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President's Message

Pam Scholey
Your President

It was wonderful to see everyone at our September General Meeting. I believe we had 48 people there. Our speaker, Tommy Matlack, brought some beautiful vandas for us to see and purchase. You know they were beautiful because he sold every single one! He also shared all his growing secrets, so we now have no excuse for our vandas being less than perfect.

Dana wants to make sure you all remember BOOtanical on October 31st, from 4 PM to 7 PM. It is expected there will be 4000 kids in costume. So, get your costumes ready and join the fun. There is nothing cuter than kids in costume looking for candy!

Don't miss this month's general meeting. The nominating committee will be presenting a slate of officers for 2022 and accepting nominations from the floor. Jamie will be holding a class on plant maintenance from 12:00 to 12:45. I always learn so much from Jamie's classes; I know you will, too. Andrea has Jim Jarvis of Jim's Orchid Supplies coming as our monthly speaker. Don't forget to come join us.

Just a reminder, we will supply bottled water, but you must bring your own snack.

Pam



Treasurer's Report

Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Our current balance is \$7894.47. Our expenditures include \$460 for a large tent for our orchid show, \$60 for raffle orchids, \$127 reimbursed to Nan for a vanilla making class at our show, \$32 reimbursed to Andrea for show supplies, and \$1,704 for 13 month rental of a storage unit. Income includes \$500 show fee, \$30 trophy sponsorship and \$40 for memberships. We took in \$132 at the raffle table and \$455 in memberships which will be deposited September 27. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October!



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President



I wanted to extend a big thanks to our September speaker, Tommy Matlack, from the "Garden of Awesome Orchids." Our October speaker is Jim's Orchid Supply; he also will be bringing orchid supplies for you all to purchase.

Our show "Orchid Village" is progressing. We purchased a 10x20 canopy tent to house our baskets for the raffle. We really need participation from our society members to create and donate a raffle basket as the raffle is a big money maker for the show.

Gnome Gardens are lots of fun to create. The rules for the Gnome Garden are in two categories — mini: Gnomes no taller than 3 inches and miniature: Gnomes no taller than 5 inches. Since Gnomes come in a set (some are sitting, etc.), the tallest Gnome in the display should fit in either category. Any Gnome Garden questions, please feel free to ask at our October meeting. Be creative ...

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS October Meeting October 12, 2021

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 Class: Prepping Orchids for the Fall

Jamie will share with us his many tips on how to prep our orchids for the fall in order to keep them healthy, wealthy, and wise!

1:00 pm – Jim’s Orchid Supplies Garden Center



Our guest speaker is Jim Jarvis from “Jim’s Orchid Supplies Garden Center.” He will be discussing the various types of pots, orchid growing media, and other supplies available and how to select what is best for your growing conditions. He also will be bringing orchid supplies for purchase.

Other Agenda Items

- 2022 Show Update
- Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2022
 - Botanical Reminder
- PSLOS Orchid Auction - November 2021
- Holiday Party Update - December 7, 2021



**Don't forget to bring orchids for the ORCHID EXCHANGE.
It's a great way to expand your collection.**



PSLOS Officer Elections

The Bylaws of the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society require that the election of officers be held at the November meeting. If you wish to serve as an Officer, or wish to nominate someone to serve, please forward your name or the name of your nominee to **Jeff Rothschild, the Nominating Committee Chairperson (jeflex@gmail.com)**. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the October meeting.

Each Officer's term is for one year, except for Trustees which is for three years. Only one Trustee position is up for election. Description of the positions and their duties can be found on our website (<https://pslos.org/pslos-bylaws>)

It is noted that the individual serving as First Vice President is desired to eventually serve in the position of President.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

BOOTANICAL 2021

BOOTANICAL
Sunday—October 31st
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
4:00-7:00 p.m.

This event provides a safe (and free) place for kids age 13 and under to Trick or Treat. Once again, the PSLOS is going to participate and sponsor a “fright sight” near our orchid room to hand out candy to approximately 4000 kids!

Want to help? All you need is to arrive in costume to help hand out candy and join the fun.

See you there!
Dana Demarco



PSLOS Annual Holiday Luncheon

December 7, 2021— 12:00 p.m.
Gator Trace Golf and County Club

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon.

This year we are asking you to 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.

The price is \$30.00 which includes your meal, tax, gratuity, and an orchid.

