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President's Message ~ Pam Scholey

I love this time of year. I am in my happy zone while doing a thorough cleanup and/or repotting of all my orchids. If you are a little nervous about your repotting skills, don't miss our next meeting. Our favorite repotting experts (Jamie and John) will be there to give you the confidence you need. Simply bring the plant you wish to repot, along with your planting supplies, and you will be a repotting expert by the time you leave.

I hope you are all as excited as I am. Our annual picnic is June 10th. It is a great time to get together, get to know each other a little better, and swap "orchid stories." We get to play some fun games, win prizes, and bid on orchids. I know, I know, you tell yourself you are not going to take any more orchids home. Who can resist bidding on a silent auction? I know I can't! Bring your own lunch or pay \$5.00 for a sandwich from Jimmy Johns. A fun time will be had by all!

I hope you are all having a wonderful spring!



News from the 1st Vice President Andrea Heitfeld

Happy spring to all!

I hope everyone is looking forward to our repotting class at our next meeting on April 12th.

Those of you who bought the bio carbon fertilizer please report back to us on the results you're getting with the fertilizer. If anyone wants to order the product, just let me know.

Our picnic will be on May 10th, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Vero Beach has their Orchid show on April 23rd and 24th. Please, we need orchids to put in our display. We will take your orchids there as long as you can drop them off at the Botanical Gardens on April 22nd at 9 am. Contact me with any questions 772-528-1955.



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS April Meeting - April 12, 2022 - 12:00 Noon

NOTE: Because of Covid concerns, members are requested to wear masks. Also, we will not be serving lunch, but you may bring a snack if you wish. We will be offering bottled water.

Repotting Orchids with Confidence

In response to requests from members, the April meeting will be a repotting session for members. To assure that there is sufficient time to repot orchids, the Repotting Orchids with Confidence meeting will start at 12:00 noon. (There will be no 12:00 noon class.)

- A short business meeting will be conducted first in the Pavilion (starting at 12:00 noon).
- John Erickson, our guest speaker, will then go over the steps for repotting orchids.
- After which, members will go outside to one of the stations set up on the veranda around the Pavilion building and start repotting!
- Experienced members will be available to assist and answer questions. Additionally, since approximately four members will be working at each station, you will be able to help one another.

Bring the following items to the meeting:

- Plants you want to repot
- Clean re-potting pot(s)
- Fresh, moist soil-less medium, pot clips, and plant labels
- Spray bottle of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide and another with 50/50 solution of 70 percent alcohol (add a few drops of dawn liquid as a spreader)
- Cinnamon
- Two small 2 gallon pails (to mix medium and for water)
- Long thin knife if you need to cut a plant out of the pot
- Rectangular container example (24"x16"x6") to use as your work area

To allow maximum time for repotting, there will be:

- No orchid raffle
- No orchid exchange
- No show and tell

PSLOS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 10, 2022
Annual Awards Retreat
(PSLOS Picnic in the Park)
Veteran's Memorial Park

June 14, 2022
To be determined

July/August
Summer Break

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Apr 9 | Fort Pierce Orchid Society
Annual Orchid Auction, 10:00 a.m.
911 Parkway Drive |
| Apr 15-17 | The Apopka International Orchid Festival
Krull-Smith
2800 W Ponkan Rd, Apopka |
| Apr 16-17 | Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Show
3750 S Flamingo Road
Davie, FL |
| Apr 23-24 | Vero Beach Orchid Society Annual Show
"Orchid Rainbow"
3001 Riverside Park Drive |
| Apr 29-May 1 | Platinum Coast Orchid Society
"A Rainbow of Orchids"
951 Kiwanis Island Park, Merritt Island |

MEETINGS, EVENTS, & SHOWS



PSLOS ORCHID DISPLAY

for the Vero Beach Orchid Society Show

Members, we need a lot of help and a lot of orchids to have a great PSLOS display.

Thursday, April 21

If you have orchids for judging, email Andrea Heitfeld (tazzette55@gmail.com) the following info: name, color, size of Cattleya (over or under 5”), and size of Phalaenopsis (over or under 2”).

Friday, April 22

Bring your orchids by 10:00 am to the Riverside Park, Vero Beach, FL.

OR

If you want us to take your orchids to the show, bring them to the PSL Botanical Gardens by 9:00 am.

