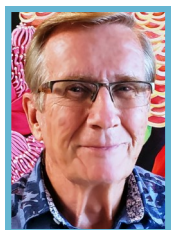


# Orchidelirium!

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

John Erickson  
Your President

### Encouraging Growth & Preparing for Summer

May marks a season of active growth for orchids! With warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours, it's time to focus on strong roots, healthy leaves, and setting the stage for future blooms. Let's dive into this month's key care tips and orchid highlights.

#### May Orchid Care Checklist:

**Increase Watering** - As temperatures rise, orchids may dry out faster. Adjust your watering schedule but always ensure roots dry slightly between waterings to prevent rot.

**Monitor Light Exposure** - More sunshine means potential sunburn! Protect orchids from harsh midday rays by providing filtered light or sheer curtains.

**Fertilize Regularly** - Continue feeding with a balanced orchid fertilizer at half strength every 2 weeks to support strong leaves and root growth.

#### Spotlight Orchid of the Month: Vanda Orchids - The Aerial Beauties

With their striking blooms and air-rooted growth, *Vandas* are a favorite among collectors. They thrive in high humidity, bright light, and frequent watering. If you're growing *Vandas*, consider misting their roots daily or soaking them in water a few times a week.

#### Ask the Expert:

Why are my orchid's new leaves growing smaller than before?

This can be a sign of insufficient nutrients, light, or root issues. Check for healthy roots, increase feeding slightly, and ensure your orchid is getting enough bright, indirect light.

May your orchids flourish as we transition into summer! Don't forget to share your photos and experiences with us.



## 1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield  
1st Vice President

Our PSLOS Orchid 2025 show "Enchanted Orchid Fairy Tales" was very successful! I just cannot express enough gratitude to all the members who stepped up and donated sponsorships, raffle baskets, and food. Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time at the show. Hats off to all! I



am so very proud to be a part of this grand membership.



May is just around the corner. Guess the old saying 'April rain brings May flowers' sure was not accurate this year. We desperately need rain.



At our May meeting we will have a noon class given by Nan Rothschild. She will give a presentation on "The Vanilla Story."

Our guest speaker for our 1:15 class will be Jim-N-I Orchids, and the presentation will be on caring and growing *Bulbophyllum* orchids. I truly hope many of our members will show an interest in growing these orchids. The *Bulbophyllum* is the largest genus in the orchid family and one of the largest genera of flowering plants with more than 2,000 species. I want to intrigue members to grow these orchids because we hardly ever have one in our orchid show to award. Jim-N-I also will be bringing orchids to sell.

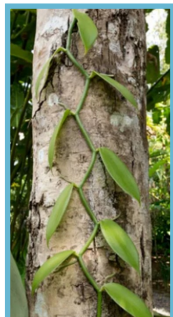
After our noon class we will have lunch, and our presentation on *Bulbophyllum* will start around 1:15.

May orchid quote: "The orchid with its many forms is a reminder that life is full of surprises."

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, & SHOWS

## PSLOS MAY MEETING -- MAY 19

### 12:00 PM: The Vanilla Story Workshop Leader: Nan Rothschild



Please come to my May class at 12 noon! I will be presenting "The Vanilla Story!" I will talk about the history of the Vanilla Orchid and demonstrate how to make vanilla paste.

For \$6.00 you can get a small bottle of it and a raffle ticket for a free plant (assorted kinds) or vanilla sugar! There are many winners! There will be free cookie samples to taste, and recipes will be available!



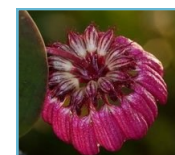
### 1:15 PM: Caring & Growing Bulbophyllums Presenter: Jim-N-I Orchids



Operated by Jim and Melana Davison, Jim-N-I Orchids provides quality orchids for the novice to the advanced collector. Jim-N-I Orchids specialize in a diverse selection of exotic and showy genera, including Cattleya, Dendrobium, Phalaenopsis, Bulbophyllum and Catasetum. Plants for the novice are selected for ease of culture while plants for the advanced grower focus on the collectable species and contemporary hybrids.