I will have a sign up sheet at the October and November meetings along with the final menu.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Barb Lynn
Holiday Party
Coordinator



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tamiami International Orchid Festival
October 1-3, 2021
Redland Fruit and Spice Park
18701 SW 248 Street, Homestead, FL

Selby Gardens' Annual Orchid Show
October 9 through November 28, 2021
Sarasota, FL
(See website for details)

East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale
October 28, 2021
R.F. Orchids, 28100 SW 182 Ave
Homestead, FL

Gainesville Orchid Society Show & Sale
October 23-24, 2021
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
4700 SW 58th Drive

Ridge Orchid Society Show & Sale
October 23-24, 2021
W.H. Stuart Center, 1702 Hwy 17 S
Bartow, FL

Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show & Sale
November 13 and 14, 2021
Riverwalk Center, 600 Indian River Drive

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PSLOS ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION November 9, 2021



The Port Saint Lucie Orchid 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.

The rules are as follows:

1. Only society members may offer plants for sale, but ALL buyers are welcome.
2. Usually we limit members to 20 plants for sale....due to missing a year because of COVID-19, we are allowing members to sell more (within reason, please). 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. 10% of all sales will go to the society. Checks to sellers will be provided within 30 days of the auction.
5. 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.)
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Plants will be auctioned at random. We alternate between sellers.
9. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. We take cash, check, or charge.

Looking forward to seeing you!
Nan



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IT'S SHOW TIME!



Andrea Heitfield and John Erickson, our 2022 Show Co-Chairpersons, are doing a great job in planning our 2022 Orchid Show in conjunction with the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens "Botanica." At our September meeting, they unrolled our show banner, designed by Diana Lenartiene.

Our theme for this year's show is "Orchid Village," featuring those lovable garden gnomes in their garden habitats.

Check out our new tent for the show! It will house all our raffle baskets and prizes.



REMEMBER: For a successful show, volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets are available at each meeting. Here's the breakdown of where volunteers are needed:

- ◇ Set up (Friday Feb. 11) and break down (Sunday Feb. 13) help
- ◇ Clerking (Saturday morning)
- ◇ Kids' Corner (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Greeting visitors & selling society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Selling raffle tickets (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Raffle prizes, baskets, gift certificates
- ◇ Trophy sponsors
- ◇ Raffle, prizes, gift certificates

Raffles & Sponsors

Raffles are our primary way to raise money at the show. We challenge everyone to donate a raffle basket or prize. Ask businesses and restaurants you frequent to contribute in the form of gift certificates, raffle prizes, or cash sponsorships. No gift is too small. Their gifts are tax deductible!



How Else Can You Participate?



- ◇ Enter a niche
- ◇ Enter a Gnome Garden
- ◇ Loan a Gnome to the show
- ◇ Wear a Gnome Tee at the show

Loan a Gnome

Loan your gnomes to the show, and you will be rewarded with raffle tickets for use at the show. Bring your gnomes to one of our future meetings. Details will be provided at the meeting. (All gnomes will be returned after the show.)

Create a Gnome Garden

Get your creative juices flowing and create a table top gnome garden. There are two categories – mini: tallest gnome should not exceed 3 inches and miniature: tallest gnome no taller than 5 inches. Entries will be judged and winners recognized!



Gnome Tees



Wear a specially designed gnome tee for our upcoming orchid show. By wearing one of these shirts during the show, you will be easily identified by the public – not to mention you get a really cool shirt. Check them out more closely at the October meeting and order the appropriate size for you. Light blue is \$25 and the other two are \$20 each.

Design a Niche



Use your imagination and create an orchid niche arrangement!

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
- Kids' Activities
- Raffles

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

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



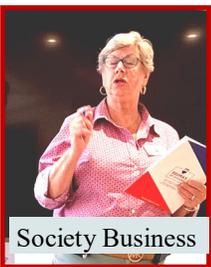
SEPTEMBER PSLOS MEETING

Our September meeting was great! Thanks to all who were able to attend.

Tommy Matlack, our guest speaker, from "Garden of Awesome Orchids" gave a terrific talk covering his secrets on growing Vandas. He also shared his special cocktail for disease control.



Jamie showed us in his class how to repot an overgrown cattleya. As usual, very educational (and he always makes it seem so easy!)



Society Business



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Orchid Auction



2022 Orchid Show



Holiday Party



Membership



BOOtanical

Our Officers and Program Volunteers brought us up to date on business matters as well as the many activities that are being planned.

