

Orchidelirium!

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President's Message

John Erickson

Welcome back orchid enthusiasts! We hope your summer was filled with vibrant blooms and relaxation. As we resume our meetings, we're excited to reconnect and share our experiences. Here's to a fantastic season ahead, full of learning and blooming. See you at our September meeting.

On July 20th, Dana DeMarco, Laurie Wade and myself sold orchids, mounts and fertilizer at the "Taste of the Tropics Show." We sold out and cleared \$144.69.

In October 2023, I started a segment entitled "Exploring Orchids". I would like to continue with information on Dendrobiums:

Removing leafless canes on a Dendrobium orchid can be beneficial under certain conditions. If the cane is completely dead, shriveled, or shows signs of disease or pest infestation, it's best to remove it to prevent these issues from spreading to healthy parts of the plant. Dead or dying canes can also attract fungal or bacterial infections, so removing them promptly can help maintain the overall health of the orchid.

However, if the cane is simply leafless but otherwise healthy and shows no signs of new growth at its nodes, it may be worth keeping. Dendrobiums orchids can naturally shed leaves from older canes as part of their growth cycle, especially after flowering. These canes can still contribute to the plant's energy storage and blooming potential.

Before removing any canes, assess their condition carefully. If in doubt, you can wait until new growth emerges to confirm the health of the cane. Regular orchid care practices, such as providing proper light, humidity, and watering, can also help rejuvenate leafless canes and encourage new growth.



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfeld

September is coming, and we will be resuming our monthly orchid meetings!

At our September meeting we will not have a 12 noon class, but we will be giving our special vendor and friends Ti and Henry a Baby Shower. They will welcome Baby Kim in December. We will have a luncheon, and the menu will be Artichoke Chicken, rice, rolls and salad. We will also have a sheet cake and cookies. If you want to contribute to our joint gifts for them, you're welcome to do so. Whatever monies is left over from the joint gifts I will use to purchase diapers. Just email me if you choose to participate (tazette55@gmail.com).

Ti will give a presentation on Bulbophylums. This is a new topic for us. I am excited about the presentation to get more members in growing these orchids because this award is seldom given at the shows.

October is our auction, so get you spare orchids ready and make a little money in order to purchase new ones! We will have no luncheon at this meeting and will only provide small snacks and water.

We have planned a field trip to Krull-Smith on November 1, 2024. Laurie will provide details at the September meeting.

Stay cool in this brutal heat!

September orchid quote: The orchid teaches us the power of resilience and patience.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS Meeting - Monday, September 16, 2024



12:30 pm -- Baby Shower for Ti & Henry

If you want to contribute to the gifting, let Andrea know so she can plan accordingly. We will have a formal lunch, and our menu is artichoke chicken and rice (Barb's famous recipe chicken), salad, rolls, and charcuterie board. We will also have a beautiful sheet cake made in honor of Baby Kim.



It's a Girl



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 -- Cattleya, Dendrobium, Cymbidium, Bulbophiles, Phalaenopsis, and more! 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 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.

Our presentation will be on Bulbophiles culture and care. We also will have orchids to sell.

REMEMBER THE ORCHID EXCHANGE: The Orchid Exchange is a great opportunity to expand your orchid collection!

PSLOS MEETINGS

October 21, 2024
PSLOS Auction
(Start getting your orchids ready!)

November 18, 2024
J&J Orchids

SAVE THE DATE!
December 9, 2024 - 12:00 Noon
Holiday Party

FIELD TRIP TO KRULL-SMITH

November 1, 2024

Details will be provided at
our September meeting.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Ridge Orchid Society's
"Orchids: Nature's Steampunk"
September 28 - 29, 2024
1515 Williamsburg Square, Lakeland

East Everglades Orchid Society's
"Fall in Love with Orchids"
October 4 - 6, 2024
28100 SW 182 Ave, Homestead

Tampa Orchid Club Expo
October 5 - 6, 2024
Northdale Recreation Center
15510 Hooting Owls Place, Tampa

Gainesville Orchid Society
"Orchids in the Garden"
October 19 - 20, 2024
4700 SW 58th Dr, Gainesville

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



GET READY!!



PSLOS ORCHID AUCTION October 21, 2024

Our annual auction is only
one month away.

Start getting your orchids ready
for the auction!



See pages 4 & 5 for more
Information.



Fort Pierce Orchid Society
Invites You
to the

SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Orchid
Show and Sale**
"Gingerbread Orchid House"
December 7 & 8, 2024
At the River Walk Center
600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL

**DO YOU WANT
TO BE A VENDOR?**
Text Rita at 772-418-7426
or email at rita2zfpos@gmail.com

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Presents
**Enchanted Orchid
Fairy Tales**

Saturday April 5 - 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.
Sunday, April 6 - 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.

