

Orchidelirium!

Newsletter of The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
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President's Message ~

Pam Scholey
Your President

It seems the older I get, the faster time flies. I am surprised and excited to find it is November and time for our Annual Auction. Time to add a few new orchids to our growing collection. Or, how about putting a few extra dollars in your pocket by sharing your “extra orchids” with our fellow growers. Maybe just visiting with your fellow orchid growers will make you happy. Whatever your goal, the Port St Lucie Orchid Society Auction is the place to be on November 8th.

November 12th is another day to remember. Botanical Gardens will be having their Holiday Arts and Crafts show from 9 AM to 3 PM. We will have a table with raffle baskets, vanilla for sale, along with membership and orchid information. Raffle basket donations and volunteers at the table would be greatly appreciated.

November 8 Meeting Schedule:

11:00 to 12:30	Members bring orchids for auction
12:30 to 1:00	Buyer viewing
1:00 to 1:15	Brief meeting
1:15 to 3:00	Auction

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the auction. With Jamie as the auctioneer, it is always great fun!!!

Happy Orchid Growing!



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfeld
1st Vice President

Hope everyone is enjoying our slight change in the weather!

Our Kokedama class was a lot of fun and everyone who participated enjoyed it immensely. Keep those Kokedama moist by immersing them in water.

Our November meeting is our orchid auction. It's a great time to add to your orchid collection or reduce it by bringing some orchids to auction. (See page 2 for more information)

The Botanical Gardens Arts and Crafts Festival will be on November 12 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will have a table at the festival with raffle baskets, culture sheets, and membership brochures. If you can donate a raffle basket for the festival, please contact Andrea by November 9.

Don't forget the Fort Pierce Orchid Society annual show is November 26th and 27th. We need orchids in bloom for our display table. I will be at the Botanical Gardens at 9am on Friday, November 25th, to transport them to Fort Pierce if anyone needs me to. (Let me know). I will return them if need be on Monday at the Botanical Gardens – pick up anytime between 8 and 10:30 am. You can also pick them up on Sunday at the Fort Pierce show at 4 pm.

Please! We need orchids for our display. if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at tazzette55@gmail.com or call me at 772-528-1955

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS November Meeting - November 8th

PSLOS Orchid Auction

(No noon class)

The Port Saint Lucie Orchid Society's 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.

11:00 a.m. – Doors will open for members who are bringing orchids to be auctioned. No plants will be accepted for sale after 12:30 p.m. **SELLERS, PLEASE BE PROMPT!**

12:30 p.m. – Doors will open for buyer viewing of the orchids being auctioned.

1:00 p.m. – The auction will begin and goes until finished. There are no planned breaks.

BUYERS: There is no early checkout. You need to be able to stay until the end as it is too disruptive if we allow early checkouts. Thank you for your understanding.

The rules are as follows:

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

The PSLOS Auction Flyer is on page 3. Share and bring a friend!

For more info, contact Nan Rothschild, 2nd Vice President,
at rothschildn@gmail.com

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO OUR
ORCHID AUCTION!**



**Tuesday, November 8, At 1:00 p.m.
Open for buyer viewing at 12:30 p.m.**

**Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd.**

**It is fun and entertaining
AND WE ALL NEED
MORE ORCHIDS!**



For more info, email rothschildn@gmail.com



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

Winter Wonderland of Orchids

Fort Pierce Orchid Society Annual **ORCHID SHOW and SALE!**

November 26-27, 2022
Saturday 9 am-5 pm * Sunday 9 am-4 pm

We need your orchids to build the
PSLOS Orchids Winter Wonderland
entry display.

Friday, Nov 25

E-mail the name of your orchid to Diana
Lenartiene (lenartiene@hotmail.com) or
Jamie Lawson (jiorchids@aol.com) NLT
12:00 NOON.

AND

Take your blooming orchid to the River
Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive,
by 1:00 p.m. for set up.