Jim and Melana are both accredited American Orchid Society judges, have garnered multiple awards for their personal collection, have a combined sixty years of orchid growing experience, and are always eager to share their wealth of knowledge to assure success.



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

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

## PSLOS MEETINGS

June 16  
12:00 - Catasetums Workshop  
1:00 - Tricks of Repotting

July/August Summer Break

September 15  
1:00 Florida Orchid House

October 20  
PSLOS Annual Orchid Auction

November 15 TBD

December  
Annual Recognition Luncheon

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Platinum Coast Orchid Society's  
"An Orchid Jubilee"  
May 2 - 4, Merritt Island, FL

Miami Beach Orchid Society's  
"Orchids and Arts Festival"  
May 3 - 4, Miami Beach Botanical Garden

Nature Coast Orchid Society Spring Show 2025  
May 3 - 4, St. Joan of Arc Church  
Spring Hill, FL

Volusia County Orchid Society's  
"Orchids in the Eye of the Beholder"  
May 10 - 11, Volusia County Fairgrounds  
DeLand, FL



# MEETINGS, EVENTS, & SHOWS

## FIELD TRIP TO REDLAND ORCHID SHOW

Our Saturday, October 18, Redland Orchid Show bus trip date is less than 6 months away! We have 50 signed up, 21 confirmed paid, and need 45 to break even on the cost of the bus. Cost is \$40 for PSLOS members, \$45 for guests and non-members. I am sending out an email to those who still need to pay to confirm they still want to go. If you are interested in going, please email me at [mrmush@comcast.net](mailto:mrmush@comcast.net) or call/text 772-342-3306.



Details! Admission to the show is free and a voucher to be used at any one of the vendors is provided to those on the bus. The trip is booked with Coastal Bus Lines, leaving the Botanical Gardens at 7:30 am and returning to the Gardens by 5:00 pm. There are food vendors there, but how many is unknown. Food and beverages with screw caps are allowed. There is plenty of storage under the bus, but please be sure if you are bringing totes/boxes/carts to store under the bus that your boxes are identified with your name to allow for quick identification and pick up when we get back to the Gardens.

**Fort Pierce Orchid Society**  
**ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION!**  
**MAY 10, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**

GLIDDEN PARK GARDEN CENTER  
911 Parkway Drive, Fort Pierce, FL  
Cash or Check, Sorry No Credit Cards



**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 [rita2zfp@gmail.com](mailto:rita2zfp@gmail.com)



## NEW MEMBER REPOTTING WORKSHOP

Our repotting workshop for new members continues to be popular. Here John is demonstrating some repotting techniques.





# APRIL 21 -- ANNUAL RETREAT

The weather was beautiful! The food was outstanding! A fun day for all!  
Thanks to Barb and all her helpers!



Laurie selling raffle tickets and collecting all that money!

Thanks to Barb and the McGills for demonstrating their great grilling skills!



The lunch spread was terrific! Thanks to all our generous members.



Raffles are always fun! A couple of our happy raffle winners.



Looks like Florence had Zaline worried! But congrats Zaline, you took on a lot of competitors and beat them all!



It's always great to see Mrs. Robinson!



The best parts -- relaxation and comradery!



A picnic is not complete without bingo! Our bingo winners walked away with beautiful phalaenopsis orchids.



# ENCHANTED ORCHID FAIRY TALES OH, WHAT A SHOW!



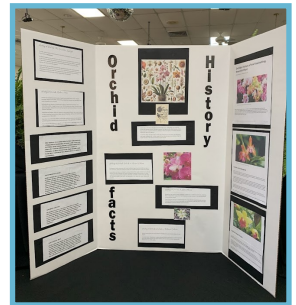
It starts with plant registration.  
Thanks Andrea, Barb, and Diana!



The judges & their teams had their work cut out for themselves!



A big thanks to all our volunteers -- those who greeted the attendees; sold raffle tickets; handed out goodies to attendees; served breakfast & lunch to volunteers & vendors; conducted workshops; judged our niches, orchid gardens, & headdresses; and helped show set up and breakdown. We couldn't have done it without you!