At the Polish-American Club
343 NW Prima Vista Blvd.
Port St Lucie, FL 34983

- Orchid Vendors
- Raffle baskets
- Spectacular orchid displays
- Free classes

Admission \$4.00 per person
\$1.00 off with this coupon

For further information contact
Andrea Heitfeld, Show Chair
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MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS October Meeting - October 21, 2023

PSLOS ANNUAL 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. ONLY THE AUCTIONEER and/or assistant (not bidders) will determine the last bid by saying "sold."
10. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. We take cash, check, or charge. **THERE IS NO EARLY CHECKOUT.**

The PSLOS Auction Flyer is on page 5. Share and bring a friend!

For more info, contact Andrea Heitfeld, 1st Vice President, at tazzette55@gmail.com
or Nan Rothschild, 2nd Vice President, at rothschildn@gmail.com

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction



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



**Monday, October 21, 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!**



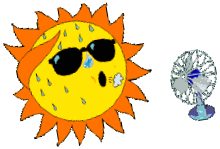
For more info, email Andrea Heitfeld
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rothschildn@gmail.com



Make copies of this flyer and give to your friends!

SOCIETY NEWS

June Meeting



For the noon class, Diana Lenartiene presented two videos that provided suggestions on how to protect our orchids from heat damage and how to help avoid heat stress.

Her presentation was definitely just in time as the heat does not seem to be going away. Here are the links to the videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNg1np9axHg> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfL-N24cuxs>



Our guest speaker, Candice Klee from C.R. Orchids, spoke about various orchid species and their care and culture. Her talk was very informative and was enjoyed by our members.

Her presentation is available at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lgZ7m6o4vA>

C.R. Orchids is a small shadehouse nursery located in Loxahatchee, FL, which specializes in Cattleya Hybrids and Species but features many other genera like Dendrobium, Intergeneric Oncidiums, Paphs, Phrags, Bulbophyllum and Vanda among others.

Taste of the Tropics



Dana DeMarco, Laurie Wade, and John Erickson represented the PSLOS at the PSLBG Taste of the Tropics Show. They sold orchids, mounts, and fertilizer at the show. Even though the weather was bad and the show closed early, they sold out, clearing \$144.69.



Long time member Jackie Lawson passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2024, with her loving husband, Jamie, by her side.

Jackie and Jamie have been members of PSLOS since 2008 and have been important and loved contributors to our Society. Jackie was always at Jamie's side at our meetings, bus trips, and events. Jamie, with Jackie's assistance, was instrumental in our success at our show set up, orchid registration, and judging. She had a keen eye for floral design and loved to lend a hand to brighten up our displays at other shows.

Jackie LOVED dendrobiums! How many times do we remember an orchid coming up for bid at our auction that ended up in Jackie's possession? Her friendship and constant, ready smile was something we all needed in our lives, and she will be missed. Rest in peace, our beautiful friend.

The family is planning a Celebration of Life for Saturday, September 28, from 2pm to 5pm at The Fort Pierce Garden Center, 911 Parkway Drive. All her friends, family, and extended family are invited to celebrate her life.



Congratulations to all the Olympic participants.

You made your countries proud!

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



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Hello Everyone,
I hope you have enjoyed your summer. Fall is fast approaching.

We have 2 new members: Jessica and Anita Fox. Please welcome them to our group. Our current membership totals 132.

I have sent out new PSLOS Member Lists. If there is a mistake in your information, please let me know. Also, if you are able and willing to receive text messages from me when I need a quick response to something, send me an email and I will update your information.

As I mentioned at the last few meetings, we now have magnets to secure your name badge, so if you would like to swap out your pin for a magnet, see Laurie McCarty at the September meeting.

See you in September!



Laurie Wade
Treasurer

Hi all,
I hope your summer was enjoyable.



Our current balance is \$12,650.29. Income: \$155 for the orchid room in phalaenopsis and mount sales, \$226 scholarship income, \$40 donation earmarked for the orchid room, \$107 net profit from the raffle (raffle income \$207, less cost of orchids \$100), and dues \$90. Expenses include 2 months of storage \$208, June speaker fee \$200, meeting sodas and ice \$24, 2025 show \$221 (includes the AOS fee of \$130), Orchid Wiz \$250, and expenses for our orchid room \$118.

See you soon!

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.

(per Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month)

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

AERIAL ROOTS

Aerial roots absorb hydration from water droplets and nutritious micro-elements traveling on wind currents. Aerial roots also aid in photosynthesis since most orchids don't grow in soil. Never cut aerial roots since this will hinder the amount of nutrients and water absorption the orchid receives. The velamen (white, absorbent layer that covers roots) capture sunlight and transform it into energy. Keep the aerial roots above ground.

As the rainforest is poor in nutrients, most orchids don't grow in the soil. Seeds attach themselves to trees, 1/3 of the height of the tree, where they are in the air. They get indirect sunlight there also.

