

Orchidelirium!

Newsletter of The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
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President's Message

John Erickson

Our By-Laws state that our purpose is:

- To promote and aid in the development, improvement and preservation of all orchids
- To collect information relating to the growing and development of orchids
- To disseminate information concerning the culture, hybridization or development of orchids by means of exhibitions, lectures and publications or otherwise
- To assist those engaged in the growing of orchids by research and dissemination
- To increase public interest in the growing of orchids and
- To foster the knowledge, production, use and appreciation of orchids.

To this end, in the last year, we have conducted the following workshops on:

- "Repotting Orchids" for a new garden club in Kings Isle;
- the "Care of Orchids" at the Jensen Beach Expo; and recently
- "Growing Orchids" for the Lake Park Life Style Club, a part of Tradition (See pictures on page 6).

We also maintain the Orchid Room at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Visitors enjoy over 350 orchids displayed in many different ways (check out pictures on page 11).

Our society is also sponsoring a bus trip to Krull-Smith Orchid Nursery in Apopka, Florida on November 1st. They have become the leading orchid hybridizer in the world, having received over 1,500 culture awards from the American Orchid Society. This will be a great opportunity to purchase high quality species as well as hybrids and novelty orchids.



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfeld

Hopefully, your orchids are thriving with all this rain we are having.

We (PSLOS) are heading into a busy end of the year for our society. October is our annual auction. It is a great opportunity to add to your orchid collection. We will only have snacks for this function.

November 1st is our bus trip to Krull-Smith's new showroom, "Orchid Paradise". This is an International show which brings in some of the greatest hybridizers in the world. This is a chance to experience what type of orchids different vendors in other countries grow. You will see vendors from Africa, Hawaii, South America, Taiwan, Japan, and United States. We still have a few spots open for those wishing to attend.

At our November meeting we will have a noon class given by John Erickson, and our speaker is J&J Unique Orchids, who will speak on Latin Orchids. We will have a luncheon, and sides donations are welcomed. Just email or text me what your food donation will be.

We have our holiday party at Gator Trace in December.

Ti and Henry were beside themselves about how generous you all were for their baby Kim's shower and cannot thank you all enough.

The October monthly quote is "Orchid hunting is a Moral Occupation."

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS October Meeting - October 21, 2023

PSLOS ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

(No Noon Class)



The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction RETURNS! The purpose of the auction is to provide members with an outlet in managing the number of plants in their own collections, to provide the orchid loving public with an opportunity to purchase quality plants at fair prices, and to further our mission to add to the ranks of orchid addicts.

11:00 a.m. — Doors will open for members who are bringing orchids to be auctioned. No plants will be accepted for sale after 12:30 p.m. **SELLERS, PLEASE BE PROMPT!**

12:30 p.m. — Doors will open for buyer viewing of the orchids being auctioned.

1:00 p.m. — The auction will begin and goes until finished. There are no planned breaks.

BUYERS: THERE IS NO EARLY CHECKOUT. YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO STAY UNTIL THE END AS IT IS TOO DISRUPTIVE IF WE ALLOW EARLY CHECKOUTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

The rules are as follows:

1. Only society members may offer plants for sale, but ALL buyers are welcome.
2. Members are limited to 20 plants for sale. For every 10 plants that you bring to sell, one is donated to the Society's table.
3. The auction is designed to help members manage their collections. It is not meant to be an outlet for commercial or quasi-commercial sales.
4. Plants for sale must be brought to the auction no later than 30 minutes prior to the auction. There is paperwork for the seller to fill out on each plant. If there is a minimum bid, a label must be put on a leaf (labels will be provided at sign-in). Plants brought after that time will not be considered.
5. 10% of all sales will go to the society. Checks to sellers will be provided within 30 days of the auction.
6. Plants will be auctioned at random. We alternate between sellers.
7. Each plant will be auctioned individually. The auctioneer will not sell one plant and then several more of the same plant for the same price without bidding.
8. If a seller's plants are not all auctioned off, further sales may be conducted independent of the auction AFTER all sales have been tallied and may not occur within the auction building. (Or you can choose to donate them to the garden's orchid room.)
9. ONLY THE AUCTIONEER and/or assistant (not bidders) will determine the last bid by saying "sold."
10. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. We take cash, check, or charge. **THERE IS NO EARLY CHECKOUT.**

The PSLOS Auction Flyer is on page 3. Share it and bring a friend!

