

# ORCHIDELIRIUM!

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## *President's Message*

Hello to all PSLOS members and friends!  
We begin February with a lot of orchid events you can consider:

1. Because time is getting short until our annual show, our Orchid Society membership meeting on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> will be featuring guest speakers from our own society: Barbara Robinson on preparing a table top display; Michael Ortseifer on preparing Niches; and Patrick McClintock will explain the rules for entering photos.
2. Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens is having their huge Botanical Plant Sale with over 50 vendors and our Orchid Society is having a 10x10 booth near our orchid room. We need volunteers to assist with the booth between the hours of 9:00 am - to 4:00 pm on February 11<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> to advance membership for our society. This plant sales event will see between 2,000 and 2,500 visitors. Please volunteer by e-mailing Hellen Wagner at [hellenwagner@aol.com](mailto:hellenwagner@aol.com) to reserve a block of volunteer time or just visit our Orchid Room and the Gardens and enjoy a grand festival.
3. Last year, everyone got a real kick out of the "orchid hats" that we displayed at our show. On February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens pavilion room there will be a hat decorating class involving silk orchids. We had a good time with this, so join the fun. Bring your choice of a hat and silk flowers and greens.
4. Mark your calendar for ORCHID TREASURES, our annual orchid show and sale, March 9, 10, 11, 2012. This is a special event you won't want to miss.

So pick your Orchid event, have some fun, share some orchid knowledge, and make some new friends.  
I hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day and Cupid comes your way, with love, laughter, and fun.

Bill Manning  
President

## *Orchid Tasks for February, per Martin Notes*

Hat tip to Roy Williams for suggesting this feature!

- Spread snail bait lightly. Repeat in two weeks
- Control Botrytis by spraying with baking soda, one tablespoon per gallon of water
- Begin spring potting
- Watch for mites



## *February Speakers*

In preparation for our show, you will learn how to create a niche display, how to prepare your orchid photos to enter in our art competition, and, alone or with others, how to install a card table size table top display.

Our in-house experts will show you the tricks!

Plan to be there!

## *Minutes of the January 2012 General Meeting*

Our meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm. by President Bill Manning. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and gave kudos to today's speaker, Fred Clark. He thanked all who donated orchids to the secret garden in the Botanical Gardens and to Patrick McClintock for getting that going. [Ed. Note: *Plans for the Secret Garden have been shelved.*]

Diana Kulaga brought up a few amendments to our bylaws. One that is important: if there becomes a presidential vacancy on the board, then that position would be filled by the VP. If no one on the board is willing to accept, and then there will be an emergency meeting called to fill that that position. She also stated that the 2nd VP should keep in contact with the Botanical Gardens. The changes were accepted unanimously

Show and Tell time started at 1:06pm. Jamie brought some beautiful plants for which he was awarded. Way to go Jamie! Robbie also shared his Schomb. with us, saying it was over 10 years old and the only one he has left after the hurricanes in '04. He will divide it this year and make 2 more plants.

Treasurer Shay Morton gave a report. Our finances are solid. Our orchid show will be held the first weekend in March 9, 10, and 11. We need helpers; please sign up, Hellen asks. Our trip at the end of the month is to the Tamiami Show. Diana Kulaga showed us the certificate award for Robert Holland for 20 years in the PSLOS!

Three guests were with us today. We took a 15 minute break. Diana asked for sponsors for the trophies at our show. She also mentioned she needed advertisers for the program.

Our speaker, Fred Clark, spoke about breeding mini & compact cattleyas. The presentation was spectacular and was over at 3:20pm. The conclusion of the meeting was after the 50/50 was held and the raffles were drawn (3:25pm). Congrats to the winners!

Donna Zutter  
Secretary

## Coming Events

February 2012

- 4th-5th: Venice Area OS Show; Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave, Venice. Carol Wood, cwood12@msn.com or (941) 4974995
- 10th-12th: Greater Orlando OS Show, Orlando Garden Club, 210 E. Rollins Orlando. Joy Prince, (407)299-8003; dp691955@aol.com
- 11th-12th: Boca Raton OS Show; Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton. Jackie Wood, (561) 703-0278 or bocaorchidlady@aol.com.

### *Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show & Sale*

*"Orchid Treasures"*

*March 9th, 10th, 11th*

### *Silent Auction in February!*

We have a copy of OrchidWiz Express that will go to the highest bidder! Bidding begins at \$40.00.

Read Dr. Laurie's column at right to find out more about this valuable program!

### *Society Shirts*

You may have noticed the embroidered shirts that many of our members wear. You can have one, too!

Take a shirt of your choice to Burns Embroidery, 1970 SW Bayshore Blvd. They have our logo, and will help you choose the colors you like. The phone number there is 807-5775.



### *Member News*

No news is good news this month.

*Thought for the month.....*

*Hospitality is making guests feel at home even when you wish they really were.....*

### *Ask Dr. Laurie!*

*Dear Dr. Laurie:* I understand we are going to have an auction of Orchid Wiz Express at our next meeting. Being fairly new to orchids, should I bid on this product?

*Dear Reader:* Orchid Wiz Express is focused on the beginning to intermediate grower. It is not as extensive as Orchid Wiz but it will allow you to:

- Track your orchids
- Print labels
- Create lists
- Learn cultivation fundamentals
- Explore orchid photographs
- Search genealogy info on thousands of species and more than 145,000 hybrids

It is easy to use, and it allows you to track your orchids by using the Orchid Journal that comes with the program. It is without a doubt that this program would offer positive benefits for all orchid growers.

Alex Maximiano, the creator of Orchid Wiz and Orchid Wiz Express, donates to our society a free program every year for the purpose of supporting the society and orchid knowledge. The profits from the auction go to the PSLOS.

Orchid Wiz Express retails for \$95.00.

Having used Orchid Wiz, I would encourage all our members to give it serious consideration.

Now that all my orchids are back to where they belong and not on my back patio with hurricane doors up to shut out the cold, I am waiting for more culture questions. Please ask them, as it makes this job much easier and it is a great learning experience for me.

*"Dr." Laurie Hart*

### *Membership*

*Carol Donahue, Chairwoman*

There were 62 members at our January 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 cadinpsl@aol.com or call (772) 201-7913.

### *Welcome to a New Member*

*Mary-Estelle Hamden*

### *New Library System*

To reserve Library materials, contact Sonia Manning at:  
bill.manningbill8@gmail.com or 873-8256

## Show Time!:

Our 20th Annual Orchid Show and Sale will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 9th, 19th & 11th. Set up is on Thursday, March 8th. We need lots of volunteers for set up, people!



*Niche Boxes at a Previous Show*



*A Society Floor Display, in 2011*



*Ribbons and Trophies Waiting to be Placed*

## *A Few Things You Missed If You Skipped Tamiami!*



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**February Meetings**

**General Meeting**  
 Tuesday, February 14th, 2012, 1:00 PM  
 PSL Botanical Gardens  
 Show Demonstrations

**Door Prize, Raffle, Show and Tell, Member Sale  
 Table**

**Early Class, noon: Growing Orchids Using  
 Semi-Hydroponic Systems  
 Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 21st, 1:00 PM  
 Police Station, Airoso Blvd.**

**All members are welcome at Board Meetings**

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*Lc. Love Knot*



*From The Cast and Characters at "Orchidelirium"!*