

# Orchidelirium!

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## President's Message ~ Pam Scholey

Once again I urge you to stop by our Orchid Room. John and his crew have worked very hard making changes and adding additional orchids to our room. You may want to copy some of the unique ways they have found to display our beautiful plants. I think it is the best display in Botanical Gardens even if I do say so myself! A special thank you to Pierre (Andrea's husband) for taking a hammer and nails to create our new lattice walls. I can't wait to see flowers blooming on those walls. It will be a spectacular display of orchids.

Our annual picnic: Another huge thank you to Diana! Nobody can throw a picnic/party like Diana. Great food, fun games, raffles, silent auction and plenty of orchid friends with whom to visit. If you missed it this year, mark your calendar for next year's. An event you don't want to miss.

I, for one, am looking forward to our upcoming general meeting. We are so lucky to have Jim and Melana Davison coming to speak. They are AOS Accredited Judges and the owners of Jim-N-I Orchids. And, the best part, they will be bringing plants we can purchase. Yay! We all need more plants...right? Make sure to attend this meeting and learn some of Jim and Melana's secrets on how to grow beautiful orchids. They are wonderful speakers and happy to answer all your questions.

I hope you are all having as much fun as I am repotting, cleaning up my orchids and watching them grow. What a wonderful time of year!

See you at the meeting,  
Pam



## News from the 1st Vice President Andrea Heitfeld

We have a lot of club activity in the next couple months!

We will be participating in the Botanical Gardens "Taste of the Tropics." The event will be on June 11 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 pm. We will be having several raffles of baskets, etc., at the event, so if any members are willing to donate a basket, let me know.

Our speakers for our June 14 meeting are from Jim-N I Orchids. Plan on buying some orchids from them!

PSLOS is partnering with the Garden Center for "Hats In The Garden." The date is set for Sept. 17. There will be a \$25.00 fee for a luncheon and guest speaker from UF/FAS Ext. of University of Florida to discuss native Florida plants and orchids. The luncheon is from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We will then open to the public. We are planning to have a basket raffle! Hopefully, the basket raffle will have the same amount of participation and success as at our show. We also will conduct repotting orchids, vanilla paste, and propagation classes at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 pm. We then will have a hat parade through the gardens and will award prizes for first, second and third for the best decorated hat.

Last, but not least, our orchid show will be at the Polish American Club, April 1-2, 2023. Our theme is "Hoot loves Orchids," so we will embrace owls.

Have a great summer vacation!

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

## PSLOS June Meeting - June 14, 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: Educational Information on Orchids

Do you know everything you need to know about orchids? What additional information would you like to learn? John Erickson will provide educational information about orchids that we all would like to learn. Don't miss this session – and bring your questions.

### 1:00 pm: Jim and Melana Davison, Jim-N-I Orchids



Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Before retiring, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." When Jim retired, they opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids. They are doing the show circuit, selling their Florida grown orchids to shows in Florida including Tamiami and Redland. Recently, their daughter has joined the crew and of course, the grandkids are always helping.

Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and 5 grandchildren. They live in Homestead with 4 of their 5 grandchildren, helping to raise them.

They will be speaking on Orchids of Mexico, lots of them familiar and able to grow here very well. They will have many Mexican species on our sales table.

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

**REMEMBER THE ORCHID EXCHANGE!** One of the benefits you may not be taking advantage of at our meetings is the ORCHID EXCHANGE. It's a great opportunity to expand your orchid exchange and bring a new orchid home to nurture and enjoy! For further info, talk to Maureen Kerr.

## DEDICATION CEREMONY



*Thoughts of you forever bloom*

*Mike Bond*

*Vivian "Robbie" Robinson*



During the break between the workshop and the general meeting, a dedication ceremony will be held in the Orchid Room in honor of Mike Bond and Vivian (Robbie) Robinson.

All members are encouraged to attend this ceremony.

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



**Saturday • June 11, 2022  
8:30am to 3:00pm**



at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens  
in cooperation with the  
Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club

Our Orchid Society will be participating in the Taste of the Tropics event. We will have raffle baskets and will be providing information about our society. If you are interested in providing raffle baskets or volunteering, call Andrea Heitfeld, 772-528-1955.

**Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens and  
Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Present  
Hats In The Gardens**

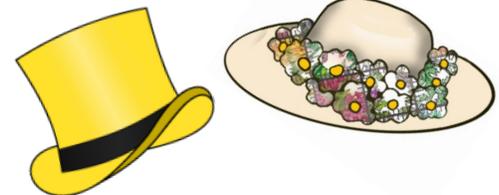
**Saturday, September 17th beginning at 11:00 AM-  
Luncheon will be served at 11:30. Speaker during  
lunch. Classes at 1:00, 1:45 and 2:30 PM followed  
by a Hat Parade in the gardens with first, second  
and third place prizes for the best decorated hat.  
There will be raffle baskets too.**

**Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance. There  
are only 65 tickets available.**



Another fun event.

More info to follow!



