

# ORCHIDELIRIUM!

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## President's Message

Kudos! What a fantastic show. Thanks to all our members and friends, our show turned out to be a great success. Our vendors and supporters are making plans for next year. Very big thanks to our Show Chairs Hellen Wagner and Renee Skalet for making Orchid Treasures a class event. Our own Jamie Lawson got an AOS award for his Chysys Jackie Lawson, earning an HCC with 79 points. Congrats Jamie

Our May Annual Awards Retreat will be held at Veteran's (Rivergate) Memorial Park. This is always a great event, with good food, lots of camaraderie and always surprises. If you know of a fun game that we can use with an orchid theme, let me know. Anyone who would like to donate plants for our Orchid Room at the Botanical Gardens may bring them to the Retreat. Shelley Hunsberger will be working with Master Gardeners to give youngsters 6-12 a class on orchids and children gardening at the Botanical Gardens on Saturdays during the summer. All information for the "Little Kiekis" will be finalized and on our web site soon.

We are going to the Redland International Festival on May 13th. Please contact Diana for information and to make sure your name is on the list. I look forward to seeing you all at our April meeting. Happy repotting:( !

Jessica Benford  
President

## April Meeting

Our guest speaker is Vern Bloch of HAV Orchids.

Vern is an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker, and this should be most enjoyable.

He will be bringing plants to sell.



*A Floor Display at our March Show*

## Minutes of the March 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Benford at 1:00 pm.

Jessica spoke about the Walk for Autism and asked for volunteers to do the walk with her.

At the Martin County Orchid Show we took 2nd place in the society displays and there were many ribbons.

Laurie told us that we made \$259.00 from the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens plant sale on 2/12/11.

Diana announced that the Redland trip was on May 13th, 2011 and she was taking names and the amount is \$35.00. She also announced the slate of the new officers and that at the next meeting we would vote.

Shay gave the treasurer's report. We then had a brief meeting with members of the committees for our orchid show.

After the break we had an educational presentation on the how to's of making a successful niche. To be successful, we need color, design, balance, size and dimension. The Stuart Garden Club requested that we put up a display on March 26th and 27th. The theme is children and if you have plants or ideas see Jessica or Shelley.

After show and tell and the raffles, Jessica adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Renee Skalet  
Recording Secretary

## Coming Events

April 2011

- 2nd-3rd: Central FL OS Show, Maitland Civic Center, Maitland. Colleen Wold, (407) 695-1297 or fladakini@aol.com.
- 16th-18th: Tallahassee OS Show, Doyle Conner Bldg., 3125 Conner Blvd, Tallahassee. Pam Stevens, (850)510-5528 or pamstevens08@comcast.net.
- 22th-23th: Vero Beach OS Show, Riverside Park, Vero Beach. Doug Mew, (772)778-6625 or instedof@bellsouth.net
- 24th-25th: OS of Highlands County Show, Bert Harris Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd, Sebring. Bill Hart, (863) 471-2290 or hwiliamb@msn.com.
- 29th-5/1: Platinum Coast OS Show, Cocoa Sports Expo Arena, 500 Friday Rd., Cocoa. Jim Adamson, (321)632-2847 or jadamson1@cfl.rr.com.
- May 2011
- 13th-15th: Redland Int'l. Orchid Festival, Redland Fruit & Spice Park, Homestead, FL. Bob Randall, caribplants@att.net.

### ***Annual Awards Retreat!***

**Tuesday, May 10th**

**Veteran's Memorial Park**

**FREE for members, \$3 for guests.**

**The Society will provide the meat, and each of us will bring a side dish or dessert.**

**SILENT AUCTION, FUN and AWARDS!**

### ***Your Society on Facebook!***

Patrick McClintock has worked diligently to keep our Facebook page current and interesting. We owe him a big thanks! To go directly to our Facebook page, use this link:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=109020051583&ref=ts>

### ***Sunshine Corner***

Nancy Ross has been ill and is in rehab. We wish her a speedy recovery.

### ***Ask Dr. Laurie!***

***Dear Dr. Laurie:*** I love the waxy flowers of the Angraecum plant. Are they difficult to grow?

***Dear Reader:*** Living in South Florida is a plus when it comes to Angraecums. Their normal habitat provides warm temperatures and high humidity. The majority of the species is found in Africa and Madagascar. They can be a very small plant of several inches long to plants over six feet. It is therefore wise to find out exactly what Angraecum you are going to purchase. After consulting several orchid books, I came across conflicting information concerning the cultural needs of Angraecums. One requirement they all seem to share is high humidity. They do need warm spring and summer temperatures and a cooler drier rest period in the winter. One publication recommended that the plants' winter temperature not go below 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

They have light and water requirements similar to Vandas. They do well potted in baskets where their roots can run free. An established plant should not be disturbed unless absolutely necessary. Smaller varieties do well if mounted on cork or tree fern.

