime member Jean Bocek's dear husband, Bob. Our thoughts are with Jean and her family.

**Annual dues are \$20 individual,
\$25 family.**

**Dues for calendar year 2022 are due
by January 31, 2022.**



Treasurer's Report
Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Our current balance is \$9,447.33. This includes payments received for our holiday luncheon, income from our auction, and Jamie's Smile Train donations.

Our auction netted us \$365.40, and Jamie's Smile Train donations are \$495.00 which includes \$95.00 from Diane Bryant's catasetum contribution at our auction. We are making this donation to Smile Train when they offer a 2-for-1 matching program.

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

Board Meeting

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

All members are welcome at Board Meetings.

December Schedule

Holiday Luncheon: December 7
(No General Meeting)

Board Meeting December 14



- Individual \$35
- Family & Friends \$50

We encourage PSLOS members to consider joining the Friends of the Botanical Gardens and enjoy these exclusive benefits:

- 10% off most Gift Shop purchases
- Garden Center Member Specials
- Reciprocal Admission and/or Discounts to American Horticultural Society Member Gardens
- Members Only Events
- Members Access or Discounts on Selected Classes, Seminars & Events
- And more.

<https://www.pslbg.org/membership.html>

Fort Pierce Orchid Show, Nov 9-10



Assembling the “Best Society Exhibit.”
Congratulations Andrea, John, and all the helpers!



And, of course, the star attraction – so many beautiful (and winning) orchids from our members.
Look at all those ribbons! And that’s less than half of them.



Lots of smiling faces!

Fort Pierce Orchid Show - Individual Ribbon Winners

Judy Wagner

1st Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Species, any color, less than 5"
- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, white, less than 5"
- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, red/red-lavender, less than 5"
- C, RL, or Gur* Species, any color, 5" & greater
- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, yellow/orange/bronze, 5" & greater

2nd Place:

- Brassavola species/hybrids
- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, red/red-lavender, less than 5"



Susan Spring

1st Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, semi-alba, 5" & greater

2nd Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, white, less than 5"



Andrea Heitfield

1st Place and Best Dendrobium Alliance:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, semi-alba, 5" & greater

3rd Place:

- Brassavola species/hybrids



Jennifer Margolis

1st Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, any other color, 5" & greater

3rd Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, any other color, less than 5"
- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, semi-alba, 5" & greater



Diana Lenartiene

1st Place:

- Dendrobium Hybrids - Lavendar/Red/Purple/Pink



Laurie Wade

2nd Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, any other color, less than 5"

Diane Bryant

2nd Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, red/red-lavender, less than 5"



Dana Demarco

3rd Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, semi-alba, 5" & greater

John Erickson - PSLOS Orchid Room

3rd Place:

- C, RL, or Gur* Hybrids, purple/pink, less than 5"



*Cattleya, Rhynocholaelia, or Guarianthe



PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Look what orchid won a ribbon at the Ft. Pierce Orchid Show!

Remember to loan or donate unusual orchids to the Orchid Room. For further information, contact John Erickson at erickson_236@bellsouth.net.



Volunteers are always needed to help with routine chores in the Orchid Room. Tasks include watering and general maintenance such as raking leaves and pine needles.



Monday mornings
from about 8-9 am

If interested, please contact:
Jessica Beneford at
jessca10chb@gmail.com



Thank you Dana and Andrea
for volunteering for such a good cause
and
for advertising our 2022 Orchid Show.

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Pam Segal



Diana Lenartiene



Jennifer Margolis



Diane Bryant

If you would like to share pictures of your orchids that have just bloomed, send your pictures to pslosdiane@gmail.com.



**Buying or Selling...
Call My Grandma, She's the best.**

**FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS
GIVE ME A CALL!**

Pam Scholey
Realtor®



Cellular: (772) 285-4795
Office: (772) 288-1111
pam@remaxofstuart.com
www.pams1.remax.com

RE/MAX OF STUART

729 S. Federal Hwy, Suite 100 | Stuart, Florida 34994

Buy or Sell, Reenie Does It Well!

REENIE PAES
REALTOR®



reenie@gmail.com
www.reeniesellsflorida.com

772.528.4546

You can advertise in this newsletter for \$50/year for 10 issues.
If interested, contact Diane Bryant at pslosdiane@gmail.com or Laurie Wade at mrmush@comcast.net.

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2021 Officers and Volunteers:

President - Pam Scholey
1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfield
2nd Vice President - Nan Rothschild
Recording Secretary - Diana Lenartiene
Corresponding Secretary - Carol Farmer
Treasurer - Laurie Wade
Membership - Anne Menassian
Immediate Past President—Dana DeMarco
Trustee - Jamie Lawson - 2021
 Jessica Benford - 2023
 Barbara Lynn - 2022
AOS Representative - Laurie Wade
2022 Show Co-Chair - Andrea Heitfield
2022 Show Co-Chair - John Erickson
Food - Dorothy Moore
Newsletter Co-Editors - Diane Bryant, Anne Menassian
Website - Diana Lenartiene (Primary)
 Diane Bryant (Alternate)
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
Food Set Up/Picnic Coordinator - Diana Lenartiene