

Orchidelirium!

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PSLOS GENERAL MEETING -- NOVEMBER 17

No noon workshop today. Doors open at 12:00 noon.
12:45 am - Lunch

1:15 PM: Judy Bailey, AOS Judge Species -- What Do They Teach Us?

Judy has always been an enthusiastic plant aficionado and stumbled across her first orchid show more than thirty years ago while seeking a warm indoor respite during a particularly cold, snowy winter day in Northeast Ohio.



As a long time Master Gardener, both in Ohio and Florida as well as a Senior Judge with the American Orchid Society (AOS), Judy embraces opportunities to learn, share, and teach plant knowledge, frequently speaking with many local South Florida orchid societies, garden clubs, botanical gardens and Master Gardener classes.

Judy has been an AOS judge at our annual orchid shows for the past few years, and we have learned a lot from her.

We are so happy to have her back with us!

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

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

ORCHID SALE! Two of our members (Jett and Maureen) are leaving the state and will be offering some of their orchids for sale at our meeting. Be sure to wish them “bon voyage” and pick up an orchid or two!

RAFFLE SALE. Although our normal orchid raffle will not be held, each member will be provided a raffle ticket upon entering for the orchid raffles which will be conducted at the end of the meeting.

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 must be received NLT Saturday, November 1 (tomorrow)!**

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>).



Hope you like our new format!
We will be bringing you the same news but, hopefully, in a more concise and informative format.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, & SHOWS

PSLOS Annual Holiday Recognition Luncheon

December 8, 2025, 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Recognition Luncheon.

The price is \$22.00 which includes your meal, gratuity, and an orchid. NOTE: Only members who signed up and paid will receive orchids.

There are only three seats left. If you wish to sign up,

- ♦ Email Laurie (mrmush@comcast.net) as soon as possible. She will provide you instructions for payment.
- ♦ You may be able to sign up and pay at the November meeting if space is available.
- ♦ Only cash or check made out to PSLOS will be accepted at that meeting.

Lunch will be catered and consist of your choice of ham, pulled pork, or pulled chicken, a choice of salads (Caesar or tossed), baked beans, macaroni & cheese, sweet potato casserole, corn bread, cookies, and cake.

We will have a Holiday Centerpiece competition with prizes being given for most Creative, Whimsical, and Traditional, so get your creative juices flowing! We also will play Bingo and Trivia for prizes as well as the "quarter under the chair."

Your officers for the 2026 calendar year will be introduced at the meeting.

There will be no gift exchange this year, but don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to the Salvation Army.

Hope to see you at the luncheon!

-- Your 2025 PSLOS Board



PSLOS MEETINGS

November 17
Judy Bailey, AOS Judge
"Species--What Do They Teach Us?"

December 8
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
Annual Holiday Recognition Luncheon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deerfield Orchid Society's
"Orchid Obsession"
November 15 - 16, 2025
Safe Schools Institute, Boca Raton

Fort Pierce Orchid Society
Show and Sale
December 13 - 14, 2025
River Walk Center, Ft. Pierce

MEETINGS, EVENTS, & SHOWS



**Fort Pierce Orchid Society
ANNUAL ORCHID
SHOW AND SALE**

**"How The Grinch
Stole
Orchids"**

**DECEMBER
13 & 14, 2025**

**Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday 9 am to 4 pm**

Admission \$4

At the River Walk Center
600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL

Text Rita at 772-418-7426 or
email at rita2zfpos@gmail.com

Shows are right
around the corner!

Start preparing now in
getting your orchids
ready.



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**



**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**



PORT ST. LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY

WELCOME! LOCAL EVENTS ACTIVITIES MORE

**Welcome to
Port St. Lucie Orchid Society**

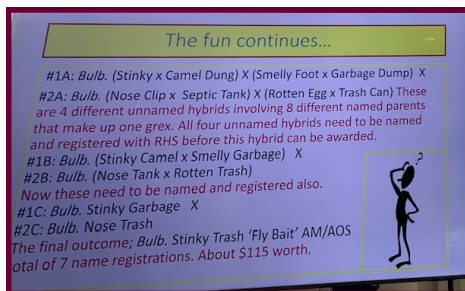
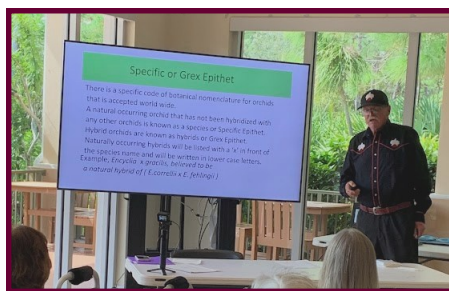
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When is the last time you checked
out the PSLOS website? Take a look
to see some of the fun activities we
have had over the years!