Our fairy display and educational table were enjoyed by all!



Look at all those orchids & ribbons! First time for NOIDs!



We love our sponsors!



Fairies all over the place! Nan's crocheted fairy dolls were loved and earned a written thank you from 3 happy young girls.



Thank you members for your generosity in donating raffles and sponsorships! Over 75 raffle prizes donated by local merchants, vendors & members and 109 member & local merchant sponsorships donated!

This member wore her orchid finest!





# ENCHANTED ORCHID FAIRY TALES OH, WHAT A SHOW!

Here are the PSLOS members who received ribbons at our show and pictures of a few of the ribbon-winning orchids. All members are encouraged to participate in these orchid shows. It is so rewarding earning ribbons for your orchids.



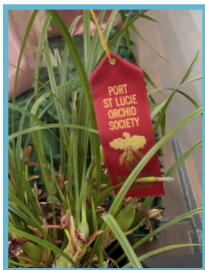
Andrea Heitfeld

Best Oncidium Alliance & President's Award: Onc. Sphacelatum  
2nd Place: Maxillaria tenuifolia  
2nd Place: Hwr. Lava Burst  
3rd Place: Den. Love Memory Fizz



Ann Mygatt

Best Dendrobium Alliance & Best Specimen: Den. Little Atro  
2nd Place: Den. Royal Chip



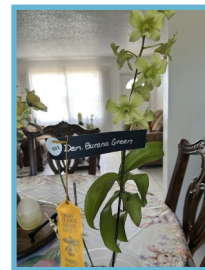
Barbara Lynn

The Barbara Robinson Award & 'PSLOS Grower': Blc. Burdekin  
Wonder 'Lake Land'  
1st Place: Phal. Sogo Vivien  
2nd Place: Den. Love Memory Fizz



Amanda Dier-Huth

1st Place: En. Pixie Charm  
1st Place: Den. aphyllum  
2nd Place: Asctm. Miniatum



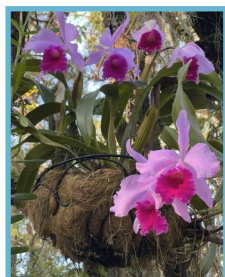
Diana Lenartiene

1st Place: Gcy. Atomic Kuoguchi 'svo'  
3rd Place: Den. Burana Green



Anita Shelman

3rd Place: Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Kilauea'  
3rd Place: Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Hawaii Coconut'



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1st Place: NOID Pink Cattleya

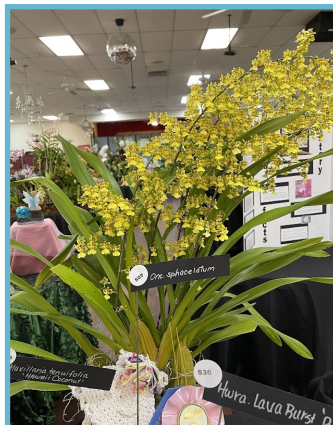
Eileen Storck

1st Place: NOID Rlc. Cattleya



Diane Bryant

2nd Place: NOID Pink Phalaenopsis





# ENCHANTED ORCHID FAIRY TALES OH, WHAT A SHOW!

Many beautiful and creative entries! The judges had a difficult task.  
All members are to be congratulated.

**BEST FAIRY GARDEN  
DAWN REICH**



**BEST DEPICTION OF THEME  
ANNE MENASSIAN**



**BEST FAIRY HEADDRESS  
DIANA LENARTIENE**



Some of the other fantastic entries!



**BEST LARGE NICHE  
ANITA GAGNON**



**BEST SMALL NICHE  
ANNE MENASSIAN**

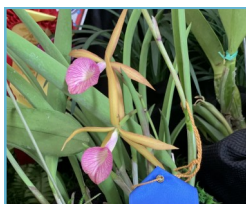


**BEST MINI NICHE  
ILLONA CHRISTIE**



# VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY CARNIVAL OF ORCHIDS

Here are the PSLOS members who received ribbons and pictures of a few of the ribbon-winning orchids. CONGRATS to all our ribbon winners!



