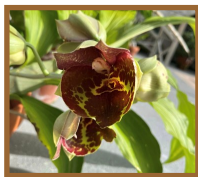


# Orchidelirium!

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## President's Message ~

**Pam Scholey**  
Your President



## 1st Vice President Message

**Andrea Heitfeld**  
1st Vice President

Seeing everyone at our September meeting was wonderful! Looking forward to seeing you all in October.

Andrea has planned a fun meeting learning how to do Kokedama. For this meeting, Jamie will have his class from 12:00 to 12:45. We will have a 15 minute break, a short general meeting, and then time for the Kokedama class. We will not have show and tell or the orchid exchange.

To be respectful to our future speakers, the board voted to allow our speakers to begin at 1:00. After they are done, we will begin our general meeting. That way, the speakers do not have to wait on us to complete our meeting.

It is that time of year again. We will be presenting a potential board of directors at our next meeting. You may nominate yourself or another member by emailing Jeff Rothschild at [jeflex@gmail.com](mailto:jeflex@gmail.com). If you nominate someone else as a candidate, please check with that person first to be sure they want to run. You are also welcome to make nominations from the floor at the October meeting. A little new blood is always welcome, and we would love to have you volunteer for a position on the board. We vote in November, and the board will be sworn in during our holiday luncheon.

Hope all your orchid are blooming.

Mother Nature can be cruel at times! Hopefully our orchids will survive all the rain that has come among us. Thoughts and prayers to all affected by Hurricane Ian.

At our October meeting we will have a Kokedama class (Japanese Moss Ball). Kokedama is a century old Japanese form of garden art that is closely tied to the practice of bonsai. The cost will be \$5.00. This will include the twine and sheet moss and bowl. Participants need to bring a small orchid to create the Kokedama. Please email me if you will be participating in the class ([tazzette55@gmail.com](mailto:tazzette55@gmail.com)) so I will have the exact amount of supplies available .



Hats in the Garden was a huge success and a lot of fun. Thank all of you who pinched in and helped with the event.

Alot of our members were asking about how to purchase the carbon fertilizer. David Disbrow will be at our October meeting with the fertilizer to sell. We have seen benefits using it in our Orchid room; orchids love it.

Hope you all survived Hurricane Ian with minimal or no damage. The damage on the west coast and in central Florida is almost beyond belief. Our thoughts and hearts are with all of those who suffered the devastating path of Ian.

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

## PSLOS October Meeting - September 11, 2022

**NOTE:** Because of Covid concerns, masks are encouraged. Lunch will not be served, but you may bring a snack if you wish. Our workshop will be held in the kitchen from 12:00 to 12:45, with the meeting to follow starting at 1:00 in the general meeting room.



### Noon Class: Bits and Pieces!

Jamie Lawson will discuss how to build a nice collection of bloomers from “bits and pieces”!



### 1:00 pm – Kokedama Class

At our October meeting we will have a Kokedama class (Japanese Moss Ball). Kokedama is a century old Japanese form of garden art that is closely tied to the practice of bonsai.

The cost will be \$5.00 which will cover the cost of the twine and sheet moss and bowl.

Participants need to bring a small orchid to create the Kokedama. A limited number of small NOID dendrobiums will be available at a cost of \$6.00 for those who don't have a small orchid to bring.

Please email me by Friday, October 7, if you will be participating in the class so I will have the exact amount of supplies available ([tazzette55@gmail.com](mailto:tazzette55@gmail.com)).



- 2023 Show Update
- Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2023
- PSLOS Orchid Auction - November 2022
- Holiday Party Update - December 6, 2022

**NOTE:** Because time will be primarily devoted to the Kokedama class, there will be no orchid exchange, show and tell, and orchid raffle.

## ANNUAL OFFICER ELECTION

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](mailto: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

## PSLOS ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION November 8, 2022



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. Members may bring up 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. 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



# MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



**Fort Pierce Orchid Society Annual  
ORCHID SHOW  
and SALE!**  
**November 26-27, 2022**  
Saturday 9 am-5 pm \* Sunday 9 am-4 pm

**\$4 ADMISSION**  
\$1 OFF with This Flyer  
"Bring a Friend"

**Kid's Coloring Contest!**  
Prizes for best coloring

at River Walk Center  
600 N. Indian River Dr.,  
Ft. Pierce, FL  
Rita2zfpos@gmail.com



Start planning ahead!  
We will need your orchids for the  
PSLOS orchid display.