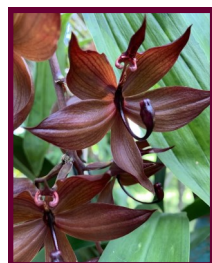
Even though your neighbors and
friends do not receive our newslet-
ter, they can still check us out on
our website.

Over the last week, we have had
406 visitors see our site.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING



Jennifer Margolis



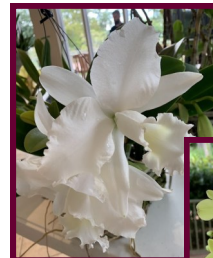
Diane Bryant

Great meeting and another great attendance to include meeting two new members!

Everyone enjoyed Bill Nunez' very informative presentation on orchid nomenclature as well as his terrific sense of humor as evidenced by one of his many slides.

We also were introduced to some beautiful orchids thanks to Jennifer Margolis, Laurie Wade, and Diane Bryant. Good growing, ladies!

A special treat was the raffling of cymbidium divisions thanks to Barbara Robinson. She obtained her original division through our Orchid Exchange, and it multiplied exponentially over the years. Thanks for sharing with our members, Barbara!



Laurie Wade



Thanks
for your
support



275 pounds of food items!!!

A big thank you to our wonderful members and guests who donated these food items at our meeting for Treasure Coast Food Bank! Thank you all so very much!

WOW!



This is the cymbidium that Barbara donated at our May meeting this year. She requested it be divided and shared with our members.

Cym. aloifolium
finlaysonianum

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Hi all,



Here is the summary of our finances. Our current balance is \$12,305.48. Our income includes a net profit of \$78 for the October orchid raffle, \$966 for the luncheon, and \$80 in membership. Expenses include \$123 for storage and \$300 speaker fee.

As of October 27, we have 3 seats remaining for the Holiday party. I won't be at the November meeting so please bring a \$22 check or cash to give to Diane Bryant, who is collecting the remaining money in my absence. I am sending out an email to remind those who still owe for the party.



Eileen Storck
Membership Chairperson
pslosmemberships@gmail.com



Fall Greetings! Sixty-three registered members attended the October PSLOS meeting. Three new membership applications were received at the meeting. Join me in welcoming the following new members:

Individual Membership

Pam Alfaro
Mary Antonio-Savic
Ulanda Williams

Our total membership is now 156!

Just a friendly reminder: PSLOS membership runs annually, from January to December of the current year, regardless of when you initially joined. All current Memberships are valid through the end of 2025. If you joined in September or October 2025 and will not be attending the Holiday Recognition Luncheon in December, there's no need to update your membership in January. Members should plan to submit renewal fees at the November 2025 or January 2026 meeting. If you are unsure of your status, please ask for clarification when you attend the November meeting, or reach out to me by email at pslosmemberships@gmail.com.

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

Volunteer Opportunity: If you are interested in assisting with membership responsibilities at our monthly General meetings, please reach out to me at your earliest convenience. It is an easy and fun way to meet and greet your fellow PSLOS members! I appreciate your consideration of this fun opportunity.

Happy Fall Y'all!!

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

KEIKIS ARE SWEET BABIES

Occasionally an orchid plant will bear a little plantlet off of its flower stem or pseudo-bulbs. These little plants are often called keiki (Hawaiian for “baby”). Keikis happen more frequently on Phalaenopses, Epidendrums, and Dendrobiums than on other orchids. Keikis are genetically identical to their parent and will bear flowers that look like the parent.

