

Orchidelirium!

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2025



President's Message

John Erickson
Your President

Start the Year Right with Thriving Orchids!

January is a time of renewal, making it the perfect month to give your orchids some extra attention. Whether it's repotting, encouraging stubborn plants to bloom, or preparing for the upcoming growing season, a little effort now will pay off all year.

Repotting Basics:

As orchids slow down after blooming, it's a great time to check if they need repotting. Look for signs like crowded roots, breaking-down potting medium, or poor drainage. Repot into fresh orchid bark or sphagnum moss, and choose a clear pot with drainage holes for easy monitoring. Remember to handle roots gently and only trim those that are dead or mushy.

Encouraging Dormant Orchids to Bloom:

If your orchid isn't producing flower spikes, cooler nighttime temperatures (around 60°F) can trigger blooming. Feed regularly with a balanced orchid fertilizer, switching to a bloom booster high in phosphorus (e.g., 10-30-20) during this phase. Be patient—flower spikes take weeks to develop but are worth the wait!

Spotlight Orchid: Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper Orchids)

These charming orchids are ideal for January! With their pouch-like blooms and easy care, they thrive in lower light and prefer consistently moist—but not soggy—roots.

Quick Tip:

Keep an eye on indoor humidity, especially during the dry winter months. A humidity tray or humidifier can help prevent leaf wrinkling and bud drop. Start the year strong by nurturing your orchids. A little care now will ensure they reward you with vibrant blooms in the months ahead!



1st Vice President Message

Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President

I hope all of you are enjoying the holiday season and the cooler temperatures.

I believe all who attended our annual Recognition Luncheon enjoyed the event. The food was great, and the orchids were awesome!

For our January 20th meeting, the speaker is John Burdee. He will be giving a presentation on Paphiopedilum (slipper orchids) care. I for one can't wait to learn how to grow these type of orchids. John will bring different orchids for members to purchase.

Diane Bryant will be giving a noon presentation on Catasetum, Clowesia and Cycnoches care (tips and tricks of growing them).

Our February speaker is Lady Vanda Orchids (Serena). She will be giving a presentation on Vanda care.

In January we start preparing for our Orchid Show on the April 5th and 6th. Mark your calendars.

Quote for January: The graceful and elegant orchid epitomizes love, luxury, strength, and beauty.

Happy New Year!



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

PSLOS January Meeting— January 20



12:00 pm: Tips & Tricks: Catasetum, Clowesia, Cycnoches

Diane Bryant will share her love and knowledge of the three C's. Topics covered will include how and when to repot and their watering, fertilizing, and light requirements as well as their need for a good night's sleep (dormancy).

1:00 pm: Paphiopedilum Care Speaker: John Burdee

Ramnarine John Budree was born in Trinidad and migrated to Florida some years ago. In Trinidad he grew many different types of orchids and took part in collecting and showing at many shows, but there was always something more. Although he still wanted to grow and flower them, he wanted to learn more about orchids, wanted more of a challenge.

So when he came to Florida, he got involved with orchids on a different level. Here he was able to grow all of those types of plants he could only read about and even meet all of those people that grew and wrote the articles that he had read about in AOS magazines.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sarasota Orchid Society's
"Orchid Delirium"
January 4 - 5, 2025
801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society's
"Orchid Renaissance"
January 10-12, 2025
601 City Center Blvd
Pembroke Pines, FL

Miami Orchid Society's
"Tamiami International Orchid Festival"
January 17-19, 2025
Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center
10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.), Miami

Florida West Coast Orchid Society's
"A Rainbow of Orchids"
January 25 - 26, 2025
9100 113th Street N, Seminole

PSLOS MEETINGS

February 17, 2025
Serena Roman -
Vanda Lady

March 17, 2025
TBD

April 5-6, 2024
PSLOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale
"Enchanted Orchid Fairy Tales"



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS



Port St. Lucie Orchid Society
Annual Orchid Show & Sale
Enchanted Orchid Fairy Tales

Saturday, April 5 - 9am to 5pm
 Sunday, April 6 - 10am to 4pm

- Spectacular Orchid Displays
- Orchid Vendors
- Orchid Supplies
- Free Workshops
- Miniature Fairy Gardens
- Raffle Baskets Galore!