And Show and Tell was Great!



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Anne Menassian
Membership Chairperson
amorcidnews@gmail.com

Happy Fall Fellow PSLOS Member!!

So great to see members at our September Meeting on the 14th. We had 48 members attend. It was a nice showing. I am happy to announce that we now have a total of 109 members.

We had 5 new members join since our last meeting – Brenda Legrange who joined in August, and Tom Capo, Vita Weir, and Enid and Horace Grant who all joined at the September meeting. Be sure to make them feel welcome at the next meeting.

I am trying to update everyone's membership information: address, phone, email etc. I will be sending each member an email with the information I have for you. Please take a minute to review your info and reply to the email as to whether it is correct or not. Supply any corrections, and I will update our records.

I am making up new badges for those who didn't get one or who have misplaced it. Email me if you need one.

Since the pandemic and the moratorium of dues for 2021, we have a clean slate for 2022. Dues for the new year, January 1-December 31, 2022 will be due by January 31. I am collecting it now for those who want to get it taken care of. You can either bring cash or check (made out to PSLOS) to one of the upcoming meetings or send (checks only) to:

PSLOS, P.O. Box 8421, Port St Lucie FL, 34985.

INDIVIDUAL DUES \$20 FAMILY DUES \$25

2022 Orchid Show Tees Available for Sale



Style 1—
\$25.00

Show tees may be ordered at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, you can order a tee by sending a check made out to

Dana DeMarco
926 SE Caravan Avenue
PSL, FL 34983

Note the style of tee wanted and the size.



Style 2- \$20.00



Style 3—\$20.00



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
 - Reciprocal Admission and/or Discounts to American Horticultural Society Member Gardens
 - Members Only Events
 - Members Access or Discounts on Selected Classes, Seminars & Events
 - And more.
- Individual \$35
 - Family & Friends \$50

<https://www.pslbg.org/membership.html>

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

Fall brings with it a host of orchid problems. Here are some of the problems that we hear about frequently.

Crown rot - disease type where the pathogen infects the host plant at the soil or medium level, girdling and killing the plant



Ringspot - viral disease symptom that exhibits chlorotic or necrotic ring patterns, with green centers, on plant tissue

Sooty mold - darkly pigmented fungi that feed on honeydew secreted by such insects as aphids, mealybugs, scales and whiteflies and thereby produce a sooty covering on leaves, stems and fruit



Leaf spot - an obvious area of diseased tissue on a leaf, variable in size, shape and color, that may be caused by various pathogens

Resupination - 180 degree twisting of a flower stalk as it develops bringing what would be the bottom of the flower to the top and vice versa



Pictures reprinted from <https://staugorchidsociety.org> (Growing Phalaenopses—What Can Go Wrong, Orchid Pests & Diseases, and Pests of Orchids) and <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/> (Viruses & Phytoplasmias).

Tasks for October

October Climate Data

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



- Space plants to increase air circulation.
- Water as early as possible in the day.
- Catasetums, mormodes, Cycnoches, calanthes and other deciduous types should be treated the same way at this time of year. Remove to an area where they will receive little if any watering.
- Harden off cattleyas, laelias, oncidiums and phalaenopsis-type dendrobiums with less frequent watering.
- Reduce general fertilizer.

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.

Remember to loan or donate unusual orchids to the Orchid Room. Contact John Erickson at erickson_326@bellsouth.net.

Times: Monday and Thursday mornings, from about 8-9 am. If interested, contact: Jessica Beneford at jessca10chb@gmail.com



WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Maureen Kerr



Diana Lenatiene



Michael Ortseifer's Garden



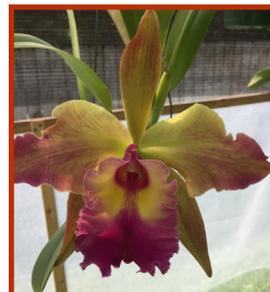
Kelly Smith



From Gilda Gomez' Garden



From Joan Schiller's Collection



From Jamie Lawson's Garden



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 Barbara Lynn - 2022
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2022 Show Co-Chair - John Erickson
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 Menassian
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 Diane Bryant (Alternate)
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
Food Set Up/Picnic Coordinator - Diana
 Lenartiene

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

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>

Martin Motes FL Orchid Care Website

<https://www.motesorchids.com>

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