For more info, contact Andrea Heitfeld, 1st Vice President, at tazzette55@gmail.com
or Nan Rothschild, 2nd Vice President, at rothschildn@gmail.com

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO OUR
ORCHID AUCTION!**



**Monday, October 21, At 1:00 p.m.
Open for buyer viewing at 12:30 p.m.**

**Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd.**

**It is fun and entertaining
AND WE ALL NEED MORE
ORCHIDS!**



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Make copies of this flyer and give to your friends!

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PSLOS FIELD TRIP TO KRULL-SMITH Friday, November 1, 2024



It's been a LONG time since we've traveled! Our Society has put together a bus trip to visit The Apopka International Fall Orchid Festival at Krull-Smith Nursery in Apopka.

Our bus will leave from the PSL Botanical Gardens on Friday, November 1, at 7:30 am. We should arrive at Krull-Smith around 10:00 and leave at 3:00 to return to the Gardens by 5:30 or so.

The member price for a bus seat is \$30 and non-members is \$35. Lunch is not provided on the bus so bring your own, and if you bring a beverage, please make sure it is a screw cap bottle. There is plenty of room under the bus for your 'excess' purchases (LOL!) but bring a cardboard box or container to keep them in if you plan on shopping until your wallet drops!

AT THIS WRITING WE HAVE 7 SEATS LEFT! If you are interested in joining this trip, please call or text me, Laurie Wade, at 772-342-3306 ASAP.

JOIN US IN APOPKA • NOVEMBER 1 - 3, 2024

OPEN TO EVERYONE! • FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING!

The Apopka International

Featuring These Top-Quality Vendors:

In Conjunction with
**The International
Phalaenopsis Alliance
Symposium**

**Fall
Orchid
Festival**

Afri Orchids (South Africa)
Blue Ridge Orchids (North Carolina)
Blumen Insel (Japan)
Bredren Orchids (Florida)
Ching Hua Orchids (Taiwan)
Gold Country Orchids (California)
Just One More Orchid (Florida)
Krull-Smith (Florida)
Mainshow Orchids (Taiwan)
Miranda Orchids (Florida)
NT Orchids (Malaysia)
OFE Orchids & Supplies (Florida)
Orchid Eros (Hawaii)
Paph Paradise (California)
Scented Diva Candles (Florida)
Springwater Orchids (Florida)
Sunset Valley Orchids (California)
Tropicals From South America
Tropiflora (Florida)
Wilson Orchids (Taiwan)

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2024 • 9:00am - 5:00pm

Location: Krull-Smith Nursery

2800 W Ponkan Rd • Apopka, FL 32712

407.886.4134

**Sponsored and
Hosted by**

Krull-Smith

Words taken directly from their Facebook page:

The Apopka International Fall Orchid Festival brings in some of the greatest orchid hybridizers in the world, and they will be bringing their newest hybrids along with rare species and plenty of beautiful flowers to sell.

Of course, we will be opening up greenhouses that are usually closed to the public so you can see how we grow our plants, and so you can enjoy some of our mother plants in full bloom.

We will be open from 9am to 5pm Friday-Sunday. This event is open to the public with free admission, so stop by for a visit at 2800 W. Ponkan Road in Apopka, FL. We can't wait to see you all soon!

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Treasure Coast Agri - Science Showcase & Fall Fest Sponsorships

Pathways to a Green Future
Saturday October 19, 2024

This is an annual event that takes place on the St. Lucie County Extension and University of Florida's Indian River Research and Education Center's campuses in west Fort Pierce,

The Agri-Science Showcase and Fall Fest features opportunities to learn about the science conducted at the Indian River Research and Education Center, tour laboratories at the Center, purchase plants from the St. Lucie County Master Gardeners, attend educational workshops, and visit vendors that are focused on sustainability, locally sourced goods, and community partnerships.

