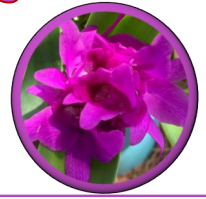


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President's Message

John Erickson
Your President

While attending the Fort Pierce Orchid show, I was reminded of what one should consider before buying an orchid. First, determine where you want to place the orchid. Then research the various species that would prosper in that environment. Good reference sources are culture sheets at www.aos.org.

Secondly, consider your commitment and experience in orchid care. Some varieties are more suitable for beginners, while others require advanced skills. Orchids generally require regular attention, including watering, fertilizing, and repotting.

Additionally, examine the available space in your home. Orchids come in various sizes, and some species may require more room to thrive if grown indoors. Adequate airflow around the plant is essential to prevent issues like mold or bacterial growth. Also, don't place your orchid in front of an air vent.

Consider the blooming season and the duration of the flowering period. Some orchids bloom once a year, while others may have more extended flowering times.

Lastly, be prepared for potential challenges such as pests and diseases. Regularly inspect your orchids for any signs of trouble and be ready to take prompt action if issues arise. By carefully considering these factors you can choose an orchid that aligns with your resources and expertise, fostering a healthy and vibrant plant.



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

We have an exciting line-up for the first four months of the New Year:

- To kick off the New Year, our January speaker is Tony Millet. His presentation will be about smaller cattleyas. He also will be bringing orchids to sell.
- At our February meeting, we will have a workshop on mounting kool logs. We will be collecting the \$8.00 for the kool log at the January meeting. You must remember to bring a plant to the February meeting to mount.
- Our guest speaker for the March meeting is a Jim-N-I Orchids. His presentation will be on brassavolas.
- Last, but not least, don't forget our "Orchid Beez's" Annual Orchid Show & Sale, April 6 & 7. See page 3 for info on the show, the help we need for our Orchid Beez's show awards, and t-shirt information.

Remember: Metaphors of orchids they represent love, fertility. Each color orchids symbolize love, health, and prosperity.

Andrea

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS January Meeting— January 15



12:00 pm: Repotting Workshop

John Erickson will conduct his very popular workshop on repotting orchids. John will share his tips on getting stubborn orchids out of pots, trimming roots, and staking orchids in pots. Topics covered will also include types of medium and pots, watering, and fertilizing.

1:00 pm: Cattleyas Speaker: Tony Millet, AOS Judge

Tony's mom started his growing career at a very young age in Brooklyn NYC, growing everything from seed. He also had a mentor who started teaching him about orchids when he was about 9 years old. During his orchid growing career, he has delved into cool, intermediate, and warm growing types of orchids. The early childhood experience of growing from seed also set the tone for his own orchid hybridizing program, which he has been doing for more than 25 years. He breeds and grows unusual hybrids in the large Cattleya alliance and also performs all hybridizing and flasking activities. Many of Tony's hybrids have been AOS awarded! He also lectures to societies and teaches.



Tony will have plants for sale. Don't miss this opportunity!

REMEMBER to bring \$8.00 to purchase your Kool Log for the February Kool Log mounting workshop!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society's
"Orchid Jungle"
January 5 - 7, 2024
601 City Center Blvd, Pembroke Pines

Sarasota Orchid Society's
"Orchids in Paradise"
January 6 - 7, 2024
801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Miami Orchid Society's
"Tamiami International Orchid Festival"
January 12 - 14, 2024
Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center
10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.), Miami

Florida West Coast Orchid Society's
"The Art of Orchids"
January 27 - 28, 2024
9100 113th Street N, Seminole

PSLOS MEETINGS

February 19, 2024
Kool Log Mounting
Workshop

March 18, 2024
Jim-N-I Orchids
Growing Brassavolas

April 6-7, 2024
PSLOS Annual Orchid
Show & Sale



Saturday, January 27
9 AM - 4 PM
Sunday, January 28
9 AM - 3 PM

FREE EVENT!

