

# Orchidelirium!

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## President's Message ~ Pam Scholey

Wow! What a show! A huge thank you to John and Andrea. They stepped up to the plate and were the best co-chairs ever! They knew just who to pick to help make our show a huge success. A special thank you to Diana, Nan, Jamie Barbara Lyn, Dana, and all the volunteers who joined with Andrea and John to help make the show a success. Last but not least, thank you to all our members who generously donated to our auction and volunteered their time to get us to the finish line. Best show ever!

Martin County's show is this weekend. Andrea and John (our Energizer bunnies) are in charge of our display. Once again, it takes a village, and we need your orchids for our Martin County display. Please let them know you have orchids to lend us. Dana and others have volunteered to transport your plants, so you need only to get them to Botanical Gardens Thursday morning. See page 3 for more details.

Looking forward to our meeting on March 8th. Jamie's class will be will on viruses. Don't miss this very important class starting at noon. Following our general meeting, our speaker will be educating us on nutrition for our orchids. This should be very informative.

Don't forget to bring an orchid for our orchid exchange. Bring an orchid and take home a different orchid. It's a great way to add a little variety to your collection.

Repotting and growing season is on the horizon. I am looking forward to spending a little quality time with my orchids. Sprucing them up definitely puts me in my happy place! I wish the same for you!

Hope to see you all March 8th



## News from the 1st Vice President Andrea Heitfeld

I personally want to thank all of the volunteers and show participants who helped make our orchid show a success.

The raffle tent was profitable, and the vendors were very pleased with their sales. John and Nan did a fantastic job with their classes. Attendees raved about the information they learned.

The speaker at our next meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> will be David Disbrow from Bio Carbon Orchid Fertilizer. He will discuss the advantages of this type of orchid fertilizer and how it compares with other orchid fertilizers on the marketplace.

We are doing a display at the Martin County show and will need your blooming orchids to participate. The show is March 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup> at the Martin County Fairgrounds. If you need transportation of your orchids for the display, Jessie, Dana, and I are willing to transport them to the Martin County Fairgrounds. In order to achieve this, you must be at the Botanical Gardens on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am. Pick up of your orchids will be at 4 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds. If you need us to deliver the orchids back to the Gardens on the 6<sup>th</sup>, please let us know.

Remember, we need orchids for the display at the Martin County show. Please email me at [tazzette55@gmail.com](mailto:tazzette55@gmail.com) if you can accommodate.

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

## PSLOS March Meeting - March 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: Orchid Viruses



What are they? How to detect? How to treat? How to prevent? Jamie will be addressing these topics, plus his helper will demonstrate how to test your orchid for viruses.



### 1:00 pm: BioCarbon Orchid Fertilizer – Speaker: David Disbrow



BioCarbon Orchid Fertilizer is made from 100% organic vegetation. David will discuss the advantages of this type of orchid fertilizer and how it compares with other orchid fertilizers on the marketplace.

**REMEMBER THE ORCHID EXCHANGE!** One of the benefits you are not taking advantage of at our meetings is the ORCHID EXCHANGE.

It's a great opportunity to expand your orchid collection. As you divide and repot your orchids, keep a division aside for the exchange. Names on these babies are appreciated of course but not mandatory. A picture of the mother plant when it was blooming would be a great alternative. So at future meetings bring an orchid for exchange and bring a new orchid home to nurture and enjoy! For further info, talk to Maureen Kerr.

**ANNUAL PSLOS PICNIC IN THE PARK:** It is that wonderful time again for our PSLOS Picnic in the Park, alias Awards Retreat. We are planning some fun activities for you and will be taking a vote at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting on how you would like the food to be managed. Sign-up sheets will be available as well.

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

### PSLOS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**March 8, 2022**  
BioCarbon Orchid Fertilizer

**April 12, 2022**  
Repotting Workshop

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



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Mar 12-13 Orchid Society of Coral Gables  
"Fairchild Orchid Festival"  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Mar 19-20 Jacksonville Orchid Society Show  
"Orchid Fantasy"  
2892 Loretto Road

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, & SHOWS



## PSLOS ORCHID DISPLAY

for the Martin County Show

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

### Tuesday, March 1

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”).