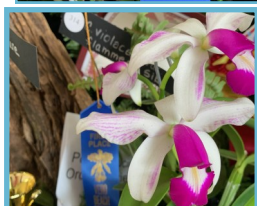
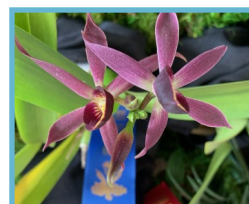
Andrea Heitfeld

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Phal. Sogo Yukidan

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Phal. White Pure

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Mps. Hajime Ono

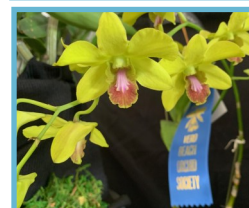
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Blc. Phet Paithoon 'Rambutan'



Dana DeMarco

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Den. Caesar Red 'Captain Junior'

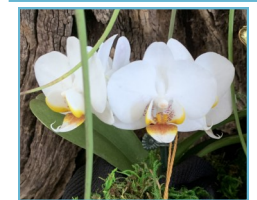
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Den. Everlasting Love



Lynn Mailander

1<sup>st</sup> Place, MPs. Bertha Baker "florentine" HCC/AOS

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Grc. Black Comet



Jamie Lawson

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Paph. Green Wonder x Paph. Stone Lovely

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, B. flagellaris



Barbara Lynn

1<sup>st</sup> Place, C. Violacea Var. Flammea x sib

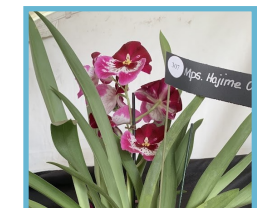
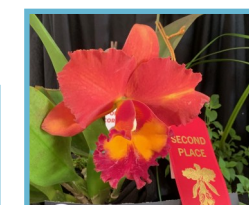
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, C. Irene Finney x Rth. Hysinging Catherine



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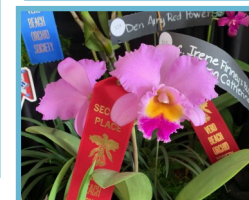
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Den. Little Atro

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Ctyh. Orange Stardust



PSLOS Orchid Room.

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Bc. Hamlyn's Majic "Leilani"



Diane Bryant

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Maxillaria tenuifolia

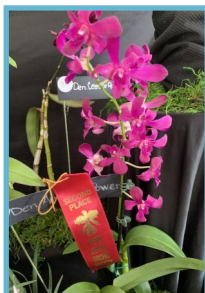
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Yamada' AM/AOS

Grace Beausejour

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Den. Airy Red Power

Laurie McCarty

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Den. Ueang Phueng





# VERO BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY CARNIVAL OF ORCHIDS



## Best in Show Exhibit!

Congrats to Andrea  
and her team.  
They did it again!

Look at all those  
ribbons. Thanks to  
all our members  
who contributed  
orchids for the  
display.



Some of our happy ribbon winners!



# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Laurie Wade  
Treasurer



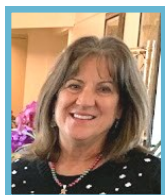
Hi all!

Our current balance is \$16,653.96.

Our show was a HUGE success as it has been for the three years we've held it at the Polish American Club. Our total income for the show was \$9,067.23 and expenses were \$4,359.83 for a profit of \$4,707.40.

We also took in \$895.81 total for the bus trip, \$250 total for the picnic, \$170 for the picnic raffle, \$112 for cork mounts and a net profit of \$65 for the March raffle.

Our expenses, other than the show, were \$244.16 for the orchid room, \$213.00 for storage, \$90 annually for two cabinets in the PSLBG pavilion, \$199.55 for picnic food and supplies, and \$244.16 for the orchid room.



Eileen Storck  
Membership Chairperson  
pslosmemberships@gmail.com



The Orchid show was amazing with many guests expressing serious interest in joining our Society. Several of those attendees followed up submitting their membership applications right on the spot! Those new members are:

Joann Defelici

Claudia Fabra

Loren and Angel Marquez

Special thanks to all the volunteers who assisted at the Orchid Show Admissions table. Your expertise was appreciated as you kept a headcount, coupon count, and member attendee count. Also, answering the many questions presented about orchids and our organization - your expertise came in handy! There was a steady stream of guests both Saturday and Sunday, and everyone left with smiles on their faces and orchids in their arms!

