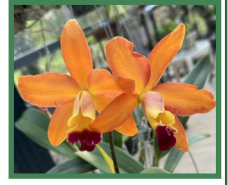


# Orchidelirium!

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

John Erickson  
Your President

I'll begin with an update on Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens (PSLBG) upcoming events:

(1) The Arts, Crafts and Plants Sale will return again on Nov 18, 2023. Members of the Orchid Room Committee will have six raffle baskets as well as orchid mounts and mounted orchids for sale.

(2) This year's Holiday Lights at the PSLBG will be from 11/24/23 through 12/23/23. Volunteers are needed to staff the Welcome Center on 11/24, 11/25, 11/26, 12/22, and 12/23 from 5-9 PM.

(3) The Botanica Plant Sale is currently scheduled for January 27 and 28, 2024. We've been asked to man a table alongside the Orchid Room to educate attendees on our orchid society and how to grow orchids.

Finally, I will be giving a workshop on "Care of Orchids" at the 2024 Jensen Beach Expo at Indian Riverside Park, February 24, 2024, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Last year there were over 2,000 in attendance. Mark your calendar.

Moving on, a member of our PSLOS recently asked why the bottom leaves on one of her orchids were turning yellow. First thought might be too much sun but that wouldn't affect just the bottom leaves. Over/under watering causes a damaged root system which results in the orchid becoming dehydrated. Signs include:

Excessively shriveled pseudobulbs  
Pleated leaves  
Droopy, soft and puckered leaves  
**YELLOW AND WILTED BOTTOM LEAVE/s**  
Bud blast where buds fall off instead of opening

One needs to look at the roots and remove all dried up/rotting roots. Then repot the orchid. If you have only a few healthy roots remaining, **DO NOT FERTILIZE**—it will result in fertilizer burn.



## 1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield  
1st Vice President

It's auction time again! Our auction is November 20th. The auction will replace our general meeting. You can scale down your orchid collection and make a little pocket money for the holidays. Also, remember to bring your friends. It's a great opportunity for individuals to purchase quality plants at fair prices. Details are on the following pages (pages 2 and 3) in the newsletter.

Just a reminder that November is the last chance to pay for our holiday luncheon. November 20 is the last day.

The Fort Pierce Orchid Society has its orchid show December 11th and 12th at River Walk Center in Fort Pierce. Their theme is "Orchid Holiday Celebration." We will need your support in building a winning display.

Remember: Happiness Blooms from within!!!

Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving with friends and family....

Andrea

## Editor's Note:

Due to the auction, there will be no lunch, show & tell, or orchid exchange at the November meeting.

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS November Meeting - November 20, 2023

## PSLOS ORCHID AUCTION

(No Noon Class)

The Port Saint Lucie Orchid Annual Orchid Auction RETURNS! The purpose of the auction is to provide members with an outlet to dispose of plants from their own collections, to provide the orchid loving public with an opportunity to purchase quality plants at fair prices, and to further our mission to add to the ranks of orchid addicts.

11:00 a.m. — Doors will open for members who are bringing orchids to be auctioned. No plants will be accepted for sale after 12:30 p.m. **SELLERS, PLEASE BE PROMPT!**

12:30 p.m. — Doors will open for buyer viewing of the orchids being auctioned.

1:00 p.m. — The auction will begin and goes until finished. There are no planned breaks.

**BUYERS: THERE IS NO EARLY CHECKOUT. YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO STAY UNTIL THE END AS IT IS TOO DISRUPTIVE IF WE ALLOW EARLY CHECKOUTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

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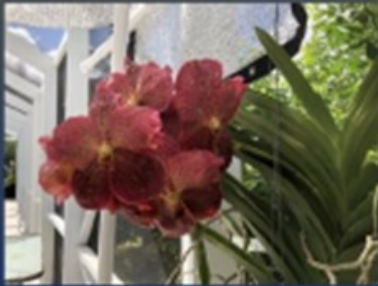
The rules are as follows:

