

Orchidelirium!

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PSLOS GENERAL MEETING -- JANUARY 19, 2026

12:00 Noon Workshop: Mounting Orchids

Speaker: Diane Bryant



What orchids can be mounted?

What type of mount can I use?

How do I mount?

Are there special watering & light requirements?

Diane will provide answers to these questions and provide suggestions for mounting your orchids.

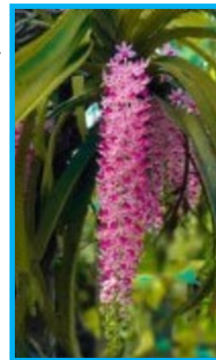


Our Program Speaker: Dr. Juraj Kojš

Rhynchostylis: An Overview of the Foxtail Orchid Genus



Dr. Juraj Kojš is an Associate Professor of Professional Practice at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music, where he combines his passion for music and orchids in innovative ways. He is the creator of Orchid DNA Music project and the founder of the FETA Foundation, which promotes experimental and interdisciplinary art forms. Dr. Kojš's works have been commissioned by prestigious organizations such as The Knight Foundation, The Quiet Music Ensemble, Miami Live Arts, and Vizcaya Museum & Gardens.



In addition to his musical achievements, Dr. Kojš is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. He is the past president of Coalition for Orchid Species. In 2024, he chaired the inaugural Orchids & Arts Festival at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden. He has received over 60 awards from the AOS to date and published articles in the Orchids magazine. His multifaceted career reflects a unique blend of scientific rigor, artistic creativity, and a deep love for orchids.

Dr. Kojš will be bringing bare root orchids for sale.

REMEMBER:

THE ORCHID EXCHANGE! The Orchid Exchange is a great opportunity to expand your orchid collection. For further information, talk to Dana DeMarco.

RAFFLE SALE. Of course, don't forget our raffle sale. An easy and inexpensive way to add to your orchid collection.

SHOW & TELL! We love to see how your orchids grow!

PSLOS MEETINGS

February 16, 2026
Jeannie from Odom's Orchids
"History of Orchids"

March 16, 2026
Judy Bailey, AOS Judge
"Show Info & Hints"

April 11-12, 2026
PSLOS Show & Sale

MEETINGS, EVENTS, & SHOWS



Port St. Lucie Orchid Society

ORCHIDS AND LADYBUGS HARMONY IN NATURE

Saturday, April 11, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday, April 12, 10:00am to 4:00pm

- Orchid Vendors
- Free Classes
- Beautiful Raffle Baskets
- Orchid Raffles
- Spectacular Orchid Displays

Admission \$4.00 per person
\$1.00 off with this coupon!

Location: Polish American Social Club
343 NW Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie

For further information, contact
Andrea Heitfeld, Show Chair,
tazette55@gmail.com



To have a great show, we need volunteers! Here are some of the show categories available for PSLOS member participation.

- ♦ Clerk (Saturday morning)
- ♦ Greet visitors & collect entrance fees (Saturday and Sunday)
- ♦ Sell society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ♦ Donate raffle prizes, baskets, and gift certificates (our biggest fundraiser!)
- ♦ Sell raffle tickets (Saturday and Sunday)
- ♦ Be a trophy sponsor
- ♦ Create a niche arrangement
- ♦ Create a Lady Bug Habitat or a Lady Bug Creation

Show time will be here sooner than we realize, so be thinking about how you can volunteer.



Sign-ups will start at January meeting.