Some orchids produce such babies naturally and are fairly easy to grow. Plant hormones can be applied to a node on the bloom spike or base to stimulate the growth of a keiki.

Once the keiki has roots of one to three inches it can be repotted. Some growers recommend putting it in the same pot as the parent because the parent will help regulate moisture levels during a crucial time. When repotting, encourage the roots to go downward. You can use a bit of the flower spike or pseudobulb to help anchor it.

You can choose to leave the baby on the parent plant and both may flower simultaneously.

A basal keiki develops at the base of the plant. It is left on the plant and usually grows quickly.

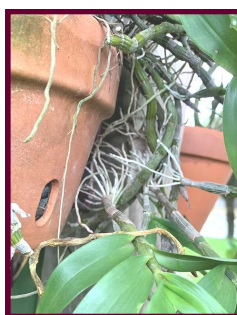
It is generally acceptable to provide extra nitrogen for support of green growth.

Conditions conducive to speedy and healthy keiki growth and development include maintaining temperatures, using clonal paste on only a few nodes, maintaining humidity and using a fertilizer with an NPK of 30-10-10 or 6-1-1.



Keikis on
Dendrobiums

A lot of keikis



A single keiki
left on the
parent plant



A potted keiki



A mounted keiki
happily growing on
a tree (and growing
its own keiki)

A Phalaenopsis Keiki



ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for November

November Climate Data

Average high: 85.4

Average low: 72.2

Average mean: 78.8

Average rainfall: 6.19"

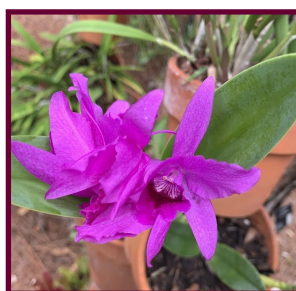
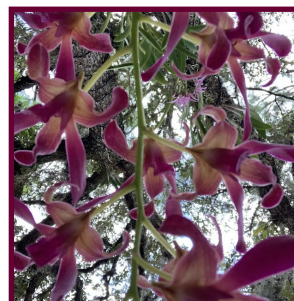


1. Prepare for cold
2. Reduce fertilizer
3. Apply extra Potassium and Magnesium
4. Segregate dormant genera in bright dry area
5. Repot plants after flowering
6. Groom plants and flower spikes for holiday display

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>

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE 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.

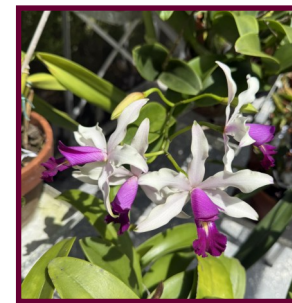
WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS - FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS



Jennifer Margolis



Jet Tanner

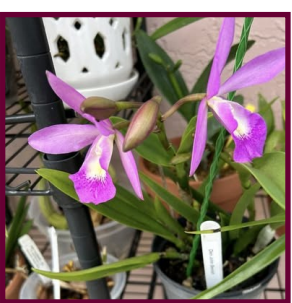


Laurie McCarty

Lee Stradley

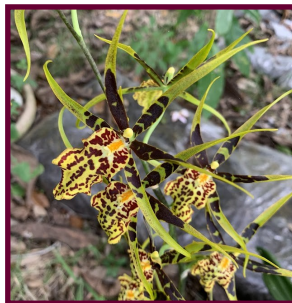
Lynn Mailander

Mary Hamden



Diana Lenartiene

Jamie Lawson



Maureen Kerr

Diane Bryant

We would love to see
your orchids.
Just email a picture to:

pslosdiane@gmail.com

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2025 Officers and Volunteers:

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1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfeld
2nd Vice President - Nan Rothschild
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Corresponding Secretary - Dana DeMarco
Treasurer - Laurie Wade
Membership - Eileen Storck
Immediate Past President - Pam Scholey
Trustee - Diane Bryant - 2027
 Barbara Lynn - 2025
 Jessica Benford - 2026
AOS Representative - Laurie Wade
Show Co-Chairs - Andrea Heitfeld and John Erickson
Orchid Room - John Erickson
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
Meeting Lunch Organizer - Jackie Young
Newsletter - Diane Bryant
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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