## PSLOS MEETINGS

November 8, 2022  
Annual Orchid Auction

December 6, 2022  
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

Remember to start planning for the  
PSLOS orchid show!



**"Hoot Loves Orchids"**  
April 1-2, 2023

## 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 are 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 October and November meetings. 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



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Redland International Orchid Festival  
October 7-9  
Redland Fruit & Spice Park  
Homestead, FL

Gainesville Orchid Society  
"Orchids in the Garden"  
October 22-23  
4700 SW 58th Dr, Gainesville

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

Fort Pierce Orchid Society  
"Winter Wonderland of Orchids"  
November 26-27  
River Walk Center

# SEPTEMBER MEETING

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



In the 12:00 workshop, Jamie gave us great hints on how to identify, prevent, and control fungus and bacteria. For many problems, Jamie uses simple household items such as Clorox, hydrogen peroxide, and cinnamon.

Jamie also referred us to Sue Bottom's article "Orchid Disease Control Part 3: [https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/OrchidDisease Control-FungicidesbySue Bottom.pdf](https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/OrchidDisease%20Control-FungicidesbySueBottom.pdf)



Here is the link to Jamie's presentation:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ1t4eH4nHY>

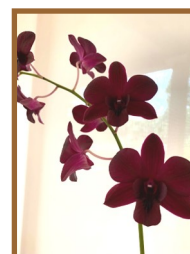
Ti from Florida Orchid House gave a very informative presentation on bifoliate cattleyas, their care, and propagation. Attendees agreed that we learned a lot!

Plus Florida Orchid House brought a nice selection of orchids for members to buy which was enjoyed by all!

Here is a link to Ti's presentation:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AQVGD4xPfu>



Show and Tell was great!



Say "hi" to Hatty!



I hope you didn't miss the premiere of "Hats In The Garden" on Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at the PSLBG. So much fun! I was one of the people at the check in desk -- check off your name, which entrée for your lunch selection, and answer any questions about the event. As we are about to start, a participant walks in with a tiny kitten in her arms. When she pulled into the parking lot and was getting out of her car, she heard loud meowing coming from under her car hood. Perplexed, she opened her hood and there was the panicky kitty. One of my co-workers (and animal lover) Barbara Lynn took the distraught kitten and tried to calm her down by talking to her softly, walking around, and gently petting her. Now what? What to do? Call animal control? Is there a cat rescue nearby? Asking people there - do you want a kitten? There is a happy ending. Barbara Lynn makes a phone call. The cat is picked up and taken to her home. She told herself temporary solution - but you guessed it. She's keeping the 4 week old kitten. Her name is Hatty, and she has a forever home.  
—Dana DeMarco

# HATS IN THE GARDENS

“Hats in the Gardens” sponsored by the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens and the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society was a fantastic day.



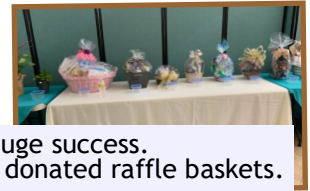
The luncheon was great! Thanks to Barb, Jackie, Diana, and Andrea who volunteered to serve.



Thanks to Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo for being our guest speaker.



Our raffle was a huge success. Thanks to all who donated raffle baskets.



And then the Hat Parade! Look at all those fantastic hats. A big thanks to all the attendees for making our HATS in the Gardens so much fun!

Even Pearl dressed up the occasion!



Our Certificate Winners! Wackiest, Most Sophisticated, & Best Garden Theme



Workshops ended the day!

A special thanks to all the PSLBG and PSLOS volunteers who worked so hard to make this day such a success!

# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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

It was great to see so many members at September's General Meeting. Three new members joined since our last meeting. Please welcome to our great group the following new members:

- Tammy Walkoff
- Gracita Beausejour and Vanessa Majors

Our total membership is now 133.

A few members asked about dues at the meeting, so I would like to assure everyone that all dues for FY 2022 have been paid. Dues for FY 2023 are not due until January but can be paid at any time.