PLANT VENDORS
GARDEN ACCESSORIES
GARDEN ART
FOOD VENDORS
AND MORE

HOSTED BY: Friends of the Port St.
Lucie Botanical Gardens

PARKING DONE BY: The Port St.
Lucie Anglers Club

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



PORT ST. LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY
ORCHID BEEZ'S
Annual Orchid Show & Sale

Saturday, April 6, 9am to 5pm
Sunday, April 7, 10am to 4pm

- Spectacular Orchid Displays
- Orchid Growers & Vendors
- Orchid Supplies
- Free Workshops
- Raffles Galore!

\$4 Admission

Location:
Polish-American Social Club
343 NW Prima Vista Blvd, Port St. Lucie

For more info, visit us at: <http://www.pslos.org/>
Or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PSLOS>

ORCHID BEEZ

Remember we need your help for the 2024 BEEZ'S show awards!



Until Nan returns, Elly Conn has volunteered to crochet the BEEZ's for our show. We are asking for your help in donating 4-ply yellow, white, and black yarn and polyester fiberfill for the BEEZ's. A collection box will be at our next meeting.



A big thanks to Elly for volunteering!

Shirts for Our 2024 Show

Shirts for this year's show are now available for ordering.

Sizes available:
S – M – L – XL – XXL

\$20

Orders must be received by
March 15.

Contact Andrea for more info.

“PSLOS SHIRT”



DECEMBER PSLOS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Checking the list to see who's naughty or nice!



Look at those orchids!



Good food and fellowship!



The gift exchange is always fun!



Our bingo prize and raffle winners were happy!

Thanks to all our generous members who participated in the Salvation Army Angel tree. Amazing how many toys were collected!



DECEMBER PSLOS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Membership Longevity Awards

Every year at the Annual Awards and Holiday Luncheon, the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society recognizes members who have reached certain membership milestones. Those who have maintained continuous membership status for 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25 years are awarded pins to commemorate their achievement.

At this year's luncheon, we recognized those members in attendance who reached a membership milestone of 5, 10, and 15 years. Members who reached a membership milestone and who were unable to attend the luncheon can pick up their certificate and pin at the January meeting.



5 Years

Diana Frye
Lana & John Gavreau
Mary Estelle Hamden
Nancy Lyman
Anne Mygatt

10 Years

Diana Lenartiene
John Erickson

15 Years

Elsie Arnell
Gail Bird
Eva Grant
Carol Heisey
Jackie & Jamie Lawson



Installation of Officers



The 2024 Officers were also installed at the luncheon. The names of our officers are listed on the last page of the newsletter.

(While Nan Rothschild, 2nd Vice President, recuperates, Barbara Lynn has agreed to serve in her place in the interim and Jackie Young has agreed to serve as interim Trustee.)

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

Fort Pierce Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show and Sale

Look at all those ribbons and this fantastic display!
 A big thanks to the members who provided orchids and to the members who donated their time registering the orchids and creating the display!



Some of our happy members!

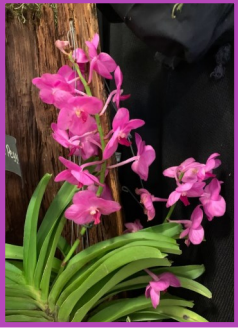


Diana Lenartiene
Best Phalaenopsis Alliance

Jamie Lawson
President's Award and Best Specimen

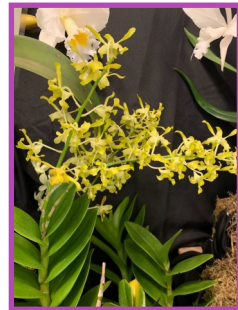
Diana Lenartiene
Best Dendrobium Alliance

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The winners list at the Fort Pierce Society show representing Port St Lucie Orchid Society:

Jamie Lawson
 Presidents Award and Best Specimen for C. Nancy Off 'Linwood'
 First Place - C. Nancy 'Linwood'
 First Place - C. Cernua
 Second Place - Cycd. Taiwan Gold Orange
 Second Place - Paph. Charlene (naynauldianum x Liemiamum)



Diana LeNarteniene
 Best Dendrobium Alliance - Enobi NN Splash #109
 Best Phalaenopsis Alliance - Phal. Pulcherrima
 First Place - Phal. Pulcherrima var. regnieriana
 First Place - Den. Enobi NN Splash
 First Place - Den. Emma White
 Second Place - Den. Burn a Green