Sunday, April 24

Meet at 4:00 p.m. to help break down the exhibit and pick up your orchids. If you need us to deliver the orchids back to the Gardens, please let us know.

If you have questions, please email me at tazzette55@gmail.com.

PSLOS

It's Picnic Time! Annual retreat
At Veteran's Memorial Park Rivergate
On May 10, 2022 Noon to 3 P. M.
Admission \$5.00 must be paid at April 12th meeting
Includes mini subs from Jimmy John's and two raffle tickets
Lots of fun activities including the annual silent auction and corn hole game
Chips, drinks and dessert will be provided

NOTE: If you prefer to bring your own lunch, admission is only \$3.00 which entitles you to chips, drinks, dessert, and two raffle tickets.



Wasn't Jamie's shirt just the greatest?

If you would like a shirt with the PSLOS design, our design is available at Burns Embroidery.

Take in your own shirt or select a shirt from the many that Burns has in inventory.

Burns Embroidery
 1984 SW Bayshore Blvd
 Port St. Lucie, FL 34984
 (772)807-5775

MARCH PSLOS MEETING



Another very informative meeting!

In the noon workshop, Jamie talked about viruses to include demonstrating virus tests on two orchids. Result of tests: one good and one not so good!

Our speaker, David Disbrow from Universal BioCarbon explained how BioCarbon Orchid fertilizer makes a difference in orchid blooming power — to a large extent because it is made from 100% organic vegetation and is carbon pure.



John explained the set up for the Repotting Workshop that will be our April meeting. It's going to be fun!



Wow! Look at this beautiful Jewel Orchid! Maureen got this orchid as a little baby in the Orchid Exchange. Look how it has grown up!

Pam thanked and recognized John and Andrea for the fantastic job they did in organizing our Orchid Village Show! It was a wonderful show!



Show and Tell!

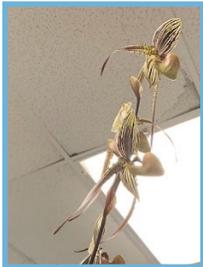
Beautiful orchids and their proud mamas and papa!





Martin County Orchid Show 2022

PORT ST. LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY RIBBON WINNERS



Judy Wagner:
First Place/Best Species
First Place

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Gur aurantiaca
Paph Saint Swithin 'Anthony Capitano'
AM/AOS
C amethystoglossa
C amethystoglossa xxx
C amethystoglossa



Jamie & Jackie Lawson:
First Place

Rlc Sunspots x Carolina Golden D'Or

John Erickson:
First Place

Rlc Golf Green Hair Pig JC/AOS

Diane Bryant:
First Place

Paph Maudiae

Diana Lenartiene:
First Place
Third Place

Paph charlesworthii x appletonianum
Den. Emma White x Den Waipahu Pink



Dave Moody:
First Place

Phang Sorcerer's Apprentice
'Fernwood Monor' AM/AOS

Lee Stradley:
Second Place

Paph Prince Edward of York

Andrea Heitfeld:
Third Place

Den Red Emperor'Prince' AM/AOS



Barbara Lynn:
Third Place

Lcr Chialin Peppa Pig



Another great show!
Thanks to all the members who entered their beautiful orchids and to our team who put our display together.



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Membership Corner

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Hello PSLOS Members,

March 1 marks the day every year that we have a firm count on our membership—the show is over and the deadline for existing members to pay dues is past, the member rolls have been reconciled and we have a final count.

Our membership as of March 1, 2022 was 116 members. As wonderful as the addition of 22 new members in the month of February was, we had 5 more new members join at the March meeting for a new total of 121. Please welcome the new members:

Fay and Tony Zazzi
Kate Bear and Murdell Johnson
Amanda Dier

It is important for all of us to reach out and try to make everyone in the group feel part of the whole society. Volunteering is a great way to meet and interact with other members.

Hope to meet all of you at the April 12th meeting.

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>



Treasurer's Report

Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Happy Spring everyone!

As of March 25, our account balance is \$9,997.54.

We received a \$50 donation from Diane Bryant, earmarked for our orchid room at the Botanical Gardens. We received \$154 in dues, \$380 from the JB Garden Club event, and \$67 profit from our March meeting orchid raffle.

Our expenses include \$75 to purchase orchids for our meeting raffle, \$149 for new member welcome bags, and \$64 for the orchid room.