Another batch of applications were received through the mail and these new members include:

Sandy Fisher

Jocelyn Halvorsen

Georgia Fowler

Katie Meeson

Join me in welcoming these orchid lovers to our PSL Orchid Society! With these new folks, our membership is now at 139. This includes all individual, family, and honorary memberships. What a great group of orchid enthusiasts!

The updated Directory Authorization forms are still coming in. Special thanks to those who have already submitted theirs. If you're not sure if you've turned yours in yet, individual's names highlighted in yellow on the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting check-in list will be able to pick up a form at the table at that time. Or you can click on [this link](#) to access the form and bring it to the meeting. This form will assist us in accurately sharing in our Membership Directory only the personal information you desire. Much appreciated!



# 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 repotted 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.



## Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by  
Nan Rothschild  
2nd Vice President

## CONFUSING NAMES

### More confusion: Why do orchids change names?

Even if you have a grasp on how orchids are named (from name tags to awards to Latin), you will still have to deal with name changes!

Why are the names changing? The International Naming Convention reclassify many orchids. New discoveries affect our interpretations, and the onset of DNA analysis in the last few decades has revealed new relationships and disproved others.

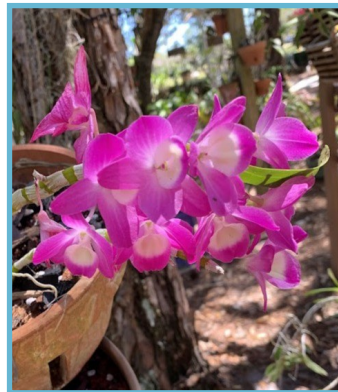
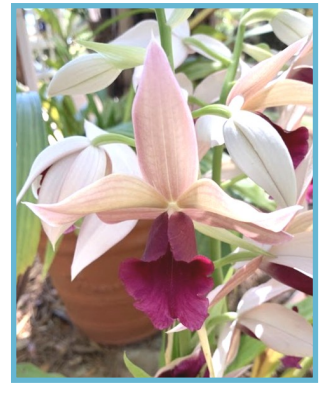
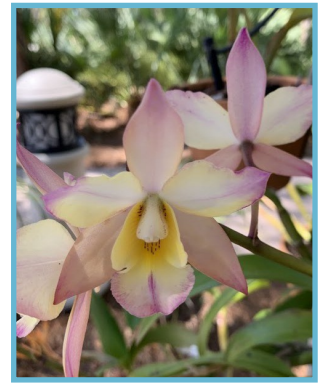
This has particularly affected the Cattleya Alliance. The subfamilies Cattleya, Laelia, Brassavola, Epidendrum, and Saphronitis have all had changes.

- Laelia orchids that are not found in Mexico were at first named Saphronitis. Then Saphronitis were moved to Cattleya, and the family Saphronitis disappeared. As a result the subfamily Potinara is gone.
- L. Purpurata, the parent of many hybrids, is now C. Purpurata.
- Brassavola digbyana is in a new family called Rhyncholaelia.
- Epidendrums have been split into orchids with pseudobulbs going to the Encyclia subfamily, and only reed Epidendrums remain.
- Some Cattleya are now Guarianthe.
- The subfamily Schomburgkia was divided into hollow caned ones being renamed Myrmecophila and the rest Laelia.

And it goes on and on.....



## PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



For information about the Orchid Room, contact John Erickson at [erickson\\_236@bellsouth.net](mailto:erickson_236@bellsouth.net).



## **Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2025 Officers and Volunteers:**

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              Barbara Lynn - 2025  
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Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr  
Meeting Lunch Organizer - Jackie Young  
Newsletter - Diane Bryant  
Website - Diane Bryant (Primary)  
              Diana Lenartiene (Alternate)  
Annual Retreat - Barbara Lynn  
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon - Barbara Lynn

## **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, 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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