It is a good idea to purchase a well-established plant.

***Dear Dr. Laurie:*** The Orchid Show was beautiful but I am confused concerning terms listed on the Schedule of Classes. What is the difference between intergeneric and interspecific orchid hybrids?

***Dear Reader:*** An interspecific cross is an orchid plant produced by the crossing of two species of the same genera. An intergeneric cross is an orchid plant derived from the hybridization of plants from two different genera.

***"Dr." Laurie Hart***



***"Dr." Laurie Hart  
Masquerading as  
The Mad Hatter at our show!***

# Sights from "Orchid Treasures" 2011

The Winning Floor Display, Installed by Vero Beach Orchid Society



*Dendrobium anosmum*



*Epidendrum wedding valley*



*Oncidium Hawaiian Sunset*



*C. Rob Schneider*



Our Photo Competition

Photos this page compliments of Patrick McClintock



*A few of the nifty "orchid hats" displayed at our show!*

### *Slate of Officers 2011-2012*

The following people have graciously agreed to serve as officers for the coming season, which begins on July 1, 2011. We will vote in April.

Please note a change: Due to family illness, Ena Vilabrera is unable to serve as Vice President at this time. The two names in bold type below represent the changes needed to fill the slate.

President:	Kerry Begley
1st Vice President:	<b>Illona Christie</b>
2nd Vice President:	<b>Laurie Hart</b>
Recording Secretary:	Donna Zutter
Treasurer:	Shay Morton
Corresponding Secretary:	Toby Trapkin
Membership Chair:	Carol Donahue

#### Trustees

Class of 2012	Hellen Wagner
Class of 2013	Diana Kulaga
Class of 2014	Barbara Robinson

### *April Early Class*

*Having some trouble understanding the difference between a genus and a clonal name?*

*Come learn about orchid names!*

*Why do people believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check to see if the paint is really wet?*

### *Membership*

**Toby Trapkin, Chairwoman**

There were 69 members and several guests at our March meeting. Please remember to wear your name tags to the meetings in order to be eligible for door prizes. If you are interested in becoming a member, email [traptoby@comcast.net](mailto:traptoby@comcast.net) or call (772)468-0057.

### *Welcome Our New Members!*

Camille Fionte                      Margaret Lee

Lidia & Raul Quintana    Johnese Stennett

Joseph Gannon & Robert Stotz

New email address for Susan Spring:  
[sspring.orchidbabe@gmail.com](mailto:sspring.orchidbabe@gmail.com)

*Ed. Note: Hat tip to Jane Appel for the change in this*

## *Redland Orchid Festival!*

Friday, May 13th

If you liked Tamiami, you'll swoon over Redland!

We'll be going as a group, and as usual space will be limited.

\$35 includes transportation, entry to the Festival (worth \$10!), Redland raffle ticket, on-board raffle, driver's tip and FUN, FUN, FUN!

Reserve at the April meeting, or contact Diana:  
[diandfrank@bellsouth.net](mailto:diandfrank@bellsouth.net) or 873-0663



*A Blue Ribbon Dendrobium grown by Donna Zutter*

### *The Library is Open!*

Our library is open. Librarians Kerry and Larry Begley have a great selection of material for you to borrow. There are books, videos and more. Visit the library at the next meeting! Our library list is now online. Go to [www.pslos.org](http://www.pslos.org) to view it.



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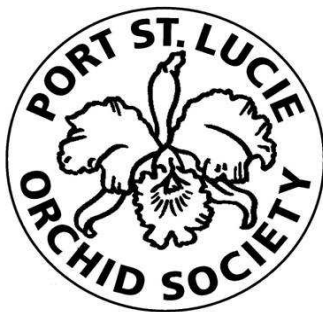
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### April Meetings

Tuesday, April 12th, 2011, 1:00 PM

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Westmoreland Blvd.

Speaker: Vern Bloch of HAV Orchids

Early Class:

Understanding Orchid Names

Show & tell, raffle, door prize

Sorry, no member sale table this month

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 19th, 1:00 PM

Port St. Lucie Police Station, Airoso Blvd.

All members are welcome at Board meetings

### Elected Officers

2010-2011

**President:** Jessica Benford  
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**Class of 2012:** Hellen Wagner  
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**Class of 2013:** Diana Kulaga  
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Photos from "Orchid Treasures"



"The Cake" on Judging Day. Provided by Nancy Grovier



Our Silver Orchid Jewelry Vendors

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