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

Location: Polish-American Social Club
 343 NW Prima Vista Blvd, Port St. Lucie

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



To have a great show, we need volunteers! Here are some of the show categories available for PSLOS member participation.

- ◇ Clerk (Saturday morning)
- ◇ Greet visitors & collect entrance fees (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Sell society memberships (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Donate raffle prizes, baskets, gift certificates
- ◇ Sell raffle tickets (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◇ Be a trophy sponsor
- ◇ Create a Niche arrangement
- ◇ Create a Fairy Habitat or a Fairy Creation

Be thinking about how you can volunteer!
 Sign-ups will start at February meeting.




FRIENDS OF THE PSLBG
PLANT SALE

JANUARY 2025
 1/25/25 - 9AM-4PM
 1/26/25 - 9AM- 3PM

2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd.
 Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952

FRIENDS OF THE PORT ST. LUCIE
Botanical GARDENS
 —THE PORT—




 The Jensen Beach Garden Club, Inc.
 Presents
JENSEN BEACH GARDEN EXPO

Saturday, March 1, 2025
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Indian Riverside Park
 (in front of Dockside Pavilion)
 1707 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach

 Scan for Schedule of Educational Presentations
 or visit our website:
jensenbeachgardenclub.com

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DECEMBER PSLOS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Checking the list to see who's naughty or nice!
A big thanks to Barbara Lynn for a great job in organizing our luncheon.



Look at those orchids!



Good food and fellowship!



The gift exchange is always fun!



Fun time with bingo!

Thanks to all our generous members who participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Christmas program. We collected two big boxes full of toys. They were ecstatic with the donation.

DECEMBER PSLOS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Membership Longevity Awards

Every year at the Annual Awards and Holiday Luncheon, the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society recognizes members who have reached certain membership milestones. Those who have maintained continuous membership status for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years are awarded pins and certificates to commemorate their achievement.

At this year's luncheon, we recognized those members in attendance who reached a membership milestone of 5, 10, 15 and 30 years. Members who reached a membership milestone and who were unable to attend the luncheon can pick up their certificate and pin at the January meeting.

5 Years		10 Years	15 Years
Ellie Conn	Jennifer Marfolis	Veronica Crawford	Illona Christie
Linda Druck	Dawn Reich	Carol Farmer	Elsie Freiheit
Gilda Gomez	Pam Segal	Barbara Hazard	Sonia & Bill
Andrea Heitfeld	Beverly Wade	Maureen Kerr	Manning
Susan Hilowitz			

25 Years	30 Years
Janet Warren	Barbara Robinson
	Jamie Lawson



The 2025 Officers were also installed at the luncheon. The names and pictures of our officers are on the next page.

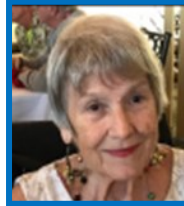
2025 PSLOS OFFICERS

Officers for the year 2025 were elected by acclamation at our November meeting. Our thanks to those members who have volunteered to serve.

Meet your officers, chair persons, and volunteers for the year 2025.



John Erickson
President
Orchid Room



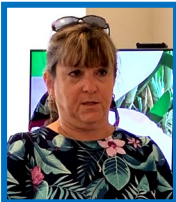
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Recording Secretary



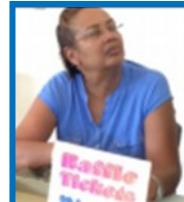
Andrea Heitfield
1st Vice President
2025 Show Chairman



Pam Scholey
Immediate Past President



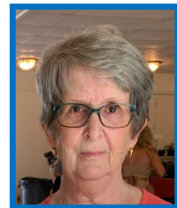
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President



Jessica Benford
Trustee 2026



Laurie Wade
Treasurer
AOS Representative



Diane Bryant
Trustee 2027
Newsletter & Website
Editor



Dana DeMarco
Corresponding Secretary/
Sunshine Lady



Barb Lynn
Trustee 2025
Annual Retreat & Holiday
Awards Luncheon



Eileen Stork
Membership Chairperson

Our society also has a number of volunteers such as Maureen Kerr (our Orchid Exchange activity) and Jackie Young (meeting luncheons) who help make our meetings and activities a success. We want to also thank them for their continued participation.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SHOWS

Fort Pierce Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show and Sale

Look at all those ribbons and this fantastic display!
 A big thanks to the members who provided orchids and to the members who donated their time registering the orchids and creating the display!
 The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society display won
 Best Depiction of Theme and the Best Society Exhibit.



