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President's Message ~

Pam Scholey
Your President

As more of us get our covid vaccines, we are becoming more comfortable getting together.

With that in mind, exciting plans were made at our March Board meeting.

We are extremely happy about seeing our orchid family at our next get together! Our annual picnic will be held on May 11th, from 12:00 to 3:00. Exciting...right? There will be a silent auction along with show and tell. So, get your plants together and have them ready for the silent auction. It will be May before you know it. Members will be asked to wear a mask, practice social distancing, bring their own lunch, and a chair. The society will supply drinks. I can't wait to see everyone!

Since we are unable to have a Show at the Botanical Gardens in 2022, we are going to try different venues to raise funds. On Saturday, June 12th, from 9:00 to 3:00 we are planning to have a table of orchids to sell. This will take place during Taste of the Tropics being held at Botanical Gardens. We would love having some of you there to help with setup and selling. Drinks will be supplied to all volunteers. Let me know if you are willing to help.

To keep you "in the loop," the reason we are unable to have the 2022 Show at Botanical Gardens during the Garden Show is the judges are already planning to be at the Boca show. That means no judges available for us. We are considering other options and will keep you informed.

Our next board meeting will be April 20, 12:30, at Botanical Gardens. All members are welcome to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you all in May!

Pam



Treasurer's Report

Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Happy April everyone! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Here are the few things we spent money on the past three months. In January we spent \$61.25 to renew our Sunbiz Florida business report and reimbursed John Erickson \$40.00 for orchid room expenses. In February we paid the Botanical Gardens \$40.00 for a yearly rental of a kitchen cabinet so we can leave supplies there and reimbursed John \$52.88 for orchid supplies.

Our balance as of March 17, 2021, is \$9,337.29.



Membership Report

Anne Menassian
Membership Chairperson

We have 2 new members this month for a total of 100 Members.

The new members are Patti and Allen Iser from Port St Lucie. Welcome to PSLOS!

At our next regular meeting, I will have PSLOS Badges for all new members. If you need a new badge, please send me an email and let me know. I will make one for you.

Hope to see you at the May picnic.

Anne Menassian
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MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS MEETINGS

PSLOS Board Meeting
April 20th, 12:30 PM
Botanical Gardens

Annual PSLOS Spring Picnic
Tuesday, May 11, 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Veterans Park at Rivergate

- ◆ Show and Tell
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Lots of Freebies



Bring your own lunch and drink.
(Water will be available.)
Bring your own chair (if you prefer).

Masks and social distancing!



Good times with good friends.

We hope to start our regular monthly meetings but want to know what YOU think: do you want a June meeting or wait until September? Or are you interested in ZOOM meetings?

Call or email Pam at 772-285-4795 or pam@remaxofstuart.com

WED, APR 14 AT 11 AM EDT

Orchid Webinar Series: Introduction

Online event sponsored by UF IFAS Extension Manatee County

Register to attend:
<https://www.mymanatee.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=7588390&pageId=12046960#!>

Wednesday, April 14, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Master Gardener Volunteer Maureen Hirthler provides an introduction to species, fun facts, a little botany, and lots of interesting orchids. Included is a discussion of Phalaenopsis, Cattleya, and Oncidium, the easiest orchids to grow in Florida.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 concerns, many spring shows have been canceled or postponed. Check with events prior to making plans to attend.

Orlando International
Orchid Show & Plant Sale
April 2 - 4, 9:00-4:00
2001 Rockspring Road, Apopka

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Show
April 3-4, 9:30-4:30
3750 S. Flamingo Road
Davie, FL

Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival
April 9-11, 9:00-5:00
2800 W Ponkan Road, Apopka

5th Annual Orchid & Plant Festival
April 10-11, 9:30 – 4:30
Admission: \$7 per person
Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital
3000 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs



WED, MAY 5 AT 6:30 PM EDT

Florida Native Orchids

Event sponsored by the Pinellas Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88373765772?pwd=UzhVU2d0WWFKSlhPY1YrU1cvK1h2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 883 7376 5772
Passcode: 307188

The program is about orchids that have been found in Florida in the past, what orchids still remain, and where they may have come from. It is a broad overview of Carl Leur's work in discovering and cataloging native Florida orchids.

Lin Lowe has been a gardener for almost 50 years and has grown orchids for almost 15 of those years. She has lived in Florida for 26 years. She is an AOS accredited judge and judged with the Florida North Central Judging Center of the American Orchid Society. She is a past member of the Species Identification Task Force of the AOS.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

This month's Orchid-abulary is dedicated to words associated with various orchid pests and diseases.

Hope to see everyone at the picnic!

Pest – any organism that can cause disease or injury to plants.



thrips



scale



spider mite



mealybug



Mealybugs— serious orchid pests that look like tiny white cotton balls that cause a loss of vigor and weakening, loss of leaves, buds and flowers; their “honeydew” attracts ants and is a substrate for sooty mold; they hide on roots and rhizomes deep in medium, on pseudobulbs, and undersides of leaves; spread fast



Blight – the rapid decline and death of plant parts; this term is often used with the name of a pathogen (example- Botrytis blight) or plant part affected (example- blossom blight)



Color break- a viral disease symptom to describe the discoloration of flowers as evidenced by a change in intensity of color and/ or pattern. Color break may also result from a genetic mutation.