PSLOS is happy to participate in this educational partnership by providing information to attendees on orchids, their care and culture.

In 2023, there were over 1,000 attendees!



Fort Pierce Orchid Society
Invites You
to the

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Orchid Show and Sale
"Gingerbread Orchid House"
December 7 & 8, 2024
At the River Walk Center
600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL

DO YOU WANT TO BE A VENDOR?
Text Rita at 772-418-7426
or email at rita2zfp@gmail.com

PSLOS Annual Holiday Luncheon

December 9, 2024— 12:00 p.m.
Gator Trace Golf and County Club

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Luncheon.

The price is \$35.00 which includes your meal, tax, gratuity, and an orchid. (NOTE: Only paid members will receive orchids.)

We ask that you bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to the Salvation Army.

Also, bring a wrapped gift, value \$10.00 or less, for the gift exchange.

I will have sign up sheets at the October and November meetings.

Deadline to sign up is
November 18.



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS MEETINGS

November 18, 2024
J&J Unique Orchids
Topic: Unique Orchids

SAVE THE DATE!
December 9, 2024 - 12:00 Noon
Holiday Party

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

East Everglades Orchid Society's
"Fall in Love with Orchids"
October 4 - 6, 2024
Banyon Pavillion at R.F. Orchids
28100 SW 182 Ave, Homestead

Tampa Orchid Club Expo
October 5 - 6, 2024
Northdale Recreation Center
15510 Hooting Owls Place, Tampa

Gainesville Orchid Society
"Orchids in the Garden"
October 19 - 20, 2024
4700 SW 58th Dr, Gainesville

**Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
Annual Orchid Show & Sale**

**Enchanted Orchid
Fairy Tales**

Saturday, April 5 - 9am to 5pm
Sunday, April 6 - 10am to 4pm

- Spectacular Orchid Displays
- Orchid Vendors
- Orchid Supplies
- Free Workshops
- Miniature Fairy Gardens
- Raffle Baskets Galore!

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

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Lake Park Life Style Club



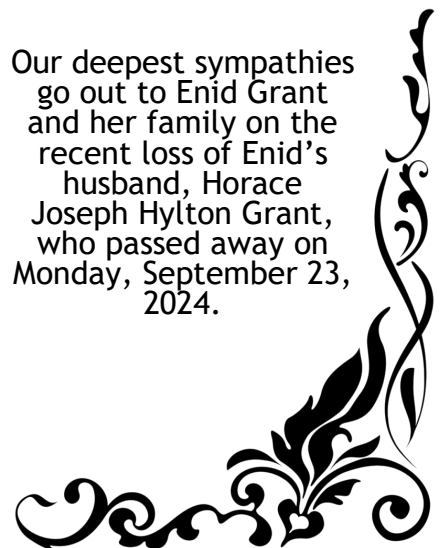
John, Andrea, and Dana conducted a workshop on "Growing Orchids" for the Lake Park Life Style Club, a part of Tradition, on September 20.

It was well received by the attendees. Hopefully, we may see some new members as a result of the workshop.



CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies go out to Enid Grant and her family on the recent loss of Enid's husband, Horace Joseph Hylton Grant, who passed away on Monday, September 23, 2024.



SEPTEMBER MEETING



Look at all those baby gifts!

Starting Baby Kim out right.



A baby needs all that?



A big thanks to Jackie and Barb for a great luncheon. Also a big thanks to all who brought in goodies and gifts for Baby Kim.



Our meeting started with a baby shower and luncheon for Ti and Henry from Florida Orchid House.



Members eating and watching the gift opening.

It was followed by a great selection of orchids for sale and our orchid raffle.



A great presentation on bulbophiles was given by Ti. She gave us really good advice on how to care for them to include light, temperature, fertilizer & watering requirements.

