

Orchidelirium!

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President's Message ~

Pam Scholey
Your President

We are very excited about our upcoming picnic on May 11th. It will be held from 12 PM to 3 PM at Veterans Memorial Park. Bring your lunch; drinks will be supplied. Everyone is looking forward, once again, to getting back together. There will be lots of catching up, fun and games as well as our traditional silent auction. Can't wait to see you there!

The Board met and decided our first General Meeting will be held in September. We will not be serving lunch but will be offering drinks. If you wish, you may bring a snack. Our workshop will be held in the main room to accommodate social distancing, the meeting to follow. Speaker to be announced at a later date.

We are working to confirm our Orchid Sale at The Taste of The Tropics on June 12th being held at Botanical Gardens. This will be a good test run to see if orchid sales will be a good fundraiser for our Society. We will keep you informed.

We are once again on the path to having our annual Orchid Show. After much discussion at the board meeting, it was decided there are ways around the issues we were having with holding the show in conjunction with Botanical Gardens Garden Show in February of 2022. So, if all goes well, it appears there will be a 2022 Show. Yay! And . . . A special thank you to Jamie for his input into this discussion.

A huge thank you to Andrea Heitfield for stepping in as our new 1st VP. Andrea is filled with lots of great ideas and enthusiasm and will be a huge asset to our Board. Thank you, Andrea.

Hope you are all enjoying your beautiful orchid blooms. What a wonderful time of year!



Treasurer's Report

Laurie Wade
Treasurer

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

Our balance as of April 21, 2021, is \$9,314.27. We only had one expenditure this least month — \$23.02 to rent the pavilion at Veterans Park for our annual spring picnic.



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President

I am so excited to have an opportunity to serve as first Vice President for Port Saint Lucie Orchid Society. I am honored that so many of the members had the confidence that I could be a asset to the organization. I guess you can say I am a orchid addict. I have been a amateur grower for many years.

Volunteerism is a important part of my life, and I hope I can fulfill the expectation of the job ahead of me . I have some big shoes to fill, and I am so thankful for all the support on this new endeavor.

*Thank you, Andrea,
for volunteering!*

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS MEETINGS

PSLOS Board Meeting
May 18th, 12:30 PM
Botanical Gardens

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

Silent Auction Rules:

- * Each member in attendance may bring up to 5 plants.
- * 80% of the sale goes to the seller; 20% to PSLOS.
- * Only healthy plants should be brought.
- * Checks will be sent to sellers at a later date.



Masks and social distancing!



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.

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.

Volusia County Orchid Society
Orchid & Plant Sale
May 8 & 9, 9am-4pm
Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand, FL

Central Florida Orchid Society
Orchid Show & Sale
June 5 & 6, 10am -4pm
1700 Oviedo Mall Blvd, Oviedo, FL

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

This month's Orchid-abulary is dedicated to propagation of orchids.



Cattleya schilleriana

Species orchids – Come straight from nature; often propagated so that there are more of them; frequently, have longer scientific names; usually able to survive harsher, neglectful conditions; no ancestry can be traced.



Brassovola nodosa



Cattleya x hardyana

Hybrid orchids – Have a family that can be traced back to their species; able to be produced more readily.



Dendrobium x superbiens

Propagation - Reproducing orchids either by meristem culture or seed or by vegetative reproduction.



Vegetative propagation – Increasing a plant by division or meristem culture.



Mericlone - A plant produced by meristem culture.



Meristem propagation - Vegetative propagation of plants by cultivating new shoot tissue under special laboratory conditions.

Ascocenda Sawita Delight
'Orchidgrove' (*Vanda Fuchs Delight* × *Lenachai*) is a select clone tissue cultured in Thailand.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for May

May Climate Data

- Average high: 87.2
 - Average low: 72
 - Average mean: 79.6
 - Average rainfall: 5.52"
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- Water heavily when you water; then dry hard to encourage new growths on sympodial orchids.
 - 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, if planted in sphagnum, **MUST** be re-potted 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 example, Thiophanate methyl (Cleary’s 3336, Domain, Fungo) for leaf spotting and Etridiazole (Truban) for black rot and crown rot. Banrot is a combination of the two.

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/may-june-checklist.aspx>

Culture Tips

Shared by Member Gilda Gomez

Live Spanish moss is blooming so delicate and beautiful in its own way!

Be kind to your moss; it’s easy to propagate and loves the seaweed kelp we use on our orchids. It’s a natural friend to protect delicate orchids from harsh sun, protect the exposed roots on newly mounted orchids and it helps retain moisture but it dries quickly in the breeze. A great helper in your orchid garden.

These air plants are not depriving your trees or orchids of nutrients. When they grow thickly you simply thin it to use elsewhere or to share.

Place orchids mounted on trees where you strategically plan and hang moss to protect the orchids leaves as you slowly acclimate them to higher light. You can then remove the moss once the orchid proves that it can make it on its own.

So although this isn’t an orchid post I simply want to shed some light on our live Spanish moss which I find to be so helpful in my garden. — 😊 feeling blissful in **Bedford Park, Port St. Lucie.**



ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Orchid Culture Tips
 Shared by Eunice Walker
 Florida Orchid Growing



This overgrown Dendrobium needed repotting.



Put on the gloves after dusting hands in this humid weather



A few wacks with a hammer after soaking it



Hated to lose another good pot but the pieces peeled off the roots easily in just a few minutes, unlike the time it would have taken to try to pry it out without breaking some of the 7 new shoots.



Here all the pieces of clay are contained in the bag



The root system looks good so will just plop it into another pot after checking for any mushiness. None found.



This pot is just a little bigger



Got it planted in a bark mix, clipped in place and didn't break any new growths, a record for me!!

Do you have a culture tip to share? Send it to the newsletter editor.



She's in the shade for a couple of weeks to adjust to new pot before returning her into her sunny location.

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

Joan Schiller



From Gilda Gomez' Garden



From Jennifer Margolis' Garden

From Gail Mathew's Garden



From Maureen Kerr s Collection

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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.

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>

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<http://www.aos.org>

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<http://angraecums.blogspot.com/p/behind-clonal-names.html>

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