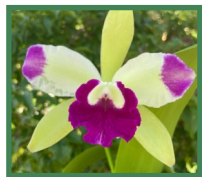


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President's Message

John Erickson
Your President

I would like to begin by thanking those six members who have volunteered to donate a raffle basket for the Orchid Room's table in the Arts, Crafts, and Plants sale at the Botanical Garden on November 18, 2023. We hope to be as successful as last year when we made over \$600.

We've gotten a lot of positive feedback on the Florida Orchid House's presentation on Dendrobium culture and care at our September meeting. As a result, I've decided to add a segment to some of my monthly messages entitled "Exploring Orchids." I'll begin with:

Nobile Dendrobiums

1. These need high light, so grow with cattleyas or other dendrobiums. They are getting enough light when the leaves are light green.

2. Any fast draining medium is fine as long as you adjust your watering habits accordingly.



3. During summer and autumn, water the plants regularly and thoroughly. If they are grown in pots, root problems due to a wet, soggy compost can be avoided by 'under-potting.' Potassium-rich fertilizers can also be applied at this time but discontinue their use and limit watering as soon as the canes begin to mature in late autumn.

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1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President

Fall is finally here so looking forward to some cooler weather.

We had a wonderful September meeting. All members enjoyed the food and our guest speaker from Florida Orchid House. A big thanks to all the members who contributed to our luncheon spread.

At our October 16th meeting we will have Orchids in Bloom (Pam Waters); her presentation will be on how to grow orchids in a basket. She also will bring orchids to sell. Diane Bryant will be doing the noon workshop. The topic is "How & Why I (Kinda) Keep Track of My Orchids." Thank you, Diane, for stepping up.

Our luncheon for the October meeting will be a hot dog bar, and we will ask for a dollar donation to cover expenses from all members who do not sign up to bring a food item. We need coleslaw, condiments, rolls, potato salad, and desserts. (Please call me to sign up.) We are not charging those members who bring a food item as that more than meets the \$1.00 charge and those members are usually the same people who frequently bring food for our luncheons.

The November meeting is the auction and then our holiday party at Gator Trace. Please keep Nan Rothschild in your thoughts and prayers as she is back in the hospital. Since Nan is sick and unable to get out, we will be collecting yellow, white, and black yarn at our next meeting to contribute to the show awards.

"An orchid reminds us how important it is to bloom."

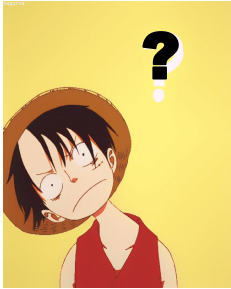
Andrea

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS October Meeting - October 16, 2003

NOTE: Although not required, masks are encouraged to be worn. Snacks and bottled water will be available. If you would like to bring snacks to share, please call Andrea at 772-528-1955.

Noon Class: Why & How I (Kinda) Keep Track of My Orchids



Diane Bryant's orchids are all over her backyard – in pots hooked on posts, sitting on the ground, or hanging from trees and some even mounted on trees.

As a self-described novice, she will share with us how she keeps track of her orchids – what they are, where she got them from and when, and how she knows what's in a pot.



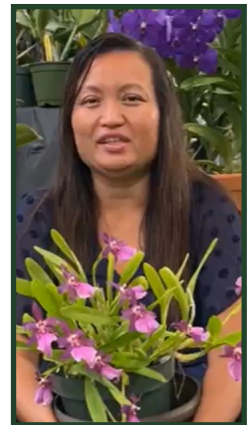
1:00 pm – Orchids in Bloom



We have been in the orchid business since 2005. Our current orchid warehouse is 35,000 sq. ft. with over 100 different varieties of orchids from around the world. We have 1000's of orchids in stock every day. We are located in Apopka, FL, and are open to the public Monday through Sunday.

My presentation will be on how to grow orchids in a basket. Orchids in their native environment frequently grow in trees and are, essentially, air plants. This makes them the perfect hanging plants.

