

Orchidelirium!

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President's Message ~ Pam Scholey

I can feel the excitement, can you? The Gnomes are on their way and will be here in time for our February 12 & 13th annual Orchid Show. I, for one, can hardly wait. Beautiful orchids, orchid displays, orchid supplies, smiling faces and GNOMES! What more could we ask for?

The show committee has done a phenomenal job! You do not want to miss it. Come and lend a hand. With over 100 members, we cannot ask you individually but would be thrilled to have you volunteer. A fun time will be had by all!

Another date to remember is February 26th. Our Society will have a booth at the Jensen Beach Garden Expo being held at Riverside Park. This is being put on by Jensen Beach Garden Club. We will have orchids for sale and a raffle. Would love to have you come and spend a little time in our booth to help out. This is a first for Jensen Beach Garden Club, and they are hoping to make it an annual event.

May all your orchids be blooming!



News from the 1st Vice President Andrea Heitfeld

Show time of Botanica "Orchid Village" is approaching. Its only eighteen days away!

Raffle baskets, Gnome Gardens, Gnomes for loan, Niches, and Orchids need to be checked in by 2 pm on Friday the 11th. We will also accept the Gnomes, Gnome Gardens, and raffle baskets on Thursday, the 10th, from 2:00-4:00 at the Botanical Gardens as well. The names of the Orchids for judging need to be emailed to jimorchid@aol.com by Thursday, the 10th. Gnomes for Loan, remember you loan a Gnome, and you get bonus raffle tickets for our basket raffle.

We have seven for sure, maybe eight vendors, attending our show:

Odom's Orchids
Jim's Orchid Supplies
Orchids in Bloom
Jim-N-I Orchids
Bredren Orchids
Florida Orchid House
Florida Suncoast Orchids
Garden of Awesome Orchids (TBD)

Please consider volunteering your time to ensure we have a successful show. On Saturday the early shift of volunteers need to report at the Gardens by 8:00 and Sunday's early shift need to report by 8:30. If volunteering, please sign in at the raffle table to get a volunteer badge, and please return and sign out when your shift is over.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS February Meeting - February 8, 2022

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. Our workshop will be held in the main room from 12:00 to 12:45 to accommodate as much as possible social distancing, with the meeting to follow starting at 1:00.

Noon Workshop: Orchids Travel by Air – That’s Why They Cost So Much!



Do orchids fly? Do they have wings? Or do they have their own private jet? Jamie will explain how orchids fly – at least how they travel by air and how that adds to the cost of our orchids.



1:00 pm: Orchid Show Preparations Speakers: Andrea Heitfeld and John Erickson

Andrea and John will go over last minute preparations for our fantastic show that will be held February 12 & 13. You will want to attend this meeting if you are

- * entering orchids for judging,
- * donating raffle prizes, gnome gardens, or gnomes for loan,
- * volunteering to work at the show, and
- * of course, attending the show.



Andrea and John will provide the latest information concerning times to bring in your orchids, raffle prizes, etc., as well as the responsibilities of the different volunteer positions – as well as where we still need help.

PSLOS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 12-13, 2022
PSLOS “Orchid Village” Show & Sale

March 8, 2022
Repotting Workshop

April 12, 2022
To Be Determined

May 10, 2022
Annual Awards Retreat

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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 5-6 Venice Area Orchid Society Show
Venice Community Center
326 S Nokomis Avenue

Feb 12-13 Boca Raton Orchid Society
“In Love with . . . Orchids”
1790 NW Spanish River Road

Feb 25-27 Naples Orchid Society Show
Naples Botanical Garden
4820 Bayshore Drive

Mar 4-6 Martin County Orchid Society’s
“Orchid Safari”
Martin County Fairgrounds

Mar 4-6 Englewood Area Orchid Society
“Orchids to the Rescue”
6961 San Casa Drive

Mar 5-6 Tampa Bay Orchid Society’s
“Orchids by the Bay”
Tampa Scottish Rite Center

IT'S SHOW TIME!

Thanks to all our wonderful members for volunteering to help with the show!

Volunteers have stepped up to sponsor trophies, donate raffle prizes, serve as clerks, and enter gnome gardens!

We still need some volunteers to help us man the Membership Table on Sunday. Please sign up at our February meeting.

Again, thanks to all of you for your help!

Classes at the Show

John's Repotting Orchids Class
February 12: 12:00, 2:00, and 3:00
February 13: 12:00 and 2:00

Nan's Vanilla Paste Class
February 12: 1:00
February 13: 11:00

Classes will be held at the north side of the Orchid Room.

Schedule for Show Set-Up at PSLOS Botanical Gardens

Thursday, February 10, 2:00-4:00:

Loan A Gnomes, Gnome Gardens, and Raffle Prizes will be accepted.

Thursday, February 10, by evening:

Jamie Lawson must be notified by email of the names of your orchids you will be entering in the show to be judged (jimorchids@aol.com).

Friday, February 11, 12:00-2:00:

Loan A Gnomes, Gnome Gardens, Raffle Prizes, and all orchids you are entering for judging must be received no later than 2:00.

Saturday, February 12, 8:00:

All volunteers scheduled for the morning please check in by 8:00 a.m. at the Raffle Table.

Sunday, February 13, 8:00-8:30:

All volunteers scheduled for the morning please check in by 8:30 a.m. at the Raffle Table.