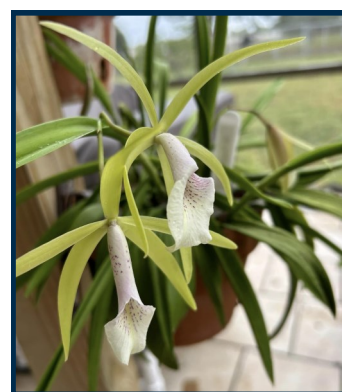
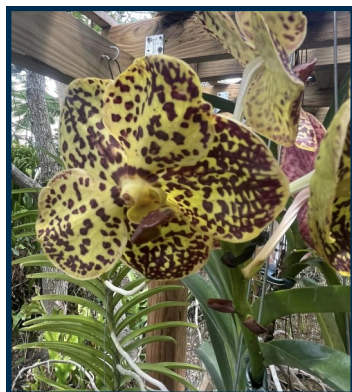
The end of aerial roots will be smooth and pointed or slightly round tipped. A silvery white color will predominate and turn green when watered. A flower spike, on the other hand, will be bumpy at the end, with sharp ends, and a few tiny nodules. It doesn't turn color when wet since it is already greener than aerial roots. Vandas have prominent aerial roots.

Aerial roots need to be potted or mounted. If potted, roots prefer to be placed tightly in a pot, rather than having excess room to grow. It gives the orchid stability and security. Aerial roots make the orchid safe and secure, allowing it to send out a flower spike.

Aerial roots tend to dry out faster than roots that are buried in the pot. Spray or mist often or cover with a very thin layer of wet sphagnum moss. Aerial roots aren't as malleable as roots sitting in contact with wet medium but can be made slightly more pliable when soaked in lukewarm, not hot, water. They can then be repotted to fit under the new medium...but don't be surprised that most will die off.



WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS -- FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



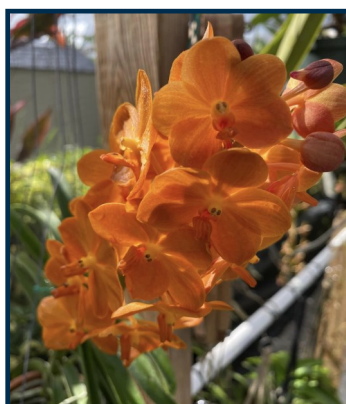
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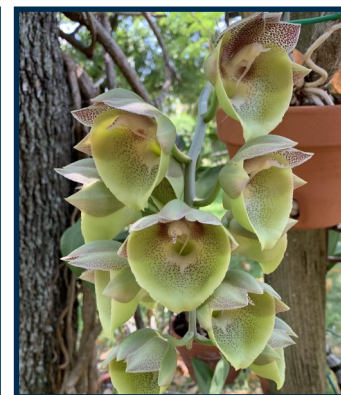
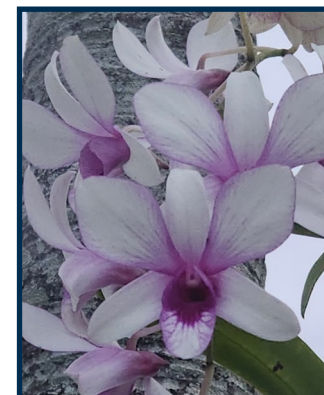
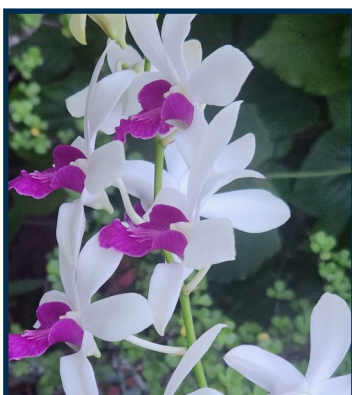
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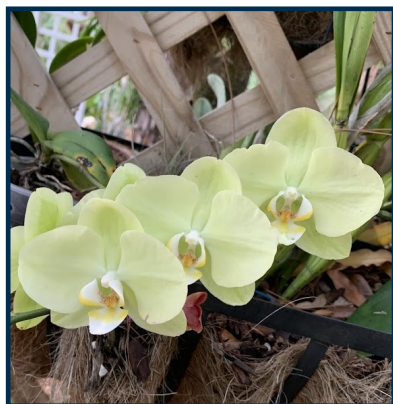
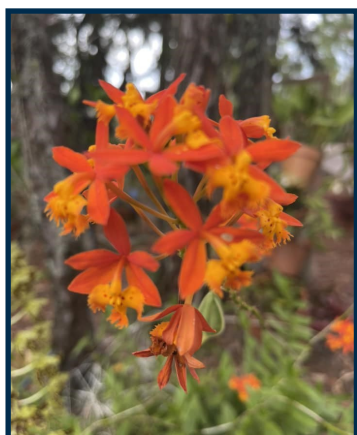


Gladys Velez

Nora Klein

Diane Bryant

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



Be sure to check out the exciting new displays in our Orchid Room.

A big thanks to the Orchid Room Committee for all their hard work in maintaining our Orchid Room.

For further information, contact John Erickson at erickson_236@bellsouth.net.

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Join us for Monthly Meetings September—June

General Meeting

3rd Monday 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
April, October, & December—Special Meetings
Times to be Announced

Board Meeting

2nd Monday 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>

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