Watch the video of her presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1NTed7bfpE>



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Anne Menassian
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Welcome back members. We had a terrific September meeting with our friends from the Florida Orchid House. We had a pretty much full house with 70 in attendance.

We have a new member joining from Port St Lucie, Lorraine Longobardi. Please welcome her to the club. Our membership is now 134 strong!

For those who are wondering, dues for 2025 are not due until January 2025. You are free to pay early, but it is not necessary.

See you at the auction in October.



Laurie Wade
Treasurer



Hi everyone!

What a GREAT meeting/shower we had! I was amazed by our member's generosity and what fun it was to watch Ti and Henry open their gifts!

So, here's this month's report. Our current balance is \$12,122.87. We paid our annual liability and Directors and Officers insurance which was \$1,365.85. We also paid the quarterly FL state sales tax of \$16.42. Florida Orchid House did not charge us for their presentation, but we did pay them \$100.00 for our raffle orchids. We spent \$37.44 on orchids and supplies for our orchid garden, \$104.00 for monthly storage, and \$100 donation to Smile Train in memory of Jackie Lawson.

Our income included \$1,055.00 for the November 1 bus trip, \$206.00 in raffle sales (net profit \$106.00) and membership \$40.00.

ANNUAL OFFICER ELECTION

The Bylaws of the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society require that the election of officers be held at the November meeting. If you wish to serve as an Officer, or wish to nominate someone to serve, please forward your name or the name of your nominee to **Jeff Rothschild, the Nominating Committee Chairperson (jeflex@gmail.com)**. If you nominate someone to serve, please insure that your nominee has agreed in advance to run for office. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the October meeting. Nominations must be received before the November meeting.

Each Officer's term is for one year, except for Trustees which is for three years. Description of the positions and their duties can be found on our website (<https://pslos.org/pslos-bylaws>).

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

PRUNING ORCHIDS

You need to prune an orchid:

1. To keep it healthy. Look the plant over to spot any issues while they are still minor and fixable.
2. To remove diseased or dead tissue.
3. To get your orchid to rebloom. Prune spikes when the blooms have faded and fallen; spikes are no longer green. Beneath the base of a spike, nodes are located. They are where potential new blooms form.



Before you start pruning, you will need scissors, a pot, and potting medium. The scissors and pot need to be sterilized using isopropyl alcohol or a similar sterilizer.

Trim dead and rotten roots.



Most pruning should be done once a year. If your orchid blooms more frequently than that, you may need to prune more often.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for October

Fall Climate Data

Average high: 89.0

Average low: 75.7

Average mean: 82.4

Average rainfall: 8.38"



- Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Water only when truly necessary.
- Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.
- Re-pot Phals and reset Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.
- Begin or continue a disease prevention program.
- Clean up growing area and plants. Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly early in the month and again lightly mid-month.

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

For further information specific to different orchid genera, go to

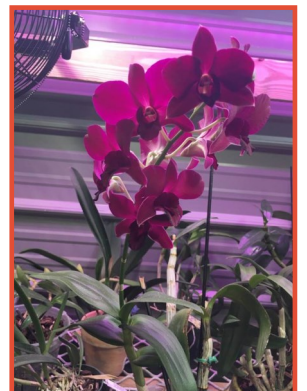
<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/september-october-checklist.aspx>

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS -- FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



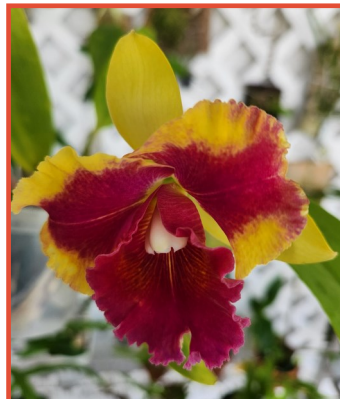
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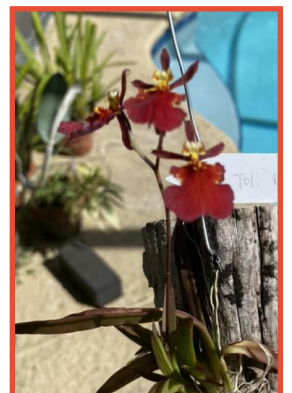
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John Phillips