Raffle Prizes



If you are donating a raffle prize, EMAIL Diana Lenartiene right away and let her know the theme of your donation (for example, Family Game Night, Car Care, Fun in the Sun, etc.). We need this info to make up the signage for your donation.

Loan a Gnome



We still have plenty of room to let your gnomes run and play during the show. Lend your gnomes for our displays, and you will receive raffle tickets for the show. Remember to pick up your raffle tickets at the raffle table. (Gnomes will be returned after the show.)

Orchid Niches



Michael gave a great demonstration on how to create an orchid niche at our last meeting.

He is counting on you to create a niche and enter it in the show!

Orchid Village

Orchid Show and Sale

By Port St. Lucie Orchid Society

Saturday, February 12, 9 - 4

Sunday, February 13, 9 - 4



Spectacular Orchid Displays

- Orchid Vendors
- Orchid Supplies
- Free Workshops
- Gnome Gardens
- Raffles

Location:
Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd.

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



Make copies of the show flyer and share with your friends!

JANUARY PSLOS MEETING



In his workshop, Jamie gave us some great pointers on how to keep our orchids safe during cold weather. (Little did we realize how cold January was going to become!) He also gave us ideas on how to prep our orchids for the show.

Michael demonstrated how to create an orchid niche. He makes it look so easy! He also challenged us to fill up the niche boxes – which means we need 24 niches. Are you up to the challenge?



We had a great turn out!



Beautiful orchids for Show and Tell!

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Membership Corner
Membership Chairperson
Anne Menassian
Pslosmember@gmail.com
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Port St. Lucie, FL 34985

Happy Valentine's Day, Orchid Lovers!

Again, we are welcoming more new members this month!

Cherryl O'Brien and Joe Gannon both from Port St. Lucie joined PSLOS during the January meeting. Please welcome them to our group.



Treasurer's Report
Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Our current bank balance is \$7,393.04.

Our income includes \$220 in member dues, \$150 in trophy sponsorship, \$102 from the January orchid raffle, and \$150 in show fees.

Our expenses include \$96 storage insurance (the storage company was bought out and insurance is now a requirement), \$153 2-year AOS membership renewal, \$52 for a square credit card reader, and \$453 in show expenses.

Annual dues are \$20 individual, \$25 family
Dues for calendar year 2022 are due by January 31, 2022.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

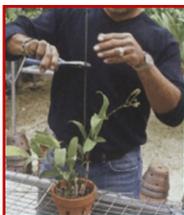
Please join me for a presentation
about Vanilla at our Orchid Show!

Bud blasting- a quick rise or drop in temperature causes a discrepancy between the outside and the inside temperatures of the flower bud, which results in the bud yellowing and dropping.



Dormancy- a rest period when orchids are not growing or blooming. In nature, this period generally occurs in the winter when temperatures drop. In the house, dormancy can be brought on by changing seasons with less light and heat, which slows the orchid's growth.

Growth period- the time where the orchid is actively growing new roots and bulbs.



Grooming - making sure that an orchid is in pristine condition before putting it on display. Involves removing dead sheaths, leaves, rotted bulbs and other debris; washing and shining leaves; and staking flowers.

Leaf polishing- making sure that the leaves look shiny for display. People have used these (usually diluted with water): mayonnaise, lemon juice, mild dish detergent, baby shampoo, vinegar, isopropyl alcohol, milk and distilled water.



Crown- the top of the leaf section of an orchid, where new leaves grow.

Tasks for February

Average high: 77.7
Average low: 60.7
Average mean: 69.1
Average rainfall: 2.07"

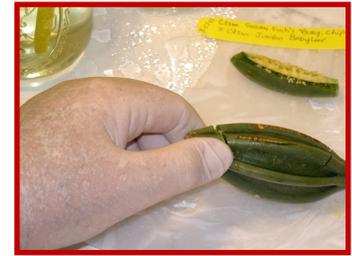


- Spread snail bait lightly and frequently (every 7-10 days for several applications.)
- Morning dew and fog can lead to Botrytis. Spray using Florida recommended fungicides or Bicarbonate of soda.
- Time to start spring potting.
- Treat for mites if necessary.

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

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

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Jamie calls this Flasking Fun!

What is orchid flasking?

Orchid flasking is the process of germinating and propagating orchids sexually from seed. Orchids seeds are placed in a sterile flask containing a growing medium (like agar in a petri dish). The name comes from the common practice of propagating orchids in-vitro in a glass (or autoclave safe plastic) flask.

Check out the January 2022 edition of our newsletter for Nan's *Orchid-abulary* article to learn more about the propagation of orchids using seed germination.

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



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 mornings
from about 8-9 am



If interested, please contact:
Jessica Beneford at jessca10chb@gmail.com



Thanks to John, Andrea, Jessica, and Dana for protecting our Orchid Room during the January cold spell!



WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Judy Wagner's Collection



Carol Farmer's Collection



Laurie Wade's Collection



Nancy Lyman

Diana Lenartiene

Diane Bryant

If you would like to share pictures of your orchids that have just bloomed, send your pictures to pslosdiane@gmail.com.

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
Orchid Village**

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Menassian
Website - Diana Lenartiene (Primary)
 Diane Bryant (Alternate)



- Individual \$35
- Family & Friends \$50

We encourage PSLOS members to consider joining the Friends of the Botanical Gardens and enjoy these exclusive benefits:

- 10% off most Gift Shop purchases
- Garden Center Member Specials
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- Members Only Events
- Members Access or Discounts on Selected Classes, Seminars & Events
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