She also will be bring orchids to sell.



Pam

ORCHID SALE: Since our speakers will be selling orchids, members are not allowed to bring orchids to sell.

REMEMBER THE ORCHID EXCHANGE!

The Orchid Exchange is a great opportunity to expand your orchid collection!

For further info, talk to Maureen Kerr.

ANNUAL OFFICER ELECTION

The Bylaws of the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society require that the election of officers be held at the November meeting. If you wish to serve as an Officer, or wish to nominate someone to serve, please forward your name or the name of your nominee to **Jeff Rothschild, the Nominating Committee Chairperson (jeflex@gmail.com)**. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the October meeting.

Each Officer's term is for one year, except for Trustees which is for three years. Description of the positions and their duties can be found on our website (<https://pslos.org/pslos-bylaws>).

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION November 20, 2023



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.

The rules are as follows:

1. Only society members may offer plants for sale, but ALL buyers are welcome.
2. Members may bring up 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. 10% of all sales will go to the society. Checks to sellers will be provided within 30 days of the auction.
5. 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 but may not occur within the auction building. (Or you can choose to donate them to the garden's orchid room.)
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Plants will be auctioned at random. We alternate between sellers.
9. ONLY THE AUCTIONEER and/or assistant (not bidders) will determine the last bid by saying "sold."
9. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. We take cash, check, or charge.

Looking forward to seeing you!



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>

PSLOS Annual Holiday Luncheon

December 11, 2023— 12:00 p.m.
 Gator Trace Golf and County Club

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Luncheon.

The price is \$35.00 which includes your meal, tax, gratuity, and an orchid. (NOTE: Only paid members will receive orchids.)

We ask that you bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to the Salvation Army.

Also, bring a wrapped gift, value \$5.00 or less, for the gift exchange.

I will have sign up sheets at the October and November meetings. Deadline to sign up is November 15.

Call Barb, 772-579-6390, if you have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Barb Lynn
 Holiday Party



PSLOS MEETINGS

November 20, 2023
 Annual Orchid Auction

December 11, 2023
 Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tampa Orchid Club Expo
 September 30 - October 1
 Northdale Recreational Center

Gainesville Orchid Society
 "Orchids in the Garden"
 October 21-22
 Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Delray Beach Orchid Society
 "Orchids on the Square"
 October 21-22
 51 N. Swinton Avenue

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

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.

Register now and view on your time schedule.

Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	Oct. 12, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	Oct. 17, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday	Nov. 15, 2023 8:30 pm EST Wednesday	Nov. 16, 2023 8:30 pm EST Thursday
Topic	Lycaste Current Trends in Hybridizing and Judging	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Oct. 14</i>	Brassavola Well Known and Easily Cultivated Genus	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Nov. 13</i>
Presenter	Tim Culbertson Historian, AOS Judge, Hybridizer for SVO, SOA Board Member	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Beth Martin AOS Accredited Judge	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

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SEPTEMBER 18TH MEETING



Jamie had a full house for his 12:00 noon workshop on catasetums. As usual, he provided practical advice on caring for these unusual orchids, e.g., how to divide and repot them, their watering, light, and fertilizer requirements, etc.

He offered the divisions for sale to attendees (with all proceeds going to SmileTrain). Thanks to everyone, \$400.00 was raised!



His workshop can be seen at:

<https://youtu.be/QGLHBjHdnS0>

Everyone really enjoyed Ti's presentation on the care and maintenance of soft cane Dendrobium orchids. She explained the difference between the various types of Dendrobiums and the fact that the light and watering requirements of the soft cane Dendrobiums are based on where they naturally grow in the wild. Of interest to the members was the fact that once the soft canes lose their leaves, the canes will not grow any longer, and after flowering in the spring, these canes will no longer grow new leaves or flowers. Ti also suggested to not give the Dendrobiums complete rest during the resting season – but rather to water just enough to prevent the canes from shriveling or drying out.



