

# ORCHIDELIRIUM!

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## President's Message

Hello to all PSLOS members and friends!

We are having a very different winter this year with warm day time temperatures and cool nights, but not cold. The end result is nice orchid blooms in our collections.

Our **Orchid Treasures** Orchid Show and Sale is coming up on March 9, 10, 11, 2012, and to all who have volunteered their assistance to make our show a true success, we say thank you. And it's not too late to get in on the fun. Come to set up on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and watch the room transform into a true orchid paradise! We are also celebrating our 30 Year Anniversary as a Society this year, and will have exhibits and photos documenting our history at a special membership booth. Feel free to be there to talk to show visitors about our society.

A special thank you also to all the volunteers who assisted with our Orchid Society Booth during the 3 day Botanical Gardens Festival, providing information for our March Orchid Treasures Show, advancing membership, and selling raffle tickets for a beautiful orchid flower arrangement.

Speaking of volunteers, all of our volunteer orchid enthusiasts are invaluable resources and without you, we can't achieve success. The important things to remember for all of our 131 Society members, whatever your participation in our 3 day Orchid Show, are to have fun, appreciate your experience, learn and grow, and you will always be appreciated for whatever you are doing.

Together, we will enhance our society and our contributions to the community.

Bill Manning  
President

## Orchid Tasks for February, per Martin Notes

Hat tip to Roy Williams for suggesting this feature!

- Watch out for mites
- Spray for thrips
- Apply time release fertilizer
- Continue repotting Cattleyas, Oncidiums and hard cane Dendrobiums
- Make top cuttings of teretes and reed stem Epidendrums



## March Speaker

### Smiley's Orchids

*Scented Vandaceous Orchids and Rare Species from Thailand*

## Minutes of the February 2012 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Manning at 1:05pm.

Show and tell started with Elsie Frieheit's Schomburgkia. It continued with beautiful plants shown by Toby Trapkin, Jamie Lawson, Bill and Sonia Manning, and Gail Bird. All had beautiful plants.

Shay Morton gave the treasurer's report. Carol Donahue informed us we have 131 members; a husband and wife signed up at the plant sale. We had 2 new members with us today, Mary-Estelle Hamden and Robert Fisher. One woman came as a guest and would like to join.

Kudos were given to Patrick McClintock for all the work he puts into the PSLOS website and our Facebook page.

Hellen Wagner spoke about the orchid show coming in March. She thanks all for their help so far and reminds us all to fill in all slots as the chair people need all the help they can get. It will be a fun weekend and everyone is sure to have a great time.

Diana Kulaga needs more sponsors for the trophies and programs for the show. Thanks to all the hard working people that help this show get off the ground!

February birthdays were announced; "Happy Birthday" was sung to all. 🎵🎵🎵

Bill told us the PSL Botanical Gardens Plant sale went very well with over 3000 in attendance. The raffle for the basket of orchids drew in \$154 and was won by Kerry Begley.

We had our 15 minute break at 1:35pm, and the meeting resumed at 1:55pm. Barbara Robinson showed us how to put together a display table, pleasing to the eye with balance, dominance, contrast, color flow, and rhythm. Michael Ortseifer told what it takes to make a niche, which should fit in an 8" high x 6" wide 4" deep space. Patrick McClintock informed us of the requirements for the photos we will enter in that contest. Raffle time was at 3:00pm and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Donna Zutter  
Secretary

## Coming Events

### March 2012

- 2nd-4th: Key West OS Show, W. Martello Towers, Key West. Greg Scott, (305)8729677.
- 2nd-4th: Martin County OS Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart. Wayne Parrish, (772) 919-1830
- 9th-11th: **Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show, PSL Community Center, Airoso Blvd, Port St. Lucie. Hellen Wagner, (772) 879-0401 or hellenwagner@aol.com.**
- 8th-11th: OS of Coral Gables Show, Fairchild Tropical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables. Jill Sidran, (305) 238-8762 or cbsidran@bellsouth.net
- 16th-17th: Englewood Area OS Show, United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood. Gail Hopper, (941) 876-0412 or stevengailh@comcast.net
- 16th-18th: Naples OS Show, United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Rd., Naples. Frank Ginocchio (239)403-7155 or f.ginocchio@comcast.net
- 17th-18th: Jacksonville OS Show, Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville. John Van Brocklin, (904) 772-7404, scubagator@bellsouth.net
- 24th-25th: Orchid Lovers of Spring Hill Show, Suncoast Dance Party Hall, 13383 County Line Rd., Spring Hill L. Roderick, lmrodeick@earthlink.net
- 24th-25th: OS of Highlands County, Harris Ag Ctr, 4509 George Blvd, Sebring. Pete Otway, (863) 699-1575 or gatorgalanddoughboy@embargmail.com
- 30th-4/1: Central FL SO Show, Maitland Civic Ctr., Maitland. Vicky Leighty, (561) 866-6145 or orchidmum@yahoo.com

### *New Library System*

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

### *OrchidWiz Auction in April*

We have a copy of OrchidWiz Express that will go to the highest bidder in April! Bidding begins at \$40.00. (We ran late in February and put this off for a while.)

