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President's Message ~

Pam Scholey
Your President



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President

Welcome Back!

I am so excited to be back and getting to see your smiling faces. I hope you all had a fun filled, relaxing and healthy summer!

I am extremely excited about Hats In The Garden. It's the big "happening" on September 17th at Botanical Gardens, starting at 11 AM. See the flyer in this newsletter for all the fun details. A special thank you to Andrea and her committee. They have worked very hard putting this together.

Our first general meeting will be Sept 13th. Jamie's class, beginning at noon, will be on fungus and orchid diseases. As always, Jamie will have us well educated by the time his presentation is done. I will certainly find this subject very useful.

Following a short break, we will have Florida Orchid House speaking on Vandas. They will be supplying our raffle plants and will have plants to sell. This should be a great meeting. Don't miss it! Who doesn't love a beautiful Vanda?

Our Board of Directors meeting will be September 20th, 12:30, at Botanical Gardens. You are more than welcome to come and share ideas. We would love to see you there!

Don't forget our Orchid Exchange. Bring one and take a new one home. What a great way to grow your collection.

May all your orchids be blooming!

Pam

This hot summer is almost over, and fall is around the corner. We have a lot of events coming up - so mark your calendars



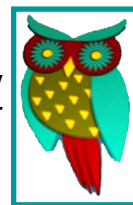
Hats In the Garden is on September 17th. We have some tickets still available. Think about joining in — its going to be a HOOT.

Fort Pierce Orchid Society has their show November 26 and 27th. The theme is "Winter Wonderland."



Martin County Orchid Society has their show scheduled for March 3rd thru the 5th, 2023, and the theme is "Orchid Express."

Last, but not least, our PSLOS show is April 1st and 2nd, 2023. Our theme is "Hoot Loves Orchids."



The speaker for our September meeting on the 13th is from the Florida Orchid House. The nursery is located in Myakka City, Florida. The presentation will be on Vandas, and they will bring orchids to purchase.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Andrea

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

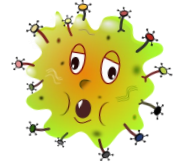
PSLOS September Meeting - September 13, 2022

NOTE: Because of Covid concerns, masks are encouraged. We will have pizza for lunch. Our workshop will be held in the main room from 12:00 to 12:45 to accommodate social distancing, with the meeting to follow starting at 1:00.



Noon Class: Fungus, Bacteria, & Orchids!

Jamie Lawson will discuss the scary topic of fungus and bacteria – how to identify, how to treat, and how to prevent!



1:00 pm – Welcome to Florida Orchid House

We are a certified nursery located in Central Florida with focal points set on distinctive, uncommon species and new hybrids. We founded Florida Orchid House Nursery with a goal in mind - growing exotic beautiful plants and providing a reliable way to make our plants accessible to hobbyists and growers across the States. Our passion has driven us from the beginning and continues to drive us into the future. We know that every plant counts and strive to make your entire shopping experience as rewarding as possible.



Henry and Ti

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

REMEMBER THE ORCHID EXCHANGE! The Orchid Exchange is a great opportunity to expand your orchid collection! For further info, talk to Maureen Kerr.

Join the fun on September 17 - Hats In the Gardens!

Tickets are still available – call Andrea at 772-528-1955. Make checks out to PSLOS.

HATS
In The Gardens

Presented By:
PSLBG and the Orchid Society
Join Us For Lunch with a guest speaker,
Free classes to the public, Hat Parade with prizes
for the best decorated hats,
Basket raffles

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
11 Am–3 PM (Luncheon @ 11:30)
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
Luncheon Tickets - \$25
Only 65 Luncheon Tickets Available
All Other Activities Are Free

Create Your Best Hat
And Win A Prize
Contact Andrea Heitfeld 772-528-1955

Hats
In The Gardens

Schedule of Classes

1:15 PM - Vanilla Paste from Orchids with Nan Rothschild
2:00 PM - Repotting herbs with Garden Center Staff
2:45 PM - Repotting Orchids with John Erickson

All classes are free to the public.

Our best income has been from our basket raffles, so we are asking members to please donate a basket to be raffled at this activity. If you are able to donate a basket, please let Andrea know at 772-528-1955.

Remember: If you don't have a ticket for the luncheon, you can still join in the fun as all other activities are free.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS MEETINGS

October 11, 2022
Kokedama Workshop

November 8, 2022
Annual Orchid Auction

December 13, 2022
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Ridge Orchid Society's Diamond Jubilee
"60 Years of Orchids"
September 17 - 18, Bartow, FL

Tampa Orchid Club Expo
September 30 - October 1
USF Botanical Gardens

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



**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.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.
Register now and view on your time schedule.

Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

When	Sept. 13, 2022	Sept. 19, 2022	Oct. 05, 2022
	8:30pm EDT Tuesday	8:30pm EDT Monday	8:30pm EDT Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos & Questions by Sept.10</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i> The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas	Those Amazing Masdevallias Compact cuties, species and culture
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee Accredited AOS Judge, President COC	Sandra Svoboda AOS Judge, AOS Past President, Orchid Digest Editor

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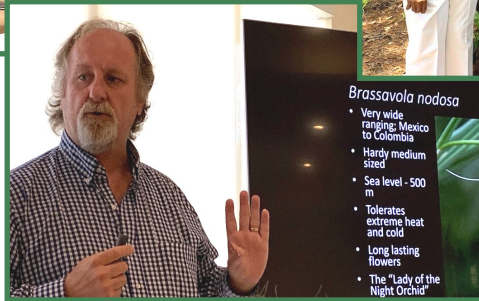
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JUNE MEETING & ACTIVITIES

June 14 - PSLOS General Meeting

We had a busy June meeting. In the educational workshop, John filled us in on everything about orchids that we would like to know. Jim Davidson from Jim-N-I Orchids presented a slide show on the Orchids of Mexico, many of which we can grow here. He and Melana brought a number of orchids for members to buy, and they went quickly.

During the break, a dedication ceremony was held in the Orchid Room in honor of Mike Bond and Vivian (Robbie) Robinson. Barbara Robinson also donated a Dendrobium Muschatam for the Orchid Room. Here is a link to the ceremony: <https://youtu.be/QcG7QiUf8Mk>.



Andrea discussed plans for our 2023 show and introduced us to a few owls made by Nan. "Hoot Loves Orchids" will be our theme.

Dana welcomed members to our meeting.



at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
in cooperation with the
Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club

A big thanks to John, Laurie, Diana, and Andrea who represented PSLOS at the Botanical Gardens' Taste of the Tropics which was held June 11. Fundraising activities included a raffle table and donations for plants from the Orchid Room.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



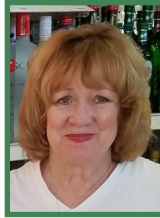
Anne Menassian
Membership Chairperson
amorcidnews@gmail.com

Hello PSLOS members,

I can't believe that autumn is quickly approaching.

Our membership continued to grow over the summer. Tammy Walkoff from Port Saint Lucie joined in late June. Please welcome her to our group. Our total membership is now 133 members.

If you need a new Membership badge or anything else from me, please contact me at the email address: pslosmember@gmail.com.



Laurie Wade
Treasurer

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer!

Here's an update on our finances.

Our current balance is \$8,911.39. Our income and expenses since our last meeting were a profit of \$68 from our June orchid raffle and \$40 in 2022 membership. Our expenses were \$250 speaker fee, \$100 for raffle orchids, \$84 in supplies for new member bags, and \$208 for our orchid garden supplies.

See you September 13!



Renee Skalet



Bc Bubbie's Quinn

Rlc Renee Green Eyes
XOXO
Blc Waianae Leopard x
B cucullata



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of member Renee who passed away August 10th. Photos are orchids named by Renee – Bc Bubbie's Quinn after her granddaughter and Rlc Renee Green Eyes XOXO.

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

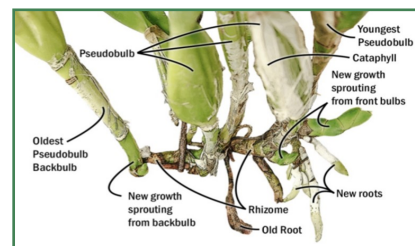


Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

There are many ways to **propagate** (reproduce) orchids. For the average hobbyist, **vegetative propagation** is usually the easier choice.

One kind is by **division**. This is best with **sympodial** orchids which grow horizontally along the rhizome, e.g., cattleyas, dendrobiums and oncidiums. (Picture from Sue Bottom's article "Plant Parts and Why They Matter," <https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/>)



Simple division - You can cut a plant into 2 or more divisions during the repotting process. The front lead is usually considered to be the most valuable, but the back bulbs can also form new growth from dormant eyes.

Pseudobulbs growing out of the pot - You can either cut off the new growth if it has at least 3 pseudobulbs or you can attach another pot filled with medium and let the new overgrowth become established in the adjacent pot before you sever the rhizome.