Ti's presentation:

<https://youtu.be/HljBVxstQcQ>

Florida Orchid House

Check out the video of her presentation for more great growing hints.



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.

Remember to let Andrea know if you are willing to bring in food for the October meeting.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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

Hello members,

Our membership continues to grow. At the September General Meeting, we gained 6 new members. Please welcome them:

- James and Maureen McGill
- Anita Gagnon
- Patti Scronce
- Ann Marie Cunningham
- Jonneae Rout

Our society now has a total of 126 members.

*INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP is \$20.00
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is \$25.00*



Laurie Wade
Treasurer



Hello members

Here's the financial report for October's newsletter. Our current balance is \$8,327.24.

We profited \$97 on our orchid raffle which is great considering we had a vendor selling orchids. I really appreciate everyone's support!

We spent \$51 on food and beverages; everything else on the spread was donated or items we had. We also spent \$137 on orchids for the Orchid Room.

Not much to report this month! I'll see everyone at October's meeting.



RIDING TO FIGHT KIDS' CANCER

A special note of thanks from Anne Mygatt

"To all my wonderful friends at the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society, thank you for contributing to this wonderful organization that is dedicated to supporting these beautiful children during their fight to live when they should be out playing, going to school, and enjoying their friends. I ride even when the weather is so hot and humid and uncomfortable for me, but nothing compares to their pain and suffering. Thanks to all for your generosity."

THANK YOU from Anne for making a \$116.00 donation to support her in the Great Cycle Challenge to fight kids' cancer!

ORCHID BEEZ Annual Show & Sale

Your help is appreciated!

Don't forget the BEEZ for our next show!



Since Nan is unable to get out, we are collecting yellow, white, and black yarn at our next meeting to contribute to the show awards.

Thank you!

A big thanks to Sam's Club #4972 for their continued support and donation of orchids to PSLOS. Sam's has donated over 60 orchids to PSLOS over the past year.



ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

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President's Message

4. Winter rest. In their natural environment, rain is sparse in winter, but there is fog and other moisture. Water very sparingly, allowing nature to do the job, but don't let the plant completely dry out. Resume normal watering when you see new growth, typically in the form of buds. Again, hold off fertilizer or fertilize sparingly during this rest period. This is essential for a successful flowering event in late winter to early spring.

5. Leaf drop. Nobiles are naturally deciduous; they will drop their leaves and the buds will form on the bare, fleshy canes.

6. Temperatures. Unlike the hard-caned dendrobiums, these actually relish some cold weather and can even tolerate a short frost. Don't protect them from our mild winters.

7. Flowering. Soft-cane dendrobiums flower from nodes on mature canes. The attractive, colorful flowers sometimes last as long as two months if the plants are kept on the dry side.

John

(Editor's note: For more information on Dendrobiums, check out our PSLOS website: <https://pslos.org/orchid-tips>)

Tasks for October

Fall Climate Data

Average high: 89.0

Average low: 75.7

Average mean: 82.4

Average rainfall: 8.38"



- Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Water only when truly necessary.
- Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.
- Re-pot Phals and reset Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.
- Begin or continue a disease prevention program.
- Clean up growing area and plants. Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly early in the month and again lightly mid-month.

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

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

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

Light Levels for Orchids






Insufficient light is the primary reason orchids don't bloom, but too much **sudden light** can cause **leaf sunburn**. Most orchids require some protection from noon-time sun.