Read Dr. Laurie's column in the February newsletter for more info on this great program!

### *Member News*

No news is good news this month.

### *Ask Dr. Laurie!*

*Dear Dr. Laurie: I am new to orchids and I am not sure how I can get involved with the show. Can I bring one of my plants to show?*

*Dear Reader:* The show is a celebration of orchids and it is a fun event that can be enjoyed by all who participate and attend. Very few members of the PSLOS are experts. The majority of us are members because it is a great learning experience. It allows one to become creative and to enjoy the fellowship of other individuals who love horticulture.

I have learned a great deal by participating in the show. It affords one the capability of interacting with the expert growers and vendors. We have some of the finest vendors in South Florida and they are all willing to share their knowledge. It has also given me the opportunity to know many members. Attending meetings does not afford one the opportunity to interact as the show does.

Inspect the plant that you wish to bring and make sure that it is pest free. First, give the plant a mild soap and water bath. Then clean the leaves with milk or lemon juice on a cotton ball. Make sure that your container is clean. Check that your plant has a name tag. If you would like to check the correct spelling etc. of the orchid name, you can Google it or if you do not have a computer call Diana, Toby, or me and we will check it out on Orchid Wiz for you.

Plant registration will take place on Thursday. There will be people to help you register your plant. They will have all the materials you will need. They will also direct you as to where to place it.

The show truly becomes your show when you enter a plant, a niche or a photo.

*"Dr." Laurie Hart*

### *Display Time!*

As part of our reciprocal participation with other orchid societies in the area, we will be installing a table top display at the Martin County Orchid Society Show.

We need your help, and especially your plants! Please consider loaning a flowering orchid for this effort. And by all means, come out and help with the installation. You don't need to know a thing, and you'll have fun and learn.

Set up is March 1st at 10AM at the Martin County Fairgrounds on Dixie Highway in Stuart.

Let us know in advance what you plan to bring, so we can preregister the plants.

Contact Hellen or Diana for more info and to volunteer!

### *Random Thoughts....*

*I have been in many places, but I've never been in in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.*

*I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and a certain orchid society...*

# !!Show Time!!

## “Orchid Treasures”

March 9th thru 11th

Port St. Lucie Community Center  
2195 SW Airoso Blvd.

Set up on Thursday, March 8th at 9AM

Be there! There is much to do, and many hands are needed! Come and help cover tables, carry plants and much more! This is an experience that you won't forget!

If someone has a van, truck or SUV, we need help carrying supplies from our storage area to the Community Center.

Please contact Hellen:  
hellenrwagner@aol.com  
579-3014

Bring your plants and win ribbons!

Bring your photos and enter the contest!

Watch a plain room turn into an orchid Fairyland!

### *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.



### *Membership*

Carol Donahue, Chairwoman

There were 62 members at our February 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 Our New Members!*

Bob Fisher  
Helen Ackerson

Bonnie & Bill Brody  
Carolyn & Robert Greene

### *Officers for 2012-2013*

*The following people have agreed to serve on our Executive Board.*

President	Barbara Lynn
1st Vice President	Nan Rothschild
2nd Vice President	TBA/March meeting
Recording Secretary	Marian Hewitt
Corresponding Secretary	Ellabee Scully
Treasurer	Shay Morton
Membership Chair	Carol Donahue

### Trustees

Class of 2013	Diana Kulaga
Class of 2014	Barbara Robinson
Class of 2015	Hellen Wagner



### *The Redland Festival is Coming!!*

Here in Florida, we are so lucky to have two of the premiere orchid events in the country!

Those of you who have been to the Tamiami Festival know just how wonderful it is. Well, if you liked Tamiami, you will go bonkers over Redland! This outdoor extravaganza features almost 60 vendors from around the world, and it's practically in our back yard.

We will be taking a bus to the Festival on Friday, May 18th. As you know, space is limited, so it is important to sign up early. This time, we will be signing up members first. After the March meeting, space permitting, we will open it up to your guests. (Don't worry - there will almost surely be space available, but we want to be fair to our members.)

Cost is again \$35.

Contact Diana for reservations:  
dianfrank@bellsouth.net or 873-0663



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**March Meetings**

**General Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 13th, 2012, 1:00 PM**

**PSL Botanical Gardens**

**Smiley's Orchids**

**Scented Vandaceous, Aerides, Rare Species from  
 Thailand**

**Door Prize, Raffle, Show and Tell,**

**Sorry, no member sale table this month**

**Early Class, noon: Dividing Large Cattleyas**

**Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 20st, 1:00 PM**

**Police Station, Airoso Blvd.**

**All members are welcome at Board Meetings**



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Class of 2014	Barbara Robinson	vivianrobinson@comcast.net (772) 871-2841



*Scenes from  
 our show in  
 past years*

*Don't miss the  
 2012  
 Version!*