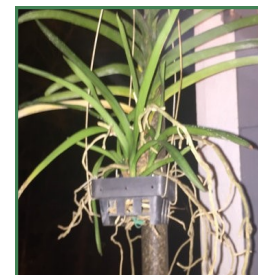
Another way is with **keikis** which are little plantlets:

Dendrobiums tend to keiki along nodes of canes. When roots are 2 inches long, they can be removed and potted.



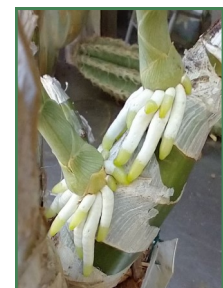
Phalaenopsis sometimes keiki on a flower spike. You may be able to bend this spike and sit the baby plant in another pot while still attached to the mother until it can be severed and survive on its own.

Vandas often keiki at the base of a mother plant, especially if the mother plant has lost its lower leaves and looks like a palm tree. Don't sever until it has at least 3 roots.



Oncidinae grow keikis at the top of pseudobulbs. They can be potted once they have enough roots to support the new plantlet.

Catasetinae can sprout keikis from one of the nodes along the pseudobulbs which then can be potted up once roots are a couple of inches long.



PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



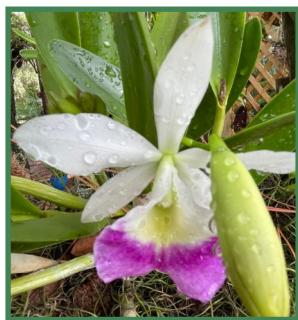
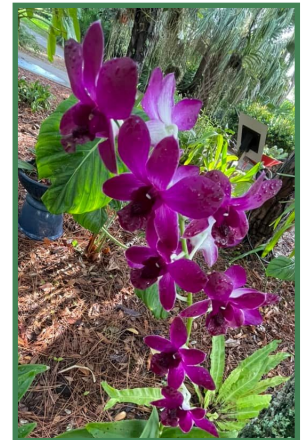
New Orchid Room Signage



Sit.

Enjoy the peace and beauty of the garden.

Brand new bench installed at the PSLBG and situated perfectly to enjoy a view of our orchid room. Sponsored by Dana DeMarco, John Erickson and Andrea Heitfeld. Check it out!



Remember to loan or donate unusual orchids to the Orchid Room. Contact John Erickson at erickson_236@bellsouth.net.

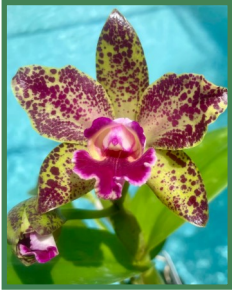


Bird bath donated by Diana and Klaus Lenartiene.

Beautiful piece of driftwood donated by Laura Mehr from the Botanical Gardens gift shop.



WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!

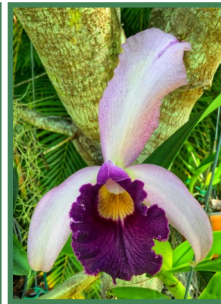


From Jennifer Margolis' Garden

From Jessica Benford's Garden

Lee Stradley

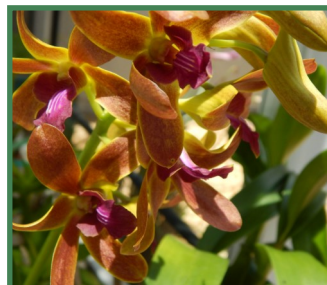
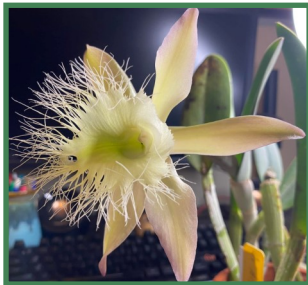
Shelley Hunsberger



Maureen Kerr

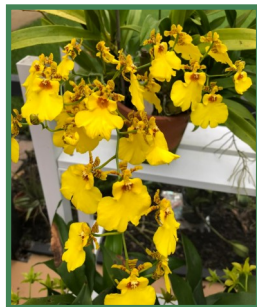
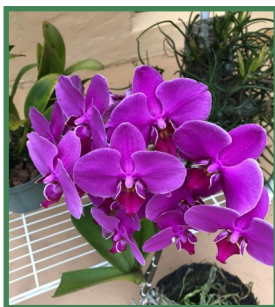
Diana Lenartiene

From Nancy Lyman's Collection



Amanda Dier

From Carol Farmer's Collection



From Ronnie Crawford's Garden

Karen Rutkowski



Diane Bryant

Lee Stradley – Same bloom changing colors

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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

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Florida Orchid Growing

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