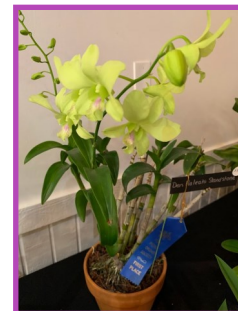
Andrea Heitfeld
 First place - Brassavola Litte Stars
 First Place - V. Mahakapong x Peggy Foo
 First Place - Den. Transparen



Dana DeMarco
 First Place - Den. Yaya Victoria
 First Place - Den. Cesar Red Captain Junior.
 First Place - Den. Airy Apple Green



Barbara Lynn
 First Place - Den. Ceraula (gonzaleii) Ricardo self
 Second Place - Den. Enobi purple splash

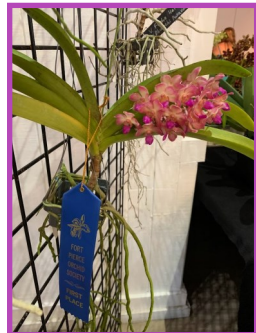


Susan Spring
 First Place - Perr. Manoonya



Lynn Forte
 Third Place - Onc. Sweet Sugar Million Dollar

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
 First Place - Den. Haleahi Sandstone
 Second Place - Bllra. Snowblind 'Sweet Spots'



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Anne Menassian
Membership Chairperson
pslosmember@gmail.com
772-497-4371 (for texts only)

We have a new member: Penny Mathews. Please welcome her. Total membership is now 137.

Longevity pin recipients who weren't present at the Holiday Luncheon can pick up their certificate and pin at the January meeting.

Dues for 2024 are payable now. If you won't be at the January or February meetings, you can mail your check made payable to PSLOS and send to

Port Saint Lucie Orchid Society
PO Box 8421
Port St Lucie, FL 34985

Individual Dues \$20 Family Dues \$25



Laurie Wade
Treasurer



Happy New Year - 2024 is here! It was a whirlwind month, and now it's time to gear up for our new year and new events.

Here's a summary of what happened in December although there is not much to report. Our current balance is \$6,778.25. We took in a total of \$2,438 for the Christmas party which includes raffle and auction. Our bill came to \$2,880 which is \$1,300 for membership orchids, \$18 for a bingo prize, and \$1,562 for Gator Trace.

At our January meeting I will have the 2023 final report with me of our income and expenditures if anyone wants to take a look at the numbers.

See you all soon.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for January



- Average high: 76.5
- Average low: 59.6
- Average mean: 68.1
- Average rainfall: 1.88
- Be prepared to protect outdoor plants from freezing temperatures.
- Spray for mites; spray again in 7-10 days.
- Many genera are entering or are in flowering season. Stake for better displays.
- Flush excess fertilizer salts from Cattleyas and other sympodials.
- Watering, fertilizing, and re-potting should be kept to a minimum.
- Water early in the day.

From Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month, (<https://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/2022/1/5/january-in-your-orchid-collection>)

For further information specific to different orchid genera: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

THE DANCING LADIES ONCIDIUMS



Oncidiums are the “dancing ladies” of the orchid world because their flowers look like skirted dancers. They hail from the “New World,” ranging from Mexico to Peru. The name is taken from the Greek word “onkos” meaning torso, referring to the pad-like growth that appears on the upper lip of each flower, forming the torso of the “lady.”

Repotting oncidiums - Oncidiums almost always look like they need to be repotted because they are constantly climbing out the pots with their roots all over. A good way to tell if they really need repotting is to check and see if the roots are entering the potting medium as they cascade from the point of new growth. If they are, things are fine for now. If the new roots are avoiding the medium, this tells you that the potting medium has rotted or soured and the plant should be repotted.



Oncidiums are divided into roughly four groups:



Bulbous - These have definite pseudobulbs but varying leaves. Ex. *Onc. sphacelatum*

Rattail - These have pendulum terete leaves; plants grow in dry conditions. Ex. *Onc. cebolleta*



Mule ear - These have very heavy, pointed, wide leaves that top small, squatty bulbs. Ex. *Onc. splendidum*.

