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President's Message ~

Pam Scholey
Your President

Come one, come all! We are very excited, once again, to begin having our monthly meetings. The first general meeting of this year will be on September 14th. Jamie will be giving a class on repotting overgrown cattleya from 12:00 to 12:45. Our speaker will be Tommy Matlack who has a vast knowledge of growing Vandas. He will be bringing plants to sell. We are looking forward to getting together and learning new tricks for growing exceptional orchids.

A couple of changes: We will no longer have the 50/50 raffle, but we will have orchids for our regular raffle. We also will not be serving food, so please remember to bring a snack/lunch if you desire. We will supply bottled water. Also, we are requesting you wear a mask. If our monthly speaker is not going to sell plants, members are encouraged to bring plants they wish to sell.

Andrea & John will be updating us on the plans for our upcoming show. They and their committee have done a wonderful job. I can't wait for you to see what they have accomplished!

We will be updating you on plans for Bootanica (Dana), November Auction (Nan) and Holiday Celebration (Barbara Lynn).

Don't forget to bring your show and tell plants!

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone!

Pam



Treasurer's Report

Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Our current balance as of our August board meeting is \$9,395.10. Expenditures since May include our annual post office box rental, payment to the American Orchid Society to register our upcoming show and a trophy fee (judges are supplied free of charge; they volunteer), expenses for our May picnic, and several purchases for our upcoming show. Income received includes three 2022 vendor show deposits, membership fees (from 3) and trophy sponsorships (from 2). See you all at the September meeting!



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President

We are excited to see all our members returning for our September meeting. Our guest speaker is Tommy Matlack, "Garden of Awesome Orchids." He is a local grower in the Stuart area. He will share his special cocktail for disease control in Vandas.

We will also have a lot of news regarding our Orchid Village show to share with all of you. The Gnomes live among us mostly unseen until now! This peace loving bunch will explore the world of Orchids with love. Gnome World debut coming in February.



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS September Meeting September 14, 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: Repotting Cattleyas

The past year has impacted all of us in one way or another – and perhaps our orchid care also. Our very own Jamie Lawson will demonstrate how to repot those cattleyas we may have neglected.



1:00 pm – Welcome to the Garden of Awesome Orchids

Our guest speaker is Tommy Matlack from “Garden of Awesome Orchids.” He is a local grower in the Stuart area. He will share his special cocktail for disease control in Vandas. He also will bring orchids to sell.

(Because the speaker is bringing orchids to sell, members are not allowed to bring orchids to sell at the meeting.)



Other Agenda Items: Getting Ready for the 2022 Show

Learn about:

- our show t-shirts,
- our gnome garden competition,
- And how to invite your gnomes to the show!

(See more info on our 2022 Show page 4.)



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

BOOTANICAL 2021



BOOTANICAL HALLOWEEN IS BACK!

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 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 MEETINGS

October 12, 2021
 Topic To Be Determined

November 9, 2021
 PSLOS Orchid Auction

December 2021
 PSLOS Holiday Party
 Date & Time To Be Determined

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

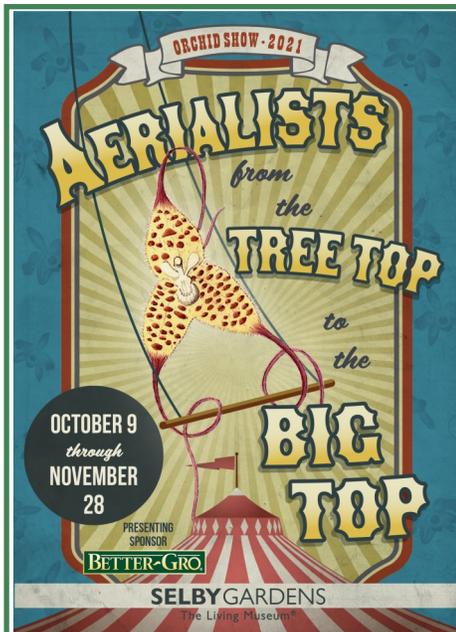
Tampa Orchid Club Expo
 September 25-26, 2021
 USF Botanical Gardens, 4202 E Fowler Avenue

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

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

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

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



Selby Gardens' Annual Orchid Show
 October 9 through November 28, 2021

Selby Gardens' annual Orchid Show brings together two of Sarasota, Florida's most renowned legacies —orchids and the circus. Presented in collaboration with the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art (The Ringling), *The Orchid Show 2021: Aerialists from the Tree Top to the Big Top!*, is presented by Better-Gro®, celebrates the breathtaking beauty of orchids in tree-top canopies high above the forest floor with the artistry and spectacle of the circus.

Learn more here:
<https://selby.org/the-orchid-show-2021-aerialists-from-the-tree-top-to-the-big-top-in-collaboration-with-the-john-and-mable-ringling-museum-of-art-and-presented-by-better-gro/>

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



IT'S SHOW TIME!