Crown rot – disease caused by a soil-borne fungus which can survive in soil indefinitely; favors wet conditions; identified by droopy leaves breaking off at the base of the stem, sometimes the entire orchid will turn black; you may be able to save the orchid by treating with hydrogen peroxide



Leaf spot- an obvious area of tissue on a leaf caused by various types of pathogens



Broad spectrum pesticide- refers to a chemical agent that controls a wide range of pests
Check out the AOS library on diseases and pests: <https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases.aspx>

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for April

April Climate Data

Average high: 83.8

Average low: 67.6

Average mean: 75.7

Average rainfall: 3.36"

- Water heavily when you water; then dry hard.
- Fertilizer becomes more crucially important. Apply:
 - 13-13-13 time release (Dynamite more reliable);
 - 15-15-15 at a rate of 2 tsp per gallon every 2 weeks; and
 - fertilizer high in phosphorus once or twice.
- Treat plants for thrips and mites.
- Catch up with all your repotting this month.

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

For further information specific to different orchid genera:

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/march-april-checklist.aspx>

The AOS Video Library

The AOS library contains many useful, how-to video clips on all aspects of orchids and orchid culture. These videos are self-contained and do not require any special software.

Check them out at: <https://www.aos.org/orchids/aos-video-library.aspx>

- Anthocyanin
- Boisduval Scale
- Divide or Repot?
- Keikis & Air Roots
- Leaf tip Dieback
- Potting a Keiki
- Recognizing Spider Mite Damage
- Recognizing Virus Symptoms
- Removing a Damaged Leaf
- Removing a Keiki
- Repotting a Cattleya
- Repotting a Phalaenopsis
- Repotting a Phalaenopsis, Spanish
- Repotting a Healthy Orchid
- Repotting an Unhealthy Orchid
- Root Loss
- Selecting an Orchid
- Watering Orchids
- When to Repot Your Orchids
- Where to Cut a Phalaenopsis Spike

PSLOS NEWS

Master Grower Competition



Congratulations, Dana DeMarco!
Another Tolumnia has flowered.
Isn't it a beauty?

REMEMBER

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2019 Picnic

Botanica



2014 Raffle

What is this?



(Find the answer else-
where in the newsletter.)

Looking for an orchid lover to volunteer!

If you love orchids and love learning more
about them and their care and culture – and
enjoy sharing this knowledge with others, then
this opportunity is for you!



Our Society is looking for a volunteer to serve as our 1st Vice
President. The 1st Vice President is responsible for the planning
and presentation of programs for monthly general meetings of
the Society as well as assisting the President as needed.

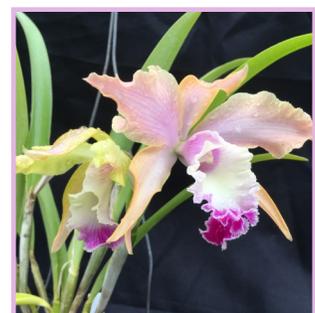
Contact Pam Scholey, your President, at 772-285-4795, for
more information.



Jamie Lawson
presents the April Orchid
named for PSLSO Member
Dana DeMarco.



Rlc. Dana Lynn XOXO



Rby Dana Lynn XOXO

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



A big thank you to John, Jessica, and all the volunteers who make our Orchid Room bloom. Your hard work and love of our orchids are really appreciated.



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 and Thursday mornings from about 8-9 am.
If interested, contact:
Jessica Beneford at jessca10chb@gmail.com

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



From Judy Wagner's Collection



From Carol Farmer's Garden



From Nancy Lyman's Garden



From Jamie Lawson's Collection

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From Barbara Lynn's Garden

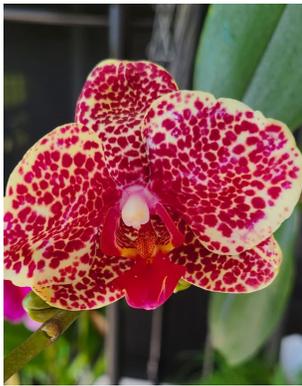


From Diana Lenartiene's Garden

From Joan Schiller's Collection



From Gilda Gomez's Collection



From Laurie Wade's Garden



Gail Mathews' Garden



From Lee Stradley's Garden



Maureen Kerr's Garden



Jennifer Margolis' Garden

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 Lenartiene

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>

Angraecum's Individual Culture Resource
<http://angraecums.blogspot.com/p/behind-clonal-names.html>

Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

Annual PSLOS Spring Picnic
Tuesday, May 11, 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Veterans Park at Rivergate

General Meeting
Cancelled until future notice.
Stay safe!

2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:00 PM
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden

Speakers, Classes, Show and Tell, Raffles,
Orchid Exchange, Refreshments and more

Board Meeting
3rd Tuesday of the month, 12:30 PM
PSL Police Station, PSL Municipal
Complex, corner of Airoso Blvd. and
Port St. Lucie Blvd.
All members are welcome at Board Meetings.

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Jamie's sleeping beauties
(oops, I mean dormant Catasetum orchids)

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