OR

Meet Andrea at 9:00 a.m. at the Botanical
Gardens, and she will take your orchid to
the Center. Let Andrea know beforehand
that you are coming (772-528-1955 or
tazette55@gmail.com).

Sunday, Nov 27

You will need to pick up your orchid at
the end of the show on Sunday at 4:00 or
you can pick it up on Monday, Nov 28,
from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 am at the Botani-
cal Gardens.

Make sure your name is on
the bottom of the pot.

See the next page for more information
on the Fort Pierce Orchid Show and Sale.

PSLOS Annual Holiday Luncheon

December 6, 2022— 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.

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 Novem-
ber meeting. Deadline to sign up is
November 15.

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

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Barb Lynn
Holiday Party
Coordinator



PSLOS MEETINGS

November 8, 2022
Annual Orchid Auction

December 6, 2022
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's
"Orchid Obsession"
November 12-13
1790 Spanish River Boulevard

East Everglades Orchid Society Show
November 13
Banyon Pavillion at R.F. Orchids,
28100 SW 182 Ave, Homestead,

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

Fort Pierce Orchid Society present
"WINTER WONDERLAND of Orchids"
 Show and Sale
 November 26 - 27, 2022



MINI NICHE

- * Arrangement must fit in a 4" deep x 6" wide (side to side) x 8" tall NICHE and cannot touch any of the sides
- * Arrangement must be ORCHIDS with fresh green accessories (no variegated leaves) and /or natural live or dried materials
- * More than one submission is allowed
- * No food items



ART & CRAFT

- * The items can be pottery, needlework, or any craft
- * Must depict an ORCHID (±)
- * Must be original work, no copies
- * No food items
- * Please don't put your name in front of your work . Name can be put on after judging Saturday afternoon.

Additional events that you can participate in at the Fort Pierce Orchid Show!

PHOTOGRAPHY, PAINTING

- * Photography and painting must depict an ORCHID (±)
- * Must be an original work (no copies) , any medium , color or black and white
- * 8x10, 8 1/2x11 or larger
- * Must be framed and mounted to be able to hang for exhibit
- * More than one submission is allowed
- * Please don't put your name in front of your work . Name can be put on after judging Saturday afternoon.

REGISTRATION

Friday November 25, 1 p.m. until
 Saturday, November 26, 11 a.m.

Please text Blanca Rancourt at
 305-281-3335 to register or for any
 information or questions.

SHOW CHAIR HAS FINAL DECISION ON
 ADMISSION QUESTIONS

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Saturday • November 12, 2022 • 9am to 3pm
 Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Join the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens for our
Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival in and around The Gardens' Pavilion on
 Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 9am to 3pm. The Festival will feature
 all things Arts, Crafts, Plants and Jewelry. Plus we will have a food and
 beverage truck on hand for purchasing culinary delights, raffles & much more.

Explore our Unique Plant Boutique! Discover plants
 aplenty and whimsical garden art perfect for your garden!



SALE

SALE ON ALL PLANTS*

*Excluding plants with black
 sticks, plants in clay pots and orchids

**40%
 OFF**



Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

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Saturday, November 12
 Another fun event!

We will have a table at the Holiday Festival with raffle baskets, culture sheets, and membership brochures.

If you can donate a raffle basket for the Holiday Festival, please contact Andrea by November 9. (call 772-528-1955 or email tazette55@gmail.com)



OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting was busy and also a lot of fun! All who attended had a great time!



\$281.00 was raised for SmileTrain.
Thanks to everyone!

In the 12:00 workshop, Jamie showed members how to build a beautiful collection from “bits and pieces” of orchids. He also had a lot of “bits and pieces” — which were eagerly sought after — for attendees to try their own hand at building up their collection.

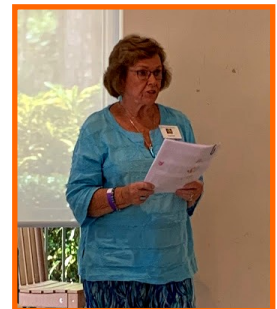


Nan Rothschild went over the rules for our orchid auction that will be held next month at our November meeting (see page 2 of this newsletter). Once again, that meeting will be lots of fun — for both sellers and buyers. Get your orchids and your pocketbooks ready!