Info Regarding Virus Testing from Member Amanda Dier-Huth

A lot of people were asking this last meeting [March] on where to get the virus test kits. You have two options:

Agdia sells them in boxes of 25 for \$151:
<https://orders.agdia.com/immunostrip-for-cymmv-and-orsv>.

Rega Biotech sells them in boxes of 50 for \$200:
<https://regabio.en.taiwantrade.com/product/2418748>

Rega is the cheaper option, but they do take longer to ship and get to you since it's coming from Taiwan.

Both companies are very good at what they do, it really just depends on how pressing your need to test is. (Rega's price drops to \$150 per box if you need 51 or more boxes, so if anyone really wants to make a bulk buy, their prices are even better.)

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Join us for Monthly Meetings September–June

General Meeting

2nd Tuesday 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

Board Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the month, 12:30 PM
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2022 Officers and Volunteers:

President - Pam Scholey
1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfeld
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Diane Bryant - 2024
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2022 Show Co-Chair - John Erickson
Noon Workshop - Jamie Lawson
Orchid Room - Jessica Benford &
John Erickson
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
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ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for April

April Climate Data
Average high: 83.8
Average low: 67.6
Average mean: 75.7
Average rainfall: 3.36"



- Water heavily when you water; then dry hard.
- Fertilizer becomes more crucially important. Apply:
 - 13-13-13 time release (Dynamite more reliable);
 - 15-15-15 at a rate of 2 tsp per gallon every 2 weeks; and
 - fertilizer high in phosphorus once or twice.
- Treat plants for thrips and mites.
- Catch up with all your repotting this month.

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

This month's words were inspired by our March guest speaker.

Carbon neutral - making no net release of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere.



Carbon negative - the reduction of an entity's carbon footprint to less than neutral so that the entity has a net effect of removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere rather than adding to it.

Micron sized particles - One micron is 1/1000 mm (1/25,000 inch). Airborne particles are usually described in microns. The human eye can see debris or dust particles that are approximately 25 microns in size. The average human hair is 70 microns in diameter.



Hygroscopic - readily taking up and retaining moisture

Sample label on Peters Excel 15-5-15 Cal-Mag:

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Total Nitrogen (N)	15.0%	Magnesium (Mg)	2.0%
1.1% Ammoniacal Nitrogen		Boron (B)	0.0187%
11.8% Nitrate Nitrogen		Copper (Cu)	0.0187%
2.1% Urea Nitrogen		Iron (Fe)	0.75%
Available Phosphate (P2O5) ..	5.0%	Manganese (Mn)	0.0375%
Soluble Potash (K2O)	15.0%	Molybdenum (Mo)	0.0075%
Calcium (Ca)	5.0%	Zinc (Zn)	0.0375%

Macronutrients - are essential for plant growth and health. The primary macronutrients are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium; others include: calcium, sulfur, magnesium, carbon, oxygen and hydrogen.

Micronutrients - trace minerals necessary for plant growth and health including iron, boron, chlorine, manganese, zinc, copper, molybdenum, nickel.

Sometimes fertilizers list the nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium as macronutrients and the others as micronutrients.

And one word to look ahead:

Kokedama - "Koke" means moss and "dama" means ball in Japanese. It is a form of Japanese garden art that is centuries old and related to bonsai. A moss ball is the focal and supporting point for a plant. It is fixed to a platform or suspended from a string with the plant growing out from the sphere. Check it out in our Orchid Room!



PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM

Have you visited our Orchid Room lately? There are lots of great changes thanks to the efforts of the volunteers who maintain the Orchid Room.

Volunteers are always needed to help with chores in the Orchid Room on Monday mornings from about 8-9 a.m. Tasks include watering and general maintenance such as raking leaves and pine needles. If interested, please contact: Jessica Benford at jessica10chb@gmail.com.



New additions for mounting our orchids. A special thanks to Andrea and hubby Pierre for the lattice! Doesn't it look great as an orchid display!



Maintenance also means repotting. Thanks to our Orchid Room caretakers.



Creating Kokedamas for displaying our orchids.



Thanks to all our volunteers who help make our Orchid Room look great!

One of the founders of the Orchid Room
Vivian (Robbie) Robinson

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Jennifer Margolis



Nancy Lyman



Joan Schiller



Diane Bryant



Judy Wagner