## PSLOS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 14, 2022  
Jim-N-I Orchids

July/August  
Summer Break

September 13, 2022  
Florida Orchid House

October 11, 2022  
Kokedama Workshop

November 8, 2022  
Annual Orchid Auction

December 13, 2022  
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11 "Taste of the Tropics"  
Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden

June 17 Orlando International Orchid Sale  
Orchids in Bloom  
Apopka, FL

Aug 5-6 International Phalaenopsis Alliance  
Symposium  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Apopka City Center

Sept 17 "Hats in the Garden"  
Port St Lucie Orchid Society and  
Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens  
\$25.00 for Luncheon/Speaker

# MAY PSLOS MEETING - PICNIC TIME



A big thanks to Diana (and her helpers) for the fantastic picnic. Great food, fun games, raffles, and silent auction!



The reigning Corn Hole Queen – Barbara Lynn!

Lots of fun visiting with orchid friends!



Great silent auction and raffle!

Our raffle netted \$154, and the silent auction netted \$82 profit.



# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



**Treasurer's Report**  
Laurie Wade  
Treasurer



Here is the Treasurer's report.

First, I would like to inform the members of the results of the audit of our financials performed by John Gauvreau, a member and also a CPA:

Please be advised that Laurie Wade and John A Gauvreau met on Wednesday May 4th, 2022 for a review of the Society's Treasury Operation.

The review encompassed a reasonability test of:

- Year end 2021 and current reconciliation of the PNC Bank statements
- The income and expenses posting log and running balances of same
- Budget review
- Record file of Income
- Record file of expenses
- Excellent Quick Book's Computer knowledge, accuracy and input

The Treasury operation is in excellent order and no need of any recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,  
John A Gauvreau, CPA Retired/RTRP

Here is the update of our expenses and income for the last month. Our picnic expense for food and drink was \$294, and we received \$292 from members for food, etc. Our raffle netted \$154, and the silent auction netted \$82 profit. John donated three orchids to the silent auction and divided a cymbidium which brought \$107 to the Orchid Room budget.

We made a deposit of \$500 to the Polish American Club for our 2023 show. Our post office box rental is \$166. Membership income from the April and May time period is \$145. Orchid Room expenses for the April and May time frame are \$140.



**Membership Corner**  
Membership Chairperson  
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The season is almost over for PSLOS...just the June general meeting to go before the summer break.

I was happy to see some of our newest members at the May Retreat at Veterans Memorial Park. There was a great turnout.

We had one new member join in the month of May...please welcome Kathy Day, a new member from Port St Lucie.

Hope to see you all at the June Meeting.

Also remember, if your membership information has changed or you need a new badge, etc., please contact me at the email address above.

# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

## Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2022 Officers and Volunteers

President - Pam Scholey  
1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfeld  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Nan Rothschild  
Recording Secretary - Diana Lenartiene  
Corresponding Secretary - Carol Farmer  
Treasurer - Laurie Wade  
Membership - Anne Menassian  
Immediate Past President - Dana DeMarco  
Trustee - Barbara Lynn - 2022  
                  Jessica Benford - 2023  
                  Diane Bryant - 2024  
PSLBG Liaison - Nan Rothschild

AOS Representative - Laurie Wade  
Show Co-Chairs - Andrea Heitfeld & John Erickson  
Noon Workshop - Jamie Lawson  
Orchid Room - Jessica Benford & John Erickson  
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr  
Newsletter - Diane Bryant & Anne Menassian  
Website - Diana Lenartiene (Primary)  
                  Diane Bryant (Alternate)  
Annual Retreat - Diana Lenartiene  
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon - Barb Lynn

### 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

May and December—Special Meetings  
Times to be Announced

#### Board Meeting

3rd Tuesday 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>

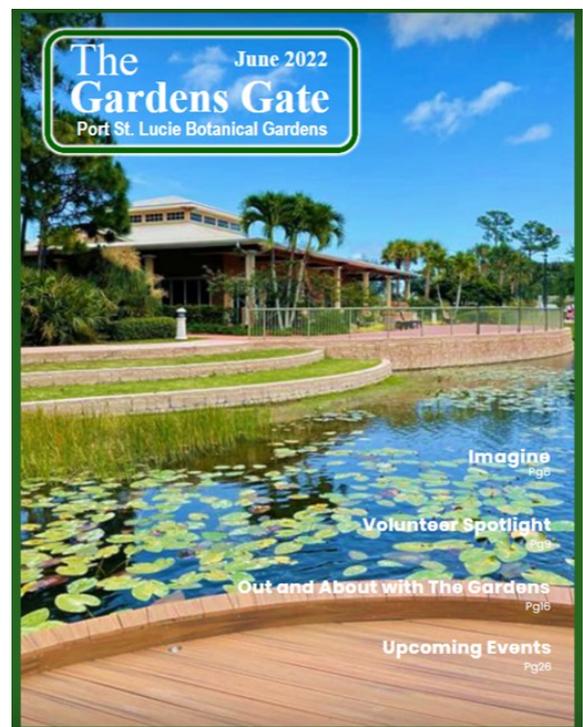
American Orchid Society  
<http://www.aos.org>

Check this out. Our orchids got a lot of press. John and Andrea also made the news! Great job to all the members who maintain our Orchid Room.