1. Only society members may offer plants for sale, but ALL buyers are welcome.
2. Members are limited to 20 plants for sale. For every 10 plants that you bring to sell, one is donated to the Society's table.
3. The auction is designed to help members manage their collections. It is not meant to be an outlet for commercial or quasi-commercial sales.
4. Plants for sale must be brought to the auction no later than 30 minutes prior to the auction. There is paperwork for the seller to fill out on each plant. If there is a minimum bid, a label must be put on a leaf (labels will be provided at sign-in). Plants brought after that time will not be considered.
5. 10% of all sales will go to the society. Checks to sellers will be provided within 30 days of the auction.
6. Plants will be auctioned at random. We alternate between sellers.
7. Each plant will be auctioned individually. The auctioneer will not sell one plant and then several more of the same plant for the same price without bidding.
8. If a seller's plants are not all auctioned off, further sales may be conducted independent of the auction AFTER all sales have been tallied and may not occur within the auction building. (Or you can choose to donate them to the garden's orchid room.)
9. ONLY THE AUCTIONEER and/or assistant (not bidders) will determine the last bid by saying "sold."
10. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. We take cash, check, or charge. **THERE IS NO EARLY CHECKOUT.**

**The PSLOS Auction Flyer is on page 3. Share and bring a friend!**

For more info, contact Andrea Heitfeld, 1st Vice President,  
at [tazzette55@gmail.com](mailto:tazzette55@gmail.com)

**PORT SAINT LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
OUR ORCHID AUCTION**

**Monday, November 20, At 1:00 p.m.  
Open for buyer viewing at 12:30 p.m.**

**Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens  
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd.**

**It is fun and entertaining**

**AND WE ALL NEED MORE ORCHIDS!**

**For more info, email: [tazzette55@gmail.com](mailto:tazzette55@gmail.com)**

**Share copies of the flyer with your friends!**

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



## **Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Annual Holiday Luncheon**

**December 11, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.  
Gator Trace Golf & Country Club**

Please join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon.

The price is \$35 which includes  
your meal, tax, gratuity, and an orchid.  
(NOTE: Only members will receive orchids.)

For the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift  
(value \$5.00 or less).

We will also play bingo at \$1.00 a card for nice prizes.

Also, we ask that you remember the children by  
bringing an unwrapped toy to be donated to the  
Salvation Army.

Deadline to sign up is November 20.  
Sign-up sheets will be available at the  
November meeting.

For further info, call Barb at 772-579-6390.

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



**Fort Pierce Orchid Society Annual  
ORCHID SHOW  
AND SALE**  
**“Orchid Holiday Celebration”**  
**December 9 & 10, 2023**  
 Saturday 9 am to 5 pm  
 Sunday 9 am to 4 pm

**\$4 ADMISSION**  
**\$1 Off with this flyer**

**River Walk Center**  
 600 N. Indian River Dr., Fort Pierce, FL  
 Rita2zfpos@gmail.com



Start planning ahead.  
 We will need your orchids to build an  
 award-winning display!



**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>

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

November 3-5, 2023  
 International Vanda & Slipper  
 Orchid Symposium and  
 Fall Orchid Festival  
 Krull-Smith, 2800 W Ponkan Rd,  
 Apopka, FL 32712

November 11-12, 2023  
 Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's  
 "Orchid Obsession"  
 1790 Spanish River Boulevard,  
 Boca Raton, FL

Fort Pierce Orchid Society  
 "Orchid Holiday Celebration"  
 December 9-10  
 River Walk Center

## PSLOS MEETINGS

December 11, 2023  
 Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

January 15, 2024  
 Tony Millett, AOS Judge

February 19, 2024  
 Kool Log & Mounting Workshop



**HOLIDAY**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS AND PLANT SALE**  
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 9 AM - 4 PM











Mark your calendars to join us for the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens' Holiday Arts & Crafts and Plants Sale! Shop for the holidays and spruce up your garden! You'll find over 20 vendors offering a delightful selection of arts, crafts, plants, and more, along with unique food and dessert trucks. We're so excited to kick off the holiday season with everyone!