### Thursday, March 3

Bring your orchids by 10:00 to the Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL

OR

Meet Jessie, Dana, or me at 9:00 at the PSL Botanical Gardens, and we will take your orchids to the Fairgrounds.

### Sunday, March 6

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](mailto:tazzette55@gmail.com).

# FEBRUARY PSLOS MEETING



Jamie's workshop

The February meeting covered the many preparations for our fantastic (and it was fantastic) Orchid Village Show. A lot of members are involved in making our shows as well as our monthly meetings successful!

Once again in his workshop, Jamie gave a great explanation as to how orchids “fly” and how this contributes to their cost.

A big THANKS to all of you who help with our meetings and with our show!



John explained the workshop schedule for the show.



Andrea recognized Nan and Jamie for all their hard work to make this show a success!



Nan went over the duties of those members who volunteered to clerk.



Georgia laminated all our “best in show” certificates.



A big thanks to our meeting regulars who support the Orchid Exchange, Orchid Raffle, and membership table.

# ORCHID VILLAGE 2022

## PORT ST LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY RIBBON WINNERS



Christine Rodic  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
 C, Rl, or Gur\* Hybrids, less than 5", yellow/orange  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place & Best PSLOS Grower Diana Kulaga:  
 Jewel Orchid



Jessica Benford - PSLOS Orchid Room  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place & Best Cymbidium:  
 Cymbidium alliance

Nan Rothschild  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
 Dendrobium Alliance/Species



Diane Bryant  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
 Zygopetalum and Allied Genera Species & Hybrids



Carol Farmer  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
 C, Rl, or Gur\* Hybrids, less than 5", yellow/orange

Andrea Heitfield  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:  
 Paphiopedilum Hybrids, Standard Complex



Barbara Lynn  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:  
 Vanda Intrageneric Hybrids, Strap-leaf types



Diana Lenartiene  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:  
 Paphiopedilum Hybrids

\*Cattleya, Rhynocholaelia, or Guarianthe



# THE ORCHID VILLAGE 2022 INSIDE STORY



Gorgeous displays

Great judges & clerking teams



The Best-in-Show Awards!  
(Thanks, Nan, for all your hard work.)

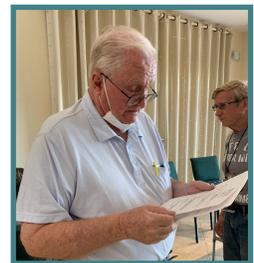


Twenty six orchid niches! Wow! Thanks to our participants, our Best in Show winner, and our judging team!



Our Gnome Garden  
Best in Show  
Winners!  
Anne Menassian  
and Pam Segal

Thirteen entries —  
thanks to all of  
you! The gardens  
were adorable.



Plant registration



# THE ORCHID VILLAGE 2022 OUTSIDE STORY



41 BASKETS & 11 GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR THE RAFFLE! Thanks to our members and sponsors for your generosity. And thanks to the many volunteers who worked our raffle tent.



Thanks to Nan and John for the repotting and vanilla paste classes. The classes were well attended and appreciated!



Thanks to Anne and our other members who worked the membership table.



And thanks to a great group of vendors!



# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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

Welcome to March PSLOS Members! Hard to believe it's almost Spring 2022!

I hope you all got a chance to visit our wonderful orchid show. We had a great turnout considering the weather. In fact, we added a total of 20 new members last month. Please welcome them.

Lynn Fort and Laurie McCarty  
 Tricia Gragg  
 Lynda and Tom Housten  
 Nora Klein  
 Annette Lockett  
 Jelena Mihaylovic  
 Lynda Nathenson  
 Lisa Payne and Amy Tse  
 Larry Roof  
 Alfred Stebbins  
 Dick and Lorann Totten  
 Karen Whitbeck  
 Maristella Wilcox  
 Jackie Young  
 Marla Ramirez  
 Vivian Lane

I will be updating the membership rolls this month removing those who have left the organization and adding new members. The new member roster will be distributed by the March meeting. Hope to see all of you there.



**Treasurer's Report**  
 Laurie Wade  
 Treasurer

Wow, what a phenomenal success our show was! Our overall profit is \$2,059.90.

We gained many new members and also had people renew/sign up at our February meeting so our membership account increased by \$555.00.

Our orchid raffle at our February meeting netted us \$125.00.