[https://issuu.com/pslbg/docs/06.2022\\_the\\_gardens\\_gate](https://issuu.com/pslbg/docs/06.2022_the_gardens_gate)

### The Gardens Gate – June 2022

The Gardens Gate chronicles the events, volunteers, and visitors to the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens in Port St. Lucie, Florida. It features articles on plant care, events and more.



# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



## *Orchid-abulary*

Brought to you by  
Nan Rothschild  
2nd Vice President

This month's Orchidabulary is  
dedicated to orchid pots.

All orchid pots should have sufficient drainage.



**Clear plastic pots** - make it easy to see roots and tell if your orchid medium is moist. They are cheap and tend to retain more water. Plastic deteriorates rapidly in the sun and may require being replaced more frequently. Clear plastic allows photosynthesis to occur. While this may be good for the orchid, it also encourages the growth of algae, weeds and ferns.

**Opaque plastic pot** - cheap, retain water, less photosynthesis occurs than clear plastic.



**Clay pots** - breathe; they are heavier than plastic, so more stable in the wind. More expensive than plastic.

**Clay orchid pots** - have large slots on the side or extra holes for aeration and drainage. More expensive than traditional clay pots.



**Azalea or bulb pots** - shallower than traditional clay or orchid pots; some orchids like this.

**Decorative or glazed pots** - don't breathe, costly. This is a consideration as they can be easily damaged during repotting. Consider using a "utilitarian" (plastic) pot and dropping it in the decorative pot for display purposes.



**More considerations:** Orchids tend to like being somewhat under potted, so base your pot size on the roots, not the foliage.

Wishing everybody a safe, happy summer- Nan

# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

## Tasks for JUNE



### June Climate Data

Average high 90  
Average low: 75.2  
Average mean: 82.4  
Average rainfall: 8.54"

- With Florida's tropical climate, outdoor plants can get plenty of water from Mother Nature. Careful watering is especially important throughout the rainy season.
- 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 with the prophylactic application of Thiophanate Methyl (Cleary's 3336) and Alliette or with Banrot.
- Clean up growing area and plants.
- Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Pull weeds.
- Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly every two weeks.
- Set air conditioning thermostat at 80 and fan on high.

*(per Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month)*

## Tasks for JULY



### July Climate Data

Average high: 90.9  
Average low: 76.5  
Average mean: 83.7  
Average rainfall: 5.79"

- Enjoy the break in rainfall and let your plants dry "hard."
- After hard drying, saturate the pots, roots, and media by watering twice two minutes apart.
- Substitute fertilizer for water with a weekly application of a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20 or 18-18-18) at two tsp. per gallon. Alternate weekly with potassium nitrate and Epson salts.
- Never water before fertilizing. Roots saturated with water cannot absorb fertilizer, but the prolonged wetness can rot your plants.
- Finish up the repotting of sympodials and the top working of vandas – this is the 11th hour for both!

*(per Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month)*

## Tasks for AUGUST



### August Climate Data

Average high: 90.6  
Average low: 76.5  
Average mean: 83.6  
Average rainfall: 8.63"

- Water as early in the morning as possible due to shorter days. If a vanda looks like it needs water, water it. If a cattleya or oncidium looks like it needs water, water tomorrow. If a paph or phal looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday.
- Finish cutting teretes and reed stem epidendrums early in month.
- Reset strap leaf vandas early or not at all.
- Dry hard once or twice.
- Continue anti-fungal spray program.
- Apply snail baste lightly twice ten days apart.

*(per Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month)*

**WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!**



Nancy Lyman



Lee Stradley



Diana Lenartiene



Andrea Heitfeld



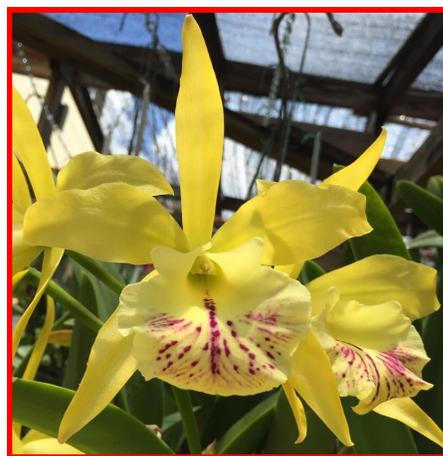
Joan Schiller



Judy Wagner



Diane Bryant



Judy Wagner



Diane Bryant

# PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM

Have you visited our Orchid Room lately? There are more 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](mailto:jessica10chb@gmail.com).



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

Advertise in this newsletter for \$50/year for 10 issues.

If interested, contact Diane Bryant at [pslosdiane@gmail.com](mailto:pslosdiane@gmail.com) or Laurie Wade at [rmush@comcast.net](mailto:rmush@comcast.net).

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**Have a great summer!**