Georgia Fowler presented the slate of officers for calendar year 2023. Since there was only one person running for each position, the election was completed by acclamation. The secretary affirmed the acclamation of the slate of officers.

The 2023 board as acclaimed:

President: John Erickson
First Vice President: Andrea Heitfeld
Second Vice President: Nan Rothschild
Recording Secretary: Diana Lenartiene
Corresponding Secretary: Dana DeMarco
Treasurer: Laurie Wade
Membership: Anne Menassian
Past President: Pam Scholey
Trustees: Jessica Benford 2023
Diane Bryant 2024
Barbara Lynn 2025



David Disbrow, from Carbon Pure, returned to give a brief presentation on the growing benefits of Carbon Pure. He also brought a limited amount of the product for purchase by members — and it went quickly!

KOKEDAMA WORKSHOP

The Kokedama Workshop was absolutely fantastic! A great time was had by all.



After watching a brief instructional video, members went to work practicing what they had learned. Andrea and John lent a hand where needed.



Just a few of the finished Kokedamas. Aren't they great!



Check out the video of the event:
<https://youtu.be/l5V14HPfC-I>

A special thanks to Andrea, John, and all the other members for their hard work in putting this event together and for cleaning up afterward.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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

Happy Thanksgiving!

We have 3 new members as of November 1st . Please welcome Gail Rounds, Stephanie Kurkjian, and Pamela Plumstead to our happy group.

Our membership is now 136.

Annual Dues for 2023 are accepted anytime through February 14. Individual Membership is \$20.00, Family Membership \$25.00



Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Hi all, here is your Treasurer's report.

Our current balance is \$8,277.36.

- We profited \$526.32 from the Hats in the Garden event.
- Jamie's noon class raised \$281.00 for Smile Train. We will send in that donation when he tells us to, probably around Thanksgiving when there is the possibility of a matching donation made by a Smile Train benefactor.
- We took in \$735 for the Holiday luncheon; 21 people signed up so far.
- The kokedama class cost \$176, and we took in \$181.
- Membership for 2023 was \$103.76 (change amount due to credit card fee).
- Our annual liability and Directors and Officers policy was \$1,424.40, and
- We spent \$153.15 for the Orchid Garden.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for November

November Climate Data

Average high: 85.4
Average low: 72.2
Average mean: 78.8
Average rainfall: 6.19"

1. Prepare for cold
2. Reduce fertilizer
3. Apply extra Potassium and Magnesium
4. Segregate dormant genera in bright dry area
5. Repot plants after flowering
6. Groom plants and flower spikes for holiday display



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

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

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH POTTING

Cracking material - This material should be put in the base of the new pot. Example: small pieces of broken terracotta pots or styrofoam packing chips (be careful not to use the cornstarch or compostable chips).



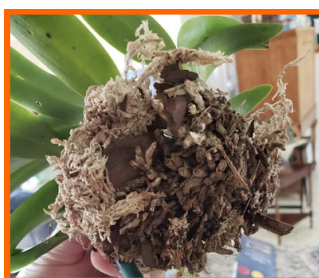
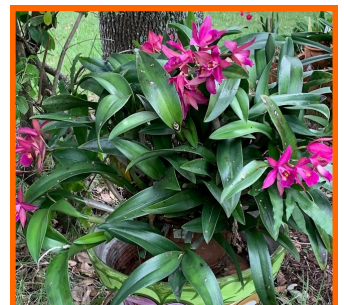
Dropping on - When a young plant doesn't need any root pruning and the growing medium is in good condition, a plant can be removed from its old pot by upturning and tapping it out. It should slide out easily and have a **rootball** (group of healthy white roots) holding the medium in place. Select a pot that is 1 inch (for immature plants) or 2 inches larger. Stand the plant on the cracking material so that the base of the new growth is level with

Repotting and dividing - This involves completely repotting the orchid; stripping out the old medium, discarding any dead roots, and removing surplus leafless or dead pseudobulbs. This can also be used to make more divisions of plant. Divisions should have at least 3 Pseudobulbs with leaves.