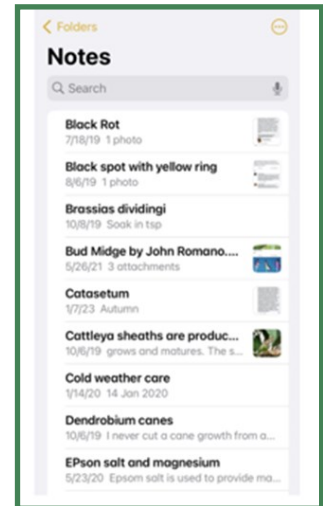
 Saturday, November 18, 2023 | 9AM-4PM

# OCTOBER 16TH MEETING

## Noon Workshop - How to Keep Track of an Orchid Collection

	Genera	Name	Source	Date Acquired	Notes
1		Wilmotteara (C & Schom)	Hamlyn's Glory	PSLOS speaker Omar Gonzalez	Oct-19
2		Dendrobium	Salaya Orange	Mel	Dec-19
3		Oncidium	Mtssa. Charles M Fitch Black Berry Hawaii	FTP Orchid Auction	Oct-17
4		Dendrobium	smilliae (Lea x H+R Giant)	Orchids in Bloom (Vero Beach Show)	Apr-23
5		Clo or Ctsm	Manny Tavaras 'Very Nice xoxo' or Pileatum (Thon) two tags	Jamie	Sep-23
6		Catasetum	Judy Wagner James Pomegranate Explosion	FTP Orchid Auction	Oct-17
7		Bulbophyllum	Carunculatm Adoribil AM AOS	Renee Skalet	Oct-19
8		Dendrobium	Medy Stripe	PSLOS Auction	Nov-19
9		Epidendrum	Don Herman	FTP Orchid Auction	Oct-17

Diane Bryant shared with members how she keeps track of her orchid collection using an excel spreadsheet and numbering her orchid pots. She not only saves her spreadsheet on her phone, she also saves different orchid-related articles in the same place for easy reference which means she no longer needs her old binders full of orchid info!



## Meeting Presentation Getting Orchids Ready for Winter

For the meeting, Pam Waters discussed everything one needs to know about growing orchids such as orchid pots, medium, watering and fertilizing, sun requirements, etc. She stated “a lot of stuff will come along with the presentation,” and she meant it! Everyone really enjoyed her talk and learned a lot.

Pam was born and raised in Thailand. She came to the USA at the age of 21. Despite growing up in a country known for its large variety of native orchids and numerous orchid vendors, she did not become interested in orchids until she came to America. Pam’s interest eventually grew into her own commercial company, “Orchids in Bloom,” in Apopka.



Pam’s presentation:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tkuV\\_cl9yg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tkuV_cl9yg)



Once again, we had a fantastic lunch thanks to all the members who brought in food. Thanks to Jackie and her helpers for all their work in setting up and cleaning up in the kitchen.

(We will not be serving lunch at the November meeting due to the auction.)

# OCTOBER 16TH MEETING

## Election of Officers for 2024

In accordance with our bylaws, Barbara Lynn requested whether there were any nominations from the floor. As there were none, she presented the slate of officers for calendar year 2024 based on those members who had previously indicated interest. Since there was only one person running for each position, the election was completed by acclamation. The secretary affirmed the acclamation of the slate of officers.

The 2024 board as acclaimed:

President: John Erickson  
First Vice President: Andrea Heitfeld  
Second Vice President: Nan Rothschild  
Recording Secretary: Diana Lenartiene  
Corresponding Secretary: Dana DeMarco  
Treasurer: Laurie Wade  
Membership: Anne Menassian  
Past President: Pam Scholey  
Trustees: Diane Bryant 2024  
Barbara Lynn 2025  
Jessica Benford 2026

Installation of officers for 2024 will be conducted at the December luncheon.

(It is noted that as a Trustee, Barbara Lynn has agreed to accept the additional responsibility of serving as Interim Second Vice President until such time as Nan returns.)

## OUTREACH EVENTS

On Saturday, October 21st, the Master Gardener Volunteers had their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Plant Sale at the UF/IFAS SLC Extension on Picos Road. The sale included educational workshops and demonstrations from the Master Gardener volunteers. There were activities for the kids and plants for purchase at the nursery. There were crafts, plant and herb vendors, and food trucks. The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society was also represented by a booth full of information about our club. Manning the booth were members Jessica Benford, Ann Menassian, Ena Vilbrera, and Dana DeMarco.



