

Orchidelirium!

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President's Message ~

Pam Scholey
Your President

Well, spring is almost here. I bet you are all getting ready to start repotting and cleaning up your orchids that are suffering from the winter blues. I can't wait to get started on mine!

Your board met on February 16th. We discussed various topics to include cleaning out the warehouse and moving into a smaller unit. Since we also agreed that it is still too early to hold general meetings, we discussed looking into Zoom general meetings. Once we gather all the information on Zoom and see how it has worked for other clubs, we will reach out to you for your input. We also discussed the need for a 1st VP. 1st VP's are responsible for getting the speakers for our meetings. The board will be there to help you find good speakers. In full disclosure, 1st VP's are agreeing to be President once the current President steps down. However, the club has been known to make an exception to that rule. So, we hope

you will step up and join the board!

Last, but not least, the 2022 show. "Already" you say! Yes. already. We need a chairman for this show. The good news is the board talked about sharing the duties with the show chair being the coordinator. One person would take care of the raffle, another would contact vendors, another would do the layout, and so on. The best news is the show will be inside the Botanical Garden's Center building and under the veranda surrounding the building. It will be held in conjunction with the Botanical Garden's Garden Show. As you know, it is always a few who do the majority of the work. We have board members who are "burned out." Please let's show them we appreciate their hard work by volunteering to lend a hand. If you are willing to give a little of your time or take charge of a particular part of the show, please e-mail: real-torpam1234@gmail.com.

Our next board meeting is March 16th, 12:30 at The Botanical Gardens. You are always welcome, and we would love to see you. Happy Spring!



Who doesn't love a good show?

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS MEETINGS

PSLOS Board Meeting
March 16th, 12:30 PM
Botanical Gardens

Hopefully, regular membership meetings will resume soon.

If you are interested in ZOOM meetings, call or email Pam at 772-285-4795 or pam@remaxofstuart.com



Love our meetings! 2013

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.

Martin County Orchid Society
"Orchid Sock Hop"
March 5-7
2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart

Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale
"Orchids - A Continuing Education"
March 6-7, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa

Jacksonville Orchid Society
"A Walk in the Orchids"
March 20-21, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
2892 Loretta Road, Jacksonville

Orchid Island Show and Sale
March 27-28, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
18940 Drayton Street, Springhill

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

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for March

- Average high: 80.7
- Average low: 64
- Average mean: 72.4
- Average rainfall: 2.56"
- Repot cattleyas and other sympodials that finished blooming over the winter if you haven't already done so and the hard cane dendrobiums that need it (remember they don't like to be disturbed and like their roots crowded).
- Replant those genera which are breaking out of dormancy (e.g., catasetums, mormodes, etc.)
- Apply slow release fertilizer to last the season (Dynamite is the best.) and regular 15-5-15 fertilizer weekly thereafter.
- Slowly acclimatize sun-loving plants that have been in the shade to full sun.
- 'Tis the season for THRIPS! Orthene is the chemical of choice. Liquid dish soap (2 oz per gallon of water) is a non-chemical solution and should be applied thoroughly (water your plants the day before applying soap).

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>

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

Dendrobiums

An extremely large and varied genus containing both deciduous and evergreen types. Hybrids come in a rainbow of colors.



Dendrobium bigibbum - consists of a wide variety of hybrids; used for cut flower trade

Dendrobium kingianum and hybrids - compact, prolific, easy to grow



Dendrobium nobile hybrids - spectacularly colored, contrast-throated, bamboo-like canes; usually sold with many arranged on short stems; noted for fragrance

Dendrobium phalaenopsis - flowers grow on long stems and look similar to phalaenopsis flowers; a favorite of the cut flower trade, especially in Hawaii; flowers are hardy and long lasting



Cane - an elongated pseudobulb

Deciduous - a plant that sheds its leaves annually



NOID - means no ID; the plant is unidentifiable

A potting idea from Patty Del Negro, Florida Orchid Growing.

“This is how I hang terra cotta orchid pots with a three strand wire hanger.”

Member Michael Ortseifer also uses this technique.

Do you have any tips or techniques that you would like to share with our members? Send them to Diane or Anne at email address on front page.



PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



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



Share your love of orchids with the public!
Loan an orchid to the Orchid Room.

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

Memories from 2012

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of member Alice Jorda who died peacefully at home this past April.



Alice Jorda



Bill Manning
President, Port St. Lucie Orchid Society

Until we can meet again, send your pictures of past PSLOS meetings to the newsletter editors for all to enjoy.

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



From Gail Mathews' Garden



From Judy Wagner's Collection



From Lee Stradley's Garden

Beautiful



From John Gauveau's Collection



From Diane Bryant's Garden

Until we can meet again and have "show and tell," please share pictures of your orchids.

Send your pictures to
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or
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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

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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