PLANT SALE AND ARTISAN MARKET

JANUARY 17, 2026
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- LOCAL PLANT VENDORS
- LOCAL ARTS & CRAFT ARTISANS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- LIVE MUSIC



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Martin County Orchid Society
Presents
Orchids at The Disco
47th Orchid Show and Sale



Martin County Fairgrounds
2616 SE Dixie Hwy. Stuart FL 34996

March 6 - Noon - 4 pm
March 7th & 8th 9am - 4 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society's "Orchid Magic"
January 9 - 11, 2026
Pembroke Pines, FL

Sarasota Orchid Society Show and Sale
January 10 - 11, 2026
801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

Miami Orchid Society's
"Tamiami International Orchid Festival"
January 16-18, 2026
Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center Miami, FL



PSLOS ANNUAL SHOW



Clerking



Serving as a clerk is a very rewarding opportunity for members to learn not only more about orchids in general but also what makes a ribbon-winning orchid! Clerks support judges in the judging of orchids by helping keep records of judges' decisions and placing ribbons on winning orchids.



Trophy Sponsors

Please consider sponsoring a trophy or asking a friend or business you frequent to sponsor a trophy to make our show one of the greatest ever. The sponsor's name will appear on one of the many certificates that are awarded to ribbon winners.

This year we will offer four levels of Sponsorship:

Trophy	\$35	Silver	\$75
Bronze	\$50	Gold	\$100

Send your check to:

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

Members, you can also bring sponsorship checks to the PSLOS General Meetings.

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

PSLOS Shirts

If you would like a new Society/Show shirt to wear at our show, you must sign up for one at the January meeting.

They are available in sizes:
S M L XL XXL.

Cost will be determined based on the number of shirts ordered.

Lady Bug Habitats/Lady Bug Creations

This has been one of the highlights of our shows. Our members show off their creative skills by creating mini-habitats (12" length maximum) or other lady bug creations.



Have fun! Get your creative juices flowing.

Entries will be judged for both categories!

Orchid Niche Arrangements

Use your imagination and create an orchid niche arrangement! This year we will have three categories: Mini, Small, and Large

Keep your arrangements within the dimensions of the niche:

Mini--6" wide, 4" deep, 8" tall
Small - 8" wide, 6" deep, 12" tall
Large - 10" wide, 8" deep, 18" tall



Entries will be judged for each category.

Your container should be plain so as not to distract from the flowers, and only natural foliage can be used.

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!

Add the theme of your donation (for example, Family Game Night, Car Care, Fun in the Sun, etc.) on the sign-up sheet so that signage can be made.



Sign-ups will start
at the January
meeting.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



It was a fantastic day for all! Here is feedback from our members who posted on FB:

The room was beautiful, the food delicious, and the games were fun. Everyone had a great time.

Beautiful party! I had the best time!

Thank you to everyone for making today's holiday luncheon a big success! It was really special, and the orchids are absolutely beautiful!

The attention to detail was amazing! Best party ever!

Congratulations to the winners of our centerpiece competition and our games! Congratulations also to those members who reached membership longevity recognition. Finally, a big thanks to those members who will serve on our 2026 Board.

Thanks also to all the elves that assisted in making our annual luncheon a success: Andrea Heitfeld, Diana Lenartiene, Lynn Mailander, Lynn Fort, Laurie Wade, Laurie McCarty, Dana DeMarco, Pam Scholey, Jackie Young, Tammy Walkoff, Grace Beausejour, John Erickson, Jessie Benford, Eileen Storck, and Diane Bryant.

And a really big thanks to all the PSLOS members who contributed to the Salvation Army Angel Tree! Andrea and Laurie M had the honor of delivering this huge donation to the warehouse.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



Thanks to all the elves who made the day great!



Congrats to our members who reached membership longevity recognition: Margaret Lee-Havison and Anne Menassian. (not Anita Shelman this year)



2026 PSLOS Board

Our members are great! Thanks for all your donations!



The orchids are always a highlight of our luncheon.

A self-serve standalone dessert and refreshment table was a great addition!



The Centerpiece Contest was very popular. A big thanks to our members for their participation. (Pictures of a few of the centerpieces.)



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

Fort Pierce Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show and Sale

Look at all those ribbons and this fantastic display!
A big thanks to the members who provided orchids and to the members who donated their time preparing registration paperwork and creating the display.



Thanks to Andrea who worked so hard at creating this display along with her helpers (missing Diana Lenartiene).