Thanks to Andrea Heitfield and John Erickson, our 2022 Show Co-Chairpersons, we are on the road to having a great 2022 Orchid Show in conjunction with the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens "Botanica." Also, thanks to Andrea and Diana for the wonderful banner design.

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

For a successful show, volunteers are needed. More information will be coming in future meetings but be thinking about how you can contribute, for example:

- ◇ Set up (Friday Feb. 11) and break down (Sunday Feb. 13) help
- ◇ Kids' Corner (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Volunteers to greet visitors & sell society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Trophy sponsors
- ◇ Raffle prizes, baskets, gift certificates
- ◇ Niches (need members to sign up)
- ◇ Raffle sale— Saturday and Sunday

AND SOMETHING NEW:

- ◇ Gnome Garden competition (need members to participate)
- ◇ Visiting Gnomes (on loan)

Gnome Tees



Here's your chance to have a specially designed gnome tee for our upcoming orchid show. By wearing one of these shirts during the show, members will be easily identified by the public – not to mention you get a really cool shirt. You'll be able to check them out

more closely at the September meeting and order the appropriate size for you. Light blue is \$25 and the other two are \$20 each.

Gnome Garden Competition

Get your creative juices flowing and create a table top gnome garden (gnomes are not to exceed 4" in height). Entries will be judged and winners recognized!



Visiting Gnomes (on loan)

Are your garden gnomes feeling left out? Do they want to be in the show?

Lend your gnomes for 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 September meeting. (All gnomes will be returned after the show.)



Raffles & Sponsors

Raffles are our primary way to raise money at the show. We challenge each of you to donate a gift basket. Start asking 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!



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.psls.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PSLOS/>



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Anne Menassian
Membership Chairperson
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Welcome back PSLOS Members. It's been a long time, no see! Can't wait until the first meeting since the pandemic set in.

Since my last report we have two new members. Please welcome: Brenda DeGrange of Port St. Lucie, and Jim Jarvis (owner of Jim's Orchid Supplies), Fort Pierce.

We now have a total membership of 103.

I would like to remind you that dues for the 2021–2022 are due by January 2022.

You can pay your dues in person at the membership table during each meeting starting this September, or you can mail to: PORT ST LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 8421, PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34985.

Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families.

2022 Orchid Show Tees



Style 1—\$25.00
PSLOS Show

If you are unable to attend the September meeting, you may still order a tee. Send your 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
The Garden Gnome



Style 3—\$20.00
Live Life in Full

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE

Tasks for September

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.

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

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

Scale - sucking insects that attach to the underside of leaves, in leaf axils, on pseudobulbs, and on rhizomes. They're often hidden under old leaves and pseudobulb sheaths. Severe infestations cause chlorotic areas to appear on the leaves and plant surfaces, which will yellow and may darken and cause leaves to drop prematurely.



White boitsuval scale - bane of cattelman growers; mature males form cottony white masses while mature females lay their eggs under whitish circular shields.

Hard scale - an armored scale that forms a brown conical structure.



Chlorosis - leaves produce insufficient chlorophyll and become yellow or whitened. (Photo reprinted from <https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/LeafSpottingFungi-Part1-NewAnthracnosebySueBottom.pdf>)

Mealy bugs - sucking insects that can attack any part of plant, but tend to be at the junction of leaf and stem. Causes chlorotic areas and premature leaf drop.

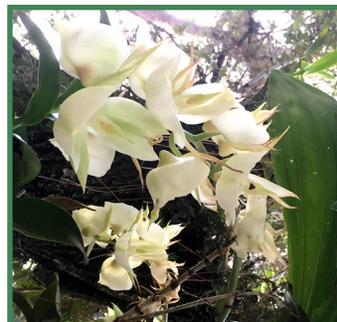


Thrips - very small sucking insects that feed on flowers and occasionally leaves. Can transmit disease. Infested buds may not open and flowers can be deformed, exhibiting water soak spots. Leaves may appear pitted, stippled, silvery, or bleached.

Spider mites - are not insects but part of the arachnid (spider) family. They feed on the underside of leaves. Leaves may get webbing or brown splotches.



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!



From Gail Mathews' Garden

From Lee Stradley's Garden



Hellen Wagner

John Gauvreau

From Nancy Lyman's Collection

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



From Judy Wagner's Collection

Diana Lenartiene



From Carol Farmer's Collection

Maureen Kerr



From Gilda Gomez' Garden

Barbara Lynn



From Jennifer Margolis' Garden

Joan Schiller



From Jamie Lawson's Garden

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2021 Officers and Volunteers:

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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>
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<http://www.aos.org>
Martin Motes FL Orchid Care Website
<https://www.motesorchids.com>

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Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

General Meeting Starting in September 2021

2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:00 PM
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden

Speakers, Classes, Show and Tell, Raffles,
Orchid Exchange, Refreshments and more

Board Meeting Starting in August 2021

3rd Tuesday of the month, 12:30 PM
Port Saint Lucie Botanical Garden
All members are welcome at Board Meetings.

Have a great summer!

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