See you in March!



A Thank You from  
 Smile Train

Dear James,

I'm not going to ask you to donate, or even to forward this email to a friend. This note is about expressing our gratitude to you.

Your generosity has changed the lives of more than 1.5 million children, and I'd like to take a moment to properly recognize all you've done.

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Without your support, we could not have become the world's largest cleft organization.

Thank you again for all you do for children around the world.

Best Wishes,

**Susannah Schaefer**  
 President & CEO

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**THANK YOU!**

A Big Thanks  
 to our Show  
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# 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  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Nan Rothschild  
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2022 Show Co-Chair - Andrea Heitfeld  
2022 Show Co-Chair - John Erickson  
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# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

## Tasks for March



- Average high: 80.7
- Average low: 64
- Average mean: 72.4
- Average rainfall: 2.56"
- Repot cattleyas and other sympodials that finished blooming over the winter if you haven't already done so and the hard cane dendrobiums that need it (remember they don't like to be disturbed and like their roots crowded).
- Replant those genera which are breaking out of dormancy (e.g., catasetums, mormodes, etc.)
- Apply slow release fertilizer to last the season (Dynamite is the best.) and regular 15-5-15 fertilizer weekly thereafter.
- Slowly acclimatize sun-loving plants that have been in the shade to full sun.
- 'Tis the season for THRIPS! Orthene is the chemical of choice. Liquid dish soap (2 oz per gallon of water) is a non-chemical solution and should be applied thoroughly (water your plants the day before applying soap).

*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>

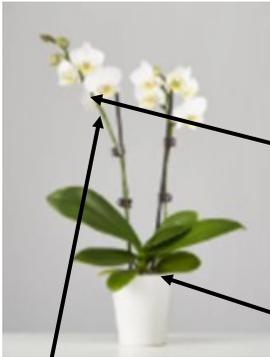
# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



## *Orchid-abulary*

Brought to you by  
Nan Rothschild  
2nd Vice President

This month's words and terms are dedicated to Phalaenopsis, the popular supermarket orchid. Many of us, myself included, succumb to the beautiful flowers during the BOGO sales at Publix in Florida.



**Phalaenopsis** - aka "Moth orchid". The name comes from the Latin word Phalaenopsis, which means moth, and opsis, which is defined as appearance.

**Inflorescence** - the complete flower head of a plant, including stems, stalks, bracts, and flowers. Phalaenopsis orchids are known for their graceful, long lasting inflorescences.

**Monopodial orchid** - has no bulb, grows continually in one direction, coming from the apex of the stem. Phalaenopsis orchids are monopodial.

**Spike** - kind of inflorescence that bears sessile flowers (flowers are attached directly without stalks).

There are many opinions about cutting spikes. I will include some from both sides here.

### Reasons not to cut:

1. You may get more flushes of flowers.
2. Less energy put out by plant to get a new spike.
3. Some species are ever bloomers or sequential bloomers.
4. It doesn't cost energy to keep the spike. It's photosynthetic.
5. More biomass= more energy. The more green plant material and roots a plant has, the better equipped it is to make flowers.
6. Don't cut if you want keikis (baby orchids).
7. Every cut is a chance to spread viruses.

### Reasons to cut:

1. If plant is stressed.
2. Plant saves energy for next spike (as you can see, the viewpoint varies here).
3. Aesthetics.
4. Unruly.
5. Turns brown.

### Is it a spike or a root?

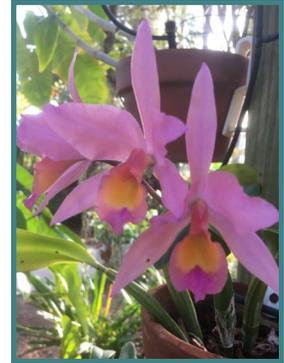
Spikes look like "mittens" or little hands and are not purely round like roots.



# PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



**BEST IN SHOW!!  
CYMBIDIUM ALLIANCE**



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](mailto:jessca10chb@gmail.com)

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



**Dana DeMarco  
Master Grower Challenge  
Congrats!**



**Diana Lenartiene**



**Jennifer Margolis**

If you would like to share pictures of your orchids that have just bloomed, send your pictures to [pslosdiane@gmail.com](mailto:pslosdiane@gmail.com).