The intensity of light needed by an orchid depends on the type of orchid. Here are some suggestions for some common types:

<u>Phalaenopsis</u>	500-1500 foot candles	shady, eastern exposure is best, no direct sun after 10 AM or before 3 PM
<u>Cattleyas</u>	2000-4000 foot candles	bright, southern exposure, dappled light, protect from midday sun.
<u>Dendrobiums</u>	1500-5000 foot candles	
<u>Oncidiums</u>	2000-3000 foot candles	medium bright, somewhat less than cattleyas, southern exposure, protect from midday sun
<u>Brassia</u>	2000-3000 foot candles	
<u>Paphiopedilum</u>	1000-2000 foot candles	
<u>Vandaceous</u>	4000-6000 foot candles	very bright, southern exposure, dappled light under trees or pool enclosures, protect from direct noontime sun

What is a foot candle? A foot candle is defined as a measure of light intensity; 1 fc is enough light to saturate a 1 foot square with 1 lumen of light. Unobstructed sunlight can provide 10,000 fc; overcast sunlight - 100 fc. A sensitive light meter can read foot candles.

If you do not want to invest in one, there is a less accurate, inexpensive hand method. Hold your hand 8 to 10 inches away from a piece of white paper in the area you want to test.

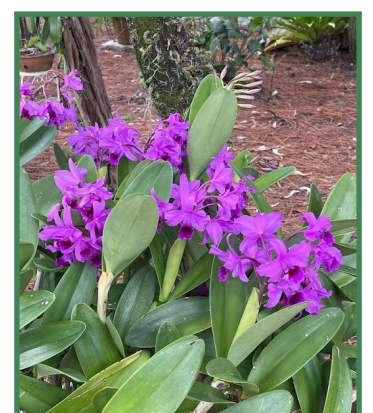
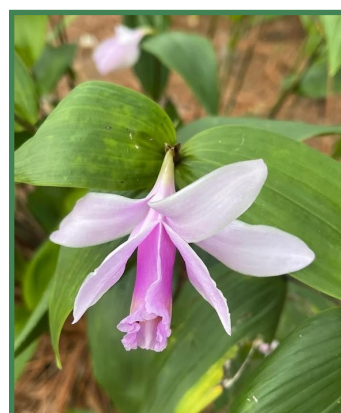
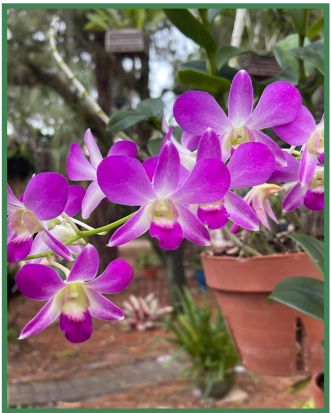
	Light Intensity	Foot Candles	Hand/Paper	
	Intense	4000-5000	You can see a clear outline of your hand.	
	Very bright	3000-4000	Soft-edged outline of hand	
	Bright	2000-3000	Blurred outline of hand	
	Low	1000-2000	Hard to see outline	

4000-5000 fc

SHADY BRIGHT
2000-3000 fc

FULL SHADE
1000-2000 fc

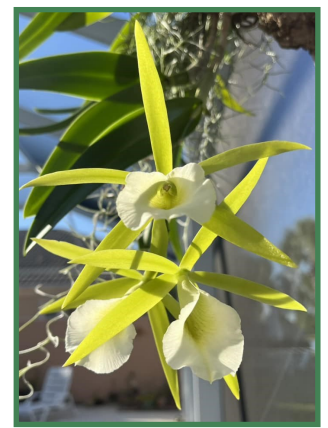
PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Volunteers are always needed Monday 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.

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



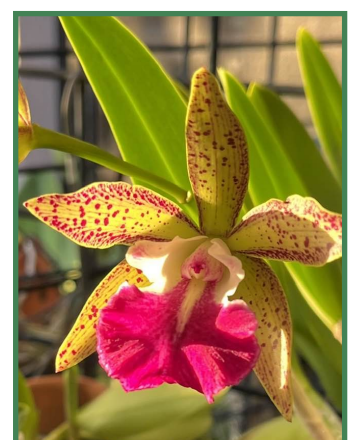
Andrea Heitfeld

Jennifer Margolis



Barb Lynn

Diana Lenartiene



Gladys Velez

Gilda Gomez

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

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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 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>

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