Variegata - These are also called “equitant.” Plants of this group have their little leaves arranged like fans. Ex. *Onc. variegatum*

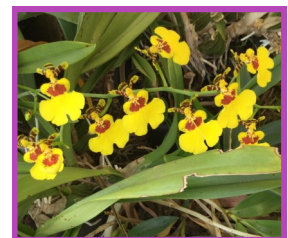


Tip for reblooming - The primary cause of oncidiums failing to rebloom is insufficient light.



Oncidium Sharry Baby is one of the most popular orchid hybrids; 1 1/2 inch red and white flowers, famous for it’s chocolate scent.

Oncidium varicosum best exemplifies the “dancing lady” title.



WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Lisa Denlea



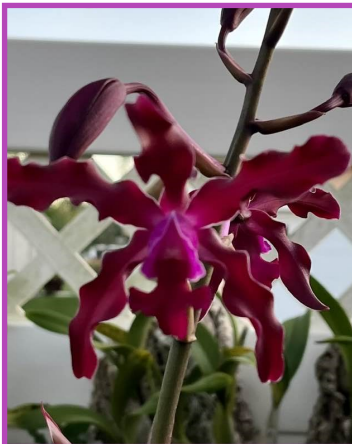
Laurie McCarty



Diana Lenartiene



Jet Tanner



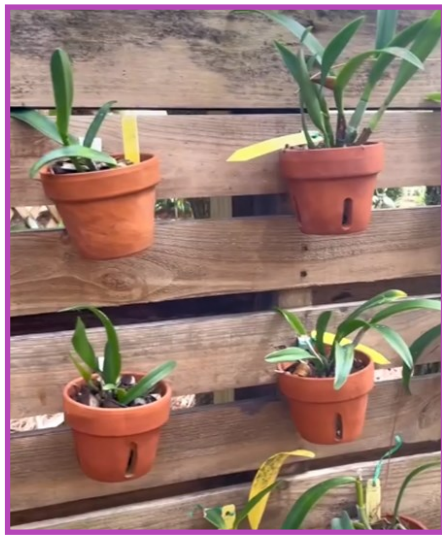
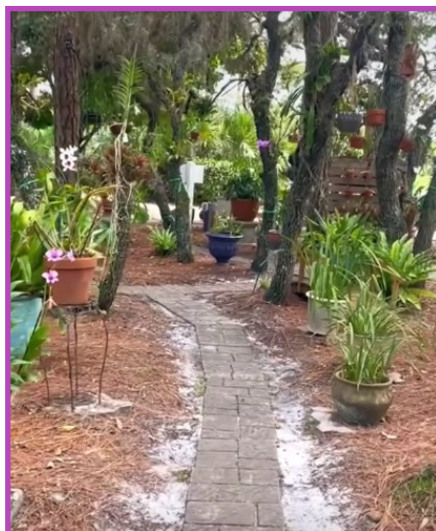
Gilda Gomez



Pam Plumstead

We love to see our members' orchids, especially if you can't bring them to "Show and Tell". Send pictures to pslosdiane@gmail.com.

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



When is the last time you walked through our Orchid Room and enjoyed the beauty and peacefulness of the garden?
For further information about the Orchid Room, contact John Erickson at erickson_236@bellsouth.net.

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2023 Officers and Volunteers:

President - John Erickson
1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfield
2nd Vice President - Nan Rothschild
(Barbara Lynn - interim 2nd VP)
Recording Secretary - Diana Lenartiene
Corresponding Secretary - Dana DeMarco
Treasurer - Laurie Wade
Membership - Anne Menassian
Immediate Past President - Pam Scholey
Trustee - Diane Bryant - 2024
Barbara Lynn - 2025
(Jackie Young - interim Trustee)
Jessica Benford - 2026
AOS Representative - Laurie Wade
2023 Show Co-Chairs - Andrea Heitfeld & John Erickson
Orchid Room - John Erickson
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
Newsletter - Diane Bryant & Anne Menassian
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
June, November, and December
Special Meetings
Times to be Announced

Board Meeting

2nd Monday of the month, 12:30 PM
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden



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>



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