

ORCHIDELIRIUM!

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President's Message

Hello to all PSLOS members and friends, I am sure that you all are well aware of the slight drop in temperature at night. Our orchid professionals are telling me that the Phalaenopsis in our orchid room will be in spike soon.

Laurie has set up a fantastic presentation for our November meeting. The speaker, Jeannette Waltz, is very creative in decorating hats with orchids. In the same vein, Laurie and Hellen will be working on a competition for our Spring Show. I can just imagine seeing our gals parading around the Community Center with their decorated Easter bonnets. Hopefully, we can convince some of our guys to do it, too!

The Botanical Gardens will be co-hosting our fall Auction. It is scheduled for Sat. 13th Nov. at 10:30 AM. We will begin setting up at 9 AM, and auction preview will be at 10:00 AM. Start looking for duplicate orchids to bring to sell. Then you can always use the money to buy new ones. We will also be asking for volunteers for runners and to help set up.

Patrick McClintock has updated our website. Halloween decoration is the current theme. Check it out at www.pslos.org and don't forget Facebook. Feel free to contact any of us if you have any ideas that would help our Society to continue growing. PSLOS members have always displayed excellent team work that makes us the best.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Jessica Benford

President

Nothing is worse than that moment during an argument when you realize with absolute certainty that you're wrong.....

November Meeting Main Event

Vice President Laurie Hart has invited Jeannette Waltz, of Flowers, Etc. and member of the Fort Pierce Garden Club, to be our speaker.

Her topic will be:

Hat Decorating With Orchids

This should be fun!

Annual Recognition Luncheon Scheduled!

Our annual get together has been booked for Tuesday, December 14th, at noon.

Toby Trapkin has arranged for a great buffet at Grill on the Green, and has been able to keep the cost at \$25