Surplus Pseudobulbs - One leafless pseudobulb that is green and plump can help pass food to the younger part of the plant, **but** if there are more leafless pseudobulbs, they will become a drain on the main plant and need to be removed.

Specimen plant - a large plant that you choose not to divide. Clusters of leafless pseudobulbs still need to be removed.



Plop in Pot Method - No apparent healthy roots. Remove as much of the spag and old media as possible; place it in a clean, unglazed clay pot with no media; and lightly spray the roots with seaweed spray everyday to encourage them to grow. Place it in a protected area and pot it up in the Spring.

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



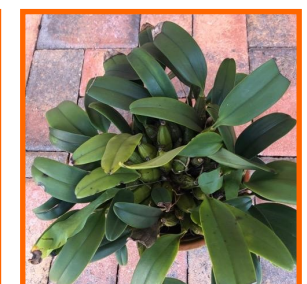
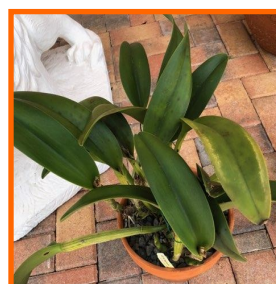
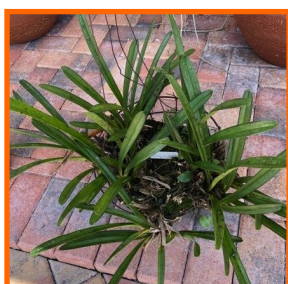
A big thank you to all the volunteers who make our Orchid Room bloom. Your hard work and love of our orchids are really appreciated.



Thanks to Linda Davies for her donation to the Orchid Room.



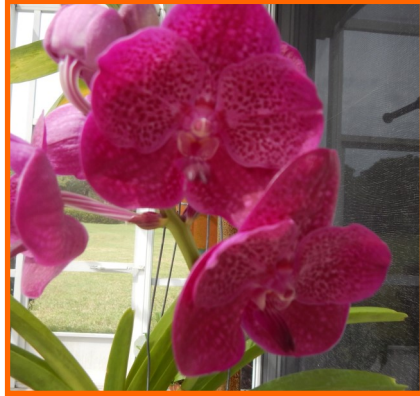
Using our imagination to display our potted orchids and our vanilla orchid.



Renee Skalet's husband Phil donated five orchids from her collection to be displayed in our orchid room. Phil was very pleased that he was able to give us a few of her precious orchids to be displayed in memory of her. *Memory Eternal*

(Editor Side Note: Renee is how I became a member of PSLOS. I attended a meeting just to get some help with an orchid. She proudly wore her "Ask Me" button – so I did! Next thing I knew my husband and I were at her home in her orchid house learning (or trying to learn) everything from "A to Z" in caring for orchids. She and Phil were gracious hosts that day as well as days thereafter. Thank you, Phil, for these orchids.)

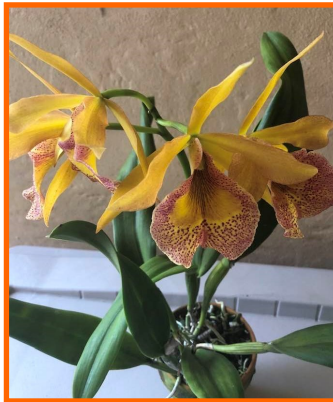
WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



From Carol Farmer's Collection



Diane Bryant



Ronnie Crawford



Jennifer Margolis



Laurie Wade



Joan Schiller



Shelly Hunsberger

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

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2022 Officers and Volunteers:

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1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfield
2nd Vice President - Nan Rothschild
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 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 - Barbara 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



Orchid Room

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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<https://www.motesorchids.com>

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Or Just Tired of the Old One!



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