Some of our happy members!



Lynn Forte



Barbara Lynn



Dana DeMarco

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The winners list at the Fort Pierce Society show representing Port St Lucie Orchid Society:

Lynn Forte

First Place. Den. Margarita
First Place. Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
Second Place. B.nodosa
Second Place. Grt. Why Not
Second Place. C. Yuan Dung Sweet 'Dragon Fruit'
Third Place. Pvc. Key Lime Stars

Andrea Heitfeld

First Place. Cycd. Taiwan Gold 'Orange'
Second Place. Onc. Sherry Baby 'Sweet'

Diana Lenartiene

First Place. Den. Hawaiian Punch
Second Place. Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'

Jessica Tench Benford

First Place. Prpa. Bangkok Sunset

Dana Demarco

First Place. Lip grossa

Barbara Lynn

First Place. Blc. Anita surprise

Laurie McCarty

First Place. Lc. Final Blue
Second Place. Bulb. laxiflorum
Second Place. V. Peggy March 'Ng Hok'

Amanda Dier-Huth

First Place. Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Red Cherry'

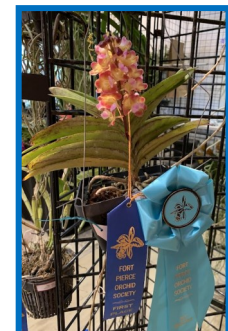
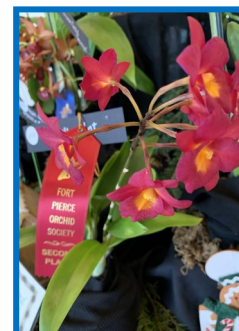
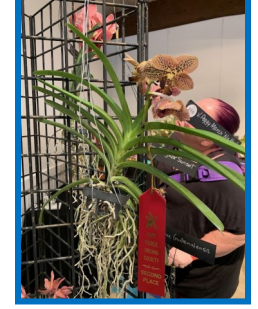
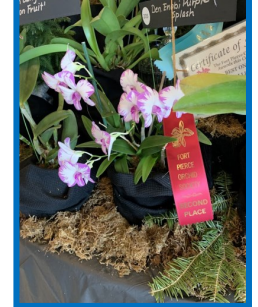
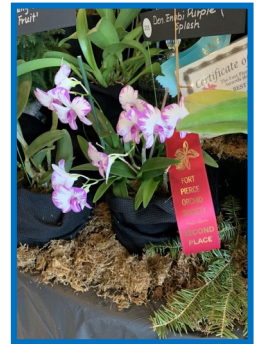
Mary Lea

Second Place. V. Taveesuksa x V. Suwannaphum Sun Ray #1

Dianne Jenkins

Third Place. Phal. Jennifer Palermo dark blue x Mituo Purple Dragon #11

You all made our Society very proud! Participating in the orchid shows and winning ribbons is so rewarding!



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Laurie Wade
Treasurer



Greetings to everyone!

Here's the December summary of our bank account.

Our current balance is \$11,733.55. The check I wrote to Florida Orchid House is still outstanding so once that is cashed our balance will be \$10,373.55.

We collected \$2,373.70 which includes the auction of orchids at the end of our holiday luncheon and sales tax paid to the state on those sales. We paid \$3,105.96 to Gator Trace, Florida Orchid House, and for prizes awarded during our games.

We collected \$124.38 in dues (one membership was by credit card, the fee we pay to Square makes this an odd amount). We paid \$104 for storage, \$23 to GoDaddy for our domain name renewal, \$48 in greenery and moss for the Fort Pierce show display, and \$91 for orchids for our Orchid Room.



Eileen Stork
Membership Chairperson



Happy New Year PSLOS Members!