Individual dues are \$20.00/yr      Family dues are \$25.00/yr

I would like to thank Dianne Jenkins and Maristella Wilcox for volunteering to help with Membership duties. Anyone else who would like an easy way to help the society is welcome to join us. Email or text me if you have any questions or would like to help.



Laurie Wade  
Treasurer

Hello all, here is the treasurer's report.

Our current balance is \$8,562.91. I am unable to report on the profit made at the Hats in the Gardens event until the Botanical Gardens closes their books at the end of the month. We made \$99 profit from the orchid raffle at our September meeting, \$45 in dues. Our speaker fee was \$200, and we purchased \$100 in orchids for the raffle table.

# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

## Tasks for October

### Fall Climate Data

Average high: 89.0

Average low: 75.7

Average mean: 82.4

Average rainfall: 8.38"



- Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Water only when truly necessary.
- 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.
- Clean up growing area and plants. Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly early in the month and again lightly mid-month.

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

For further information specific to different orchid genera, go to

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/september-october-checklist.aspx>

# ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



## Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by  
Nan Rothschild  
2nd Vice President

## Light Levels for Orchids



**In sufficient light** is the primary reason orchids don't bloom, but too much **sudden light** can cause **leaf sunburn**. Most orchids require some protection from noontime sun.

The intensity of light needed by an orchid depends on the type of orchid. Here are some suggestions for some common types:

<u>Phalaenopsis</u>	500-1500 foot candles	shady, eastern exposure is best, no direct sun after 10 AM or before 3 PM
<u>Cattleyas</u>	2000-4000 foot candles	bright, southern exposure, dappled light, protect from midday sun.
<u>Dendrobiums</u>	1500-5000 foot candles	
<u>Oncidiums</u>	2000-3000 foot candles	medium bright, somewhat less than cattleyas, southern exposure, protect from midday sun
<u>Brassia</u>	2000-3000 foot candles	
<u>Paphiopedilum</u>	1000-2000 foot candles	
<u>Vandaceous</u>	4000-6000 foot candles	very bright, southern exposure, dappled light under trees or pool enclosures, protect from direct noon-time sun

**What is a foot candle?** A foot candle is defined as a measure of light intensity; 1 fc is enough light to saturate a 1 foot square with 1 lumen of light. Unobstructed sunlight can provide 10,000 fc; overcast sunlight - 100 fc. A sensitive light meter can read foot candles.

If you do not want to invest in one, there is a less accurate, inexpensive hand method. Hold your hand 8 to 10 inches away from a piece of white paper in the area you want to test.



FILTERED LIGHT  
4000-5000 fc

Light Intensity	Foot Candles	Hand/Paper
Intense	4000-5000	You can see a clear outline of your hand.
Very bright	3000-4000	Soft-edged outline of hand
Bright	2000-3000	Blurred outline of hand
Low	1000-2000	Hard to see outline



SHADY BRIGHT  
2000-3000 fc



FULL SHADE  
1000-2000 fc

Photos reprinted from Light and Orchids by Bill Gourley, May 23, 2010 Keiki Club,  
<https://www.staugorchidsociety.org/>



# PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



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



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\\_236@bellsouth.net](mailto:erickson_236@bellsouth.net).



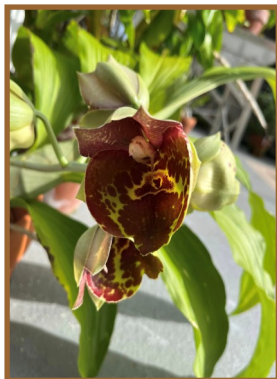
# WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



From Barbara Lynn's Collection



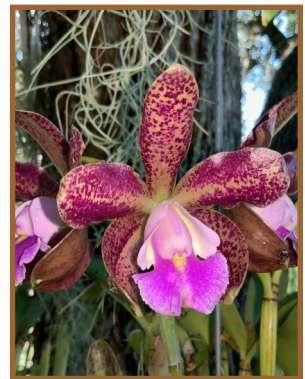
From Jennifer Margolis' Collection



Lee Stradley



Diane Bryant



Nancy Lyman

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

## 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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                  Jessica Benford - 2023  
                  Diane Bryant - 2024  
AOS Representative - Laurie Wade  
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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>

Martin Motes FL Orchid Care Website

<https://www.motesorchids.com>

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