Diane Bryant

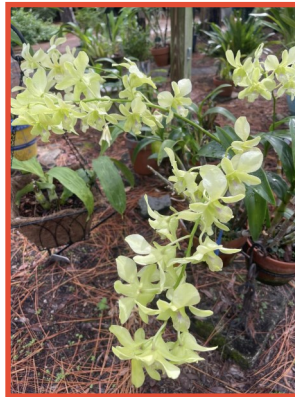
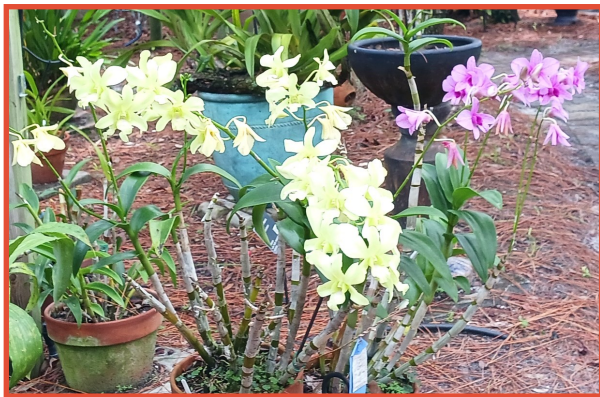
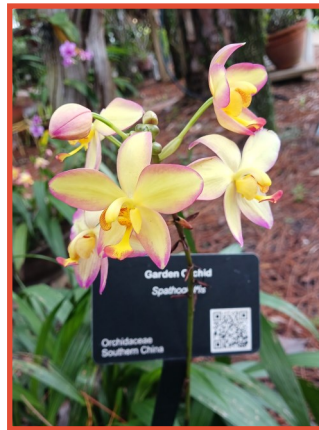
Barb Lynn



JetTanner

Amanda Dier-Huth

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Be sure to check out the exciting new displays in our Orchid Room.

A big thanks to the Orchid Room Committee for all their hard work in maintaining our Orchid Room.

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

Fantastic news! We acquired greenhouse space at the Botanical Garden.

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
Treasurer - Laurie Wade
Membership - Anne Menassian
Immediate Past President - Pam Scholey
Trustee - Diane Bryant - 2024
Barbara Lynn—2025
Jessica Benford -2026
AOS Representative - Laurie Wade
2024 Show Co-Chairs - Andrea Heitfield & John Erickson
Orchid Room - John Erickson
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
Meeting Lunch Organizer - Jackie Young
Newsletter - Diane Bryant & Anne Menassian
Website - Diane Bryant (Primary)
Diana Lenartiene (Alternate)
Annual Retreat - Barbara Lynn
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon - Barbara Lynn Lenartiene

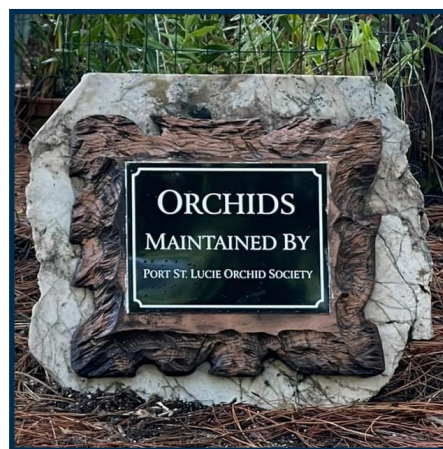
Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

General Meeting

3rd Monday of the month, 1:00 PM
(Educational Class 12:00 PM)
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden
Speakers, Classes, Show and Tell, Raffles,
Orchid Exchange, and more
April, October, & December—Special Meetings
Times to be Announced

Board Meeting

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



Orchid Room

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>



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