As the new membership chair for 2025, let me start with business before pleasure. Renewal of membership should be completed by submitting your fees in person at the January 20th meeting or no later than the February 17th meeting. Cash, check or credit cards will be accepted with credit cards incurring an additional \$1 fee. If you will not be in attendance at either meeting or would prefer to mail in your renewal fees following the same deadlines, please send a check made payable to:

Port St Lucie Orchid Society (PSLOS)
PO Box 8421
Port St. Lucie, FL 34985

Annual individual membership is still a very reasonable \$20.00 and a family membership (member plus one) is only \$5.00 more. Anyone whose membership is not renewed upon the closing of the February meeting will be removed from the membership list and will have to re-apply if you choose at a later date to rejoin.

Once the membership fees have all been processed and the master list updated, it will be sent out to all members via email. Please let me know ASAP if your email has recently changed.

Congratulations to all the longevity award recipients. If you were unable to attend the December Awards Luncheon to accept your award and pin, you can pick it up at the January meeting.

If there is anything you would like to see included in the membership section of this monthly newsletter, please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with me at the next meeting!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and let's make sure our orchids "Thrive in 2025!"

ORCHID CULTURE & CARE



Orchid-abulary

Brought to you by
Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

If you have ever been confused by a tag on your orchid, hopefully this will help. In most cases, if you want an orchid to be judged, it will require a tag. Some societies will accept a **NOID** (no identification tag).

All orchids belong to the family **orchidacea** (pronounced or-kid-DAY-see-eye). You will seldom see the family name on a tag. Orchids are then grouped into various subfamilies, tribes, and subtribes. Again, we don't worry about that on our tags.

Within the family are many **genera** (pronounced JEN-er-ah). Genus names come first (ex. *Cattleya*, *Phaleanopsis*). The genus name may be abbreviated.

Next comes the **Species** name (SPE-sees). The word is both singular and plural. It can be found in the wild and wasn't created by a human. Even if it has since been propagated, it won't be capitalized.

Hybrids may be made by nature, but most are man-made. A hybrid name looks just the same as a species name. The name must be registered with the Royal Horticultural Society. The species name begins with a small letter, the genus and hybrid names with capitals.

The name of a hybrid is called a collective epithet. It applies to every seedling from the cross and all future seedlings of that cross. Orchids of one genus can hybridize with orchids of another genus creating a bigeneric hybrid (not all plants or animals can do this). There are also multigeneric plants with several genera in their background. They are often a show winner among orchids and produce fascinating flowers. Hybrid names are capitalized and called a **grex** - the hybrid parents are given in *Roman type* without quotation marks. Since the seed may produce many plants, the owner may give individual plants names to distinguish select cultivars of unusual merit.

Happy New Year: *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* NanetteXOXO
C. labiata x *Rlc.* (*Blc.*) Rungnapha Fancy 'Keith'

Tasks for January

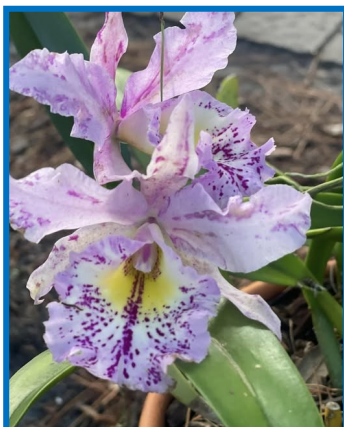
- Average high: 76.5
- Average low: 59.6
- Average mean: 68.1
- Average rainfall: 1.88
- Be prepared to protect outdoor plants from freezing temperatures.
- Spray for mites; spray again in 7-10 days.
- Many genera are entering or are in flowering season. Stake for better displays.
- Flush excess fertilizer salts from *Cattleyas* and other sympodials.
- Watering, fertilizing, and re-potting should be kept to a minimum.
- Water early in the day.