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

Fort Pierce Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show and Sale

The winners list at the Fort Pierce Society show representing Port St. Lucie Orchid Society:



Lynn Fort

- 1st Place, Bill Tozar Memorial Best Vanda Award, and Best Vandaceous, Wut. Manoonya
- 1st Place and Best Vanda Alliance, V. Lou Sneary
- 1st Place - Pcv. Key Lime Stars 'Lynn's Passion'
- 1st Place - Tolu. Jairak Rainbow
- 2nd Place - Tolu. Jairak Rainbow
- 2nd Place - V. Hsinying Starry
- 3rd Place - Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
- 3rd Place - C. maxima



Laurie McCarty

- 1st Place - C. White Reception 'NN' AM/AOS
- 1st Place - Rlc. Saxe-Gotha (Maria Ozzelia x Grindal Shoal)
- 1st Place - Pot. Th-Ti 'Sweetheart' HCC/AOS
- 1st Place - Rlc. Akas Art 'Volcano Queen'
- 2nd Place - Paph. Olympic Sunrise XOXO
- 2nd Place - Van. Charm var alba



Andrea Heitfeld

- 1st Place - Den. Areedang Light Blue
- 2nd Place - Blc. Olive Palmer



Barabara Lynn

- 1st Place - Onc. Tsiku Marguerita 'Hop'



Dianne Jenkins

- 2nd Place - Rlc. Lila Ashjitomi 'Hawaiian Flare'
- 2nd Place - Bc. Mari's Glory 'Avery'

Laurie Wade

- 2nd Place - Cl. Grace Dunn (Cl. Rosea 'SVO' x Cl. Warczewitzii 'SVO')
- 3rd Place - Cyc. Jumbo Copper (warczewitzii x cooperi 'Copper')
- 3rd Place - Bc. Maikai 'Mayumai'



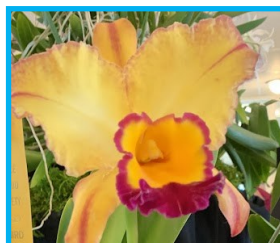
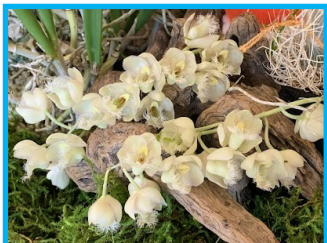
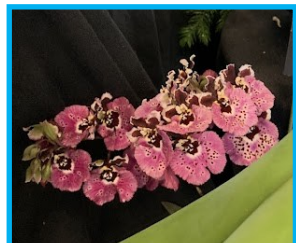
Jessica Benford

- 2nd Place - Den. Full Moon 'White'

Dianne Jenkins - 1st Place, Mini-Niche

Barbara Robinson - 1st Place, Orchid Photography

You all made our Society very proud! Participating in the orchid shows and winning ribbons is so rewarding!



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Eileen Storck
Membership Chairperson
pslosmemberships@gmail.com



Happy New Year!

Longevity Recognition: At our recent Holiday Luncheon, the following members were recognized for their longstanding membership in the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society.

5 yrs. - Margaret Lee-Havison 10 yrs. - Anne Menassian
Anita Shellman (mistakenly listed as 25 years in the previous newsletter - Sorry)

Let's congratulate these dedicated Society members again!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

As we enter the new year, 30 members have already renewed their membership for calendar year 2026. Thank you! That only leaves 131 more to go!

PSLOS membership runs annually from January to December of the current year, regardless of when you initially joined. Past memberships were valid through the end of 2025. Members should plan to submit renewal fees at the January 19, 2026, meeting. We will accept membership fees throughout the entire meeting so please be patient if the check-in line gets backed up. You are welcome to check-in, then return to renew during lunch or a break or at the end of the meeting.

Individual dues are still an affordable \$20.00/yr. Family dues are \$25.00/yr.