Our booth had care sheets on the kinds of orchids, information on our upcoming show, and free pieces of Epidendrum radican orchids. The typical “customer” approaches our booth sensing something “free” is being given away. We would ask, “Do you grow orchids?” The response 95% of the time, “Yes, I’ve been given several in the past but they always die on me.” We then tell them that is exactly why the orchid society exists. We have all been there. Through workshops, lectures and sharing information with each other we learn what works and vastly improve our success of growing and blooming our orchids.

Ann Mygatt, who is a Master Gardener, was also at the show but busy with chores managing the show and helping out the numerous vendors. There was something for everyone and a fun day for all. Thank you to all those who participated!

# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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

Hello members,

PSLOS gained 3 new members in October: Valerie Stewart, Claudia Young, and Easter Hartley-Frye. Please welcome them at the next meeting.

The November meeting will be the Annual Auction, and December will be the Holiday party.

All members are current as far as 2023 dues are concerned.

Dues for 2024 will be due after January 1st, but no later than the February meeting.

Individual Dues are \$20  
Family Dues are \$25

Enjoy the Holidays !



Laurie Wade  
Treasurer



Hello all!

Our current balance is \$8,863.13.

We took in \$100 in dues, netted \$170 profit at the raffle (again, thank you to our members, you are AMAZING), and received \$51.65 in donations which pretty much covered all our luncheon/beverage expenses.

Our expenses include our storage unit, orchid garden supplies/orchids, and the speaker fee. We also paid a deposit for the kool logs that are going to be used at an upcoming 2024 mounting class.

Our auction is coming up next and we will take cash, checks and credit cards. **THERE WILL BE NO EARLY CHECK OUTS.** It is seriously disruptive when we have to stop what we are doing to process a purchase. Also, please do not try to end the auction of an orchid early by yelling out SOLD. Once again, disruptive. I'm sorry to have to mention this but it happened last year, and my hope is we all respect each other and follow a few simple rules. Thank you



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PSLOS Treasurer at  
[mrmush@comcast.net](mailto:mrmush@comcast.net).

## ORCHID BEEZ

Your help is appreciated!



Don't forget we need your help for the 2024 BEEZ show awards.

Until Nan returns, Elly Conn has volunteered to crochet the BEEZ for our show.

We are asking for your help in donating 4-ply yellow, white, and black yarn and polyester fiberfill for the BEEZ. A collection box will be at our next meeting.



A big thanks to Elly Conn for volunteering to crochet the BEEZ for our show!



# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



## Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by  
Nan Rothschild  
2nd Vice President

## TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH POTTING

**Cracking material** - This material should be put in the base of the new pot. Example: small pieces of broken terracotta pots or styrofoam packing chips (be careful not to use the cornstarch or compostable chips).



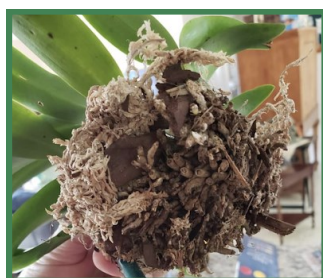
**Dropping on** - When a young plant doesn't need any root pruning and the growing medium is in good condition, a plant can be removed from its old pot by upturning and tapping it out. It should slide out easily and have a **rootball** (group of healthy white roots) holding the medium in place. Select a pot that is 1 inch (for immature plants) or 2 inches larger. Stand the plant on the cracking material so that the base of the new growth is level with the rim of the pot. Fill in with new medium.

**Repotting and dividing** - This involves completely repotting the orchid; stripping out the old medium, discarding any dead roots, and removing surplus leafless or dead pseudobulbs. This can also be used to make more divisions of plant. Divisions should have at least 3 Pseudobulbs with leaves.



**Surplus Pseudobulbs** - One leafless pseudobulb that is green and plump can help pass food to the younger part of the plant, **but** if there are more leafless pseudobulbs, they will become a drain on the main plant and need to be removed.

**Specimen plant** - a large plant that you choose not to divide. Clusters of leafless pseudobulbs still need to be removed.



**Plop in Pot Method** - No apparent healthy roots. Remove as much of the spag and old media as possible; place it in a clean, unglazed clay pot with no media; and lightly spray the roots with seaweed spray every day to encourage them to grow. Place it in a protected area and pot it up in the Spring.

# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

## Tasks for November

### November Climate Data

Average high: 85.4

Average low: 72.2

Average mean: 78.8

Average rainfall: 6.19"

1. Prepare for cold
2. Reduce fertilizer
3. Apply extra Potassium and Magnesium
4. Segregate dormant genera in bright dry area
5. Repot plants after flowering
6. Groom plants and flower spikes for holiday display



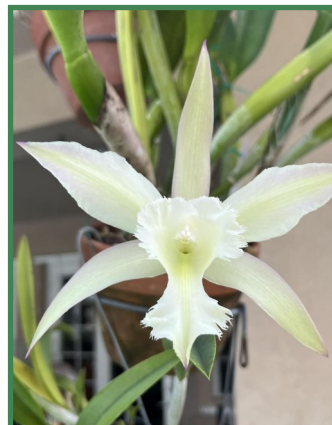
From Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month.

For further information specific to different orchid genera, go to <http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/november-december-checklist.aspx>

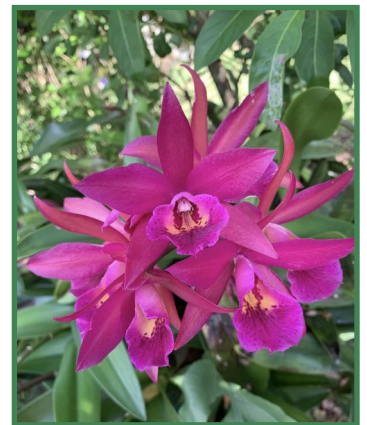
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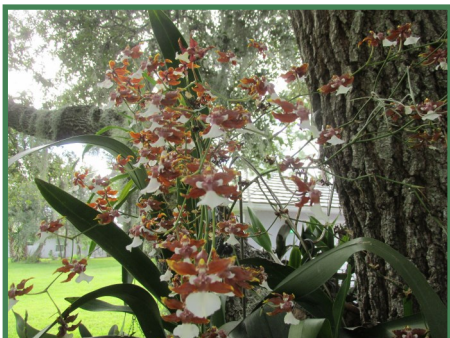
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Diane Bryant



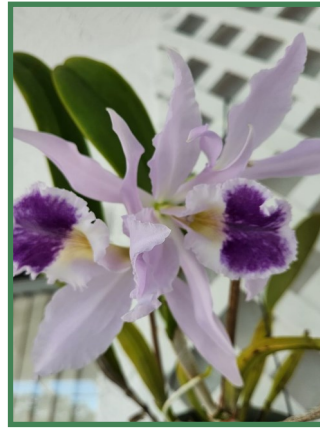
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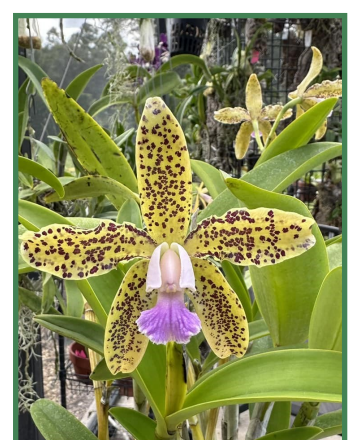
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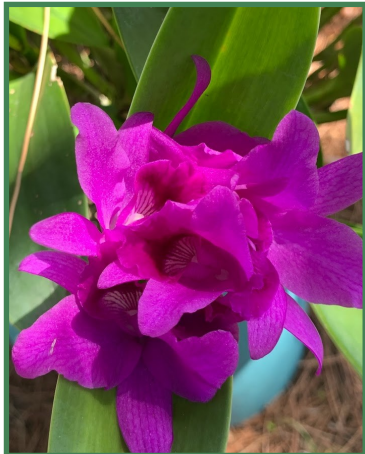


Jet Tanner



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

## PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Volunteers are always needed Tuesday mornings from about 8-9 am to help with routine chores in the Orchid Room. Tasks include watering and general maintenance such as raking leaves and pine needles.

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

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Immediate Past President - Pam Scholey  
Trustee - Diane Bryant - 2024  
Barbara Lynn - 2025  
Jessica Benford - 2026  
AOS Representative - Laurie Wade  
2023 Show Co-Chairs - Andrea Heitfield & 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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