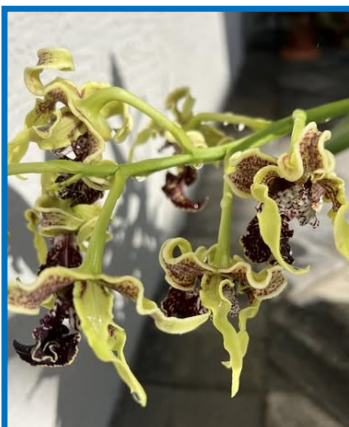
From Dr Martin Motes' monthly newsletter and book, *Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month*, (<https://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/2022/1/5/january-in-your-orchid-collection>)

For further information specific to different orchid genera: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>

WE LOVE OUR ORCHIDS—FROM OUR MEMBERS' GARDENS!



Andrea Heitfeld



Barbara Hazard



Florence Hoot



Jennifer Margolis



Diana Bryant



Shelley Hunsberger



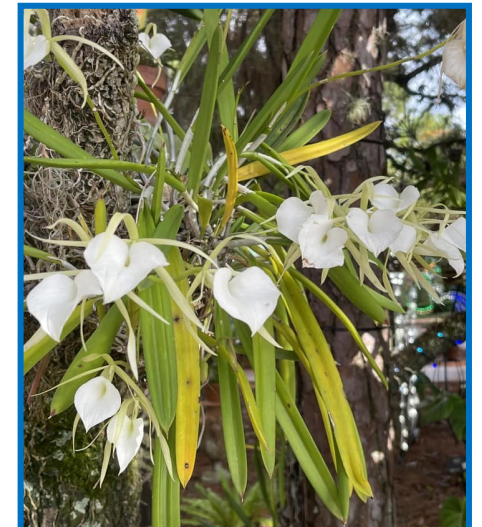
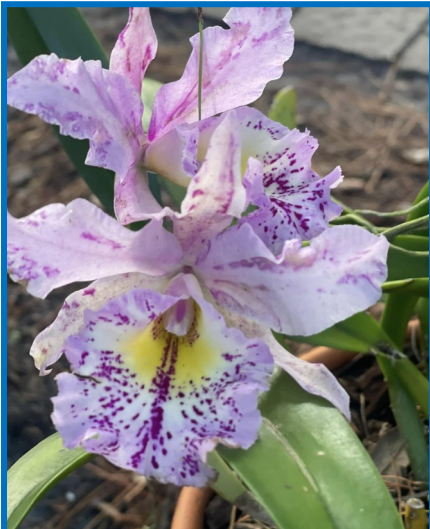
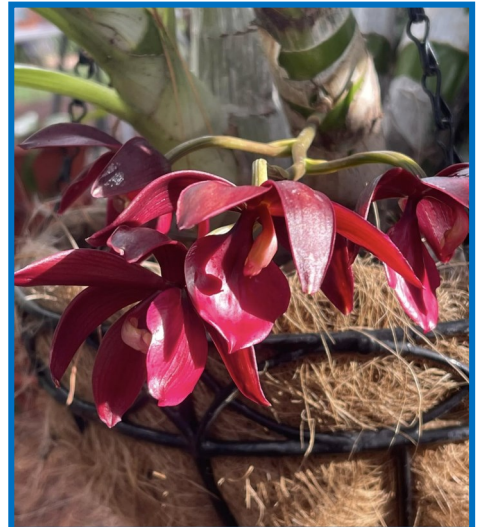
John Phillips



Jet Tanner

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

PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS - BLOOMING IN THE ORCHID ROOM



When is the last time you walked through our Orchid Room and enjoyed the beauty and peacefulness of the garden?
For further information about the Orchid Room, contact John Erickson at erickson_236@bellsouth.net.

Port St Lucie Orchid Society 2023 Officers and Volunteers:

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1st Vice President - Andrea Heitfield
2nd Vice President - Nan Rothschild
Recording Secretary - Diana Lenartiene
Corresponding Secretary - Dana DeMarco
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 Barbara Lynn - 2025
 Jessica Benford - 2026
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2025 Show Co-Chairs - Andrea Heitfeld & John Erickson
Orchid Room - John Erickson
Orchid Exchange - Maureen Kerr
Meeting Lunch Organizer - Jackie Young
Newsletter - Diane Bryant
Website - Diane Bryant (Primary)
 Diana Lenartiene (Alternate)
Annual Retreat - Barbara Lynn
Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon - Barbara Lynn

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
June, November, and December
Special Meetings
Times to be Announced

Board Meeting

2nd Monday 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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