If you won't be at the January meeting, or if this is more convenient, you can always write a check made payable to PSLOS and mail to:

Port Saint Lucie Orchid Society
PO Box 8421



Laurie Wade
Treasurer



Well, 2025 is over! Our current balance is \$10,954.24. Here's the summary of what we spent from the last newsletter to now.

Our holiday party was wonderful! We had 68 paid and 65 attended our party; our income \$1,496. We spent \$1,400 for 70 orchids with Florida Orchid House and \$975 for BBQ with Big Worms BBQ (still waiting for them to cash the check). We also spent \$75 for gift cards for the centerpiece competition, \$50 for the Christmas cactus for Bingo, and the rest was tableware and kitchen supplies.

Our storage has increased to \$140/month (still much less expensive than our previous storage). We also received a generous \$500 donation to help offset the cost of our facility rental for our April show and \$535 in dues income. We spent \$192 for miscellaneous display items for the FPOS show. See you all in a couple of weeks!

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for January



- Average high: 76.5
 - Average low: 59.6
 - Average mean: 68.1
 - Average rainfall: 1.88
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- Be prepared to protect outdoor plants from freezing temperatures.
 - Spray for mites; spray again in 7-10 days.
 - Many genera are entering or are in flowering season. Stake for better displays.
 - Flush excess fertilizer salts from Cattleyas and other sympodials.
 - Watering, fertilizing, and re-potting should be kept to a minimum.
 - Water early in the day.

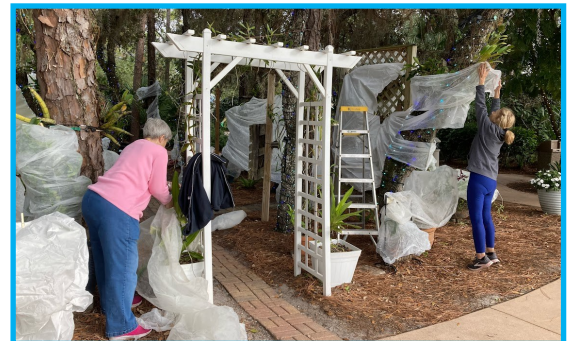
From Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month, (<https://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/2022/1/5/january-in-your-orchid-collection>)

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

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



No ghosts here! Just a lot of love from our fantastic members in protecting the Orchid Room from the cold.



A big thanks to John Erickson, Andrea Heitfeld, Laurie Wade, Dianne Jenkins, and Dana DeMarco for protecting our orchids!

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

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS - FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS



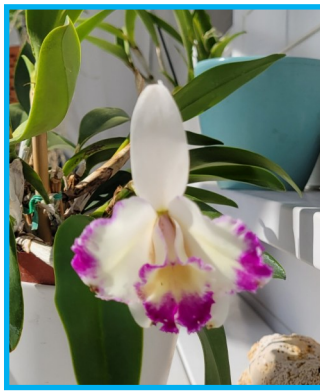
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Ronnie Crawford



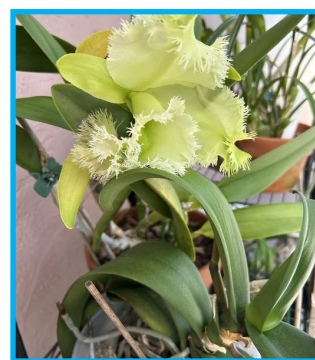
Barbara Lynn



Lynn Mailander



Diane Bryant



Diana Lenartiene



We would love to see
your orchids.
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**Port St Lucie Orchid Society
20256 Officers and Volunteers:**

President - John Erickson
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Orchid Exchange - Dana DeMarco
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Newsletter & Website - Diane Bryant
Annual Retreat - Barbara Lynn
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon - Barbara Lynn

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)
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens
Speakers, Classes, Show and Tell, Raffles,
Orchid Exchange, and more
April and December
Special Meetings
Times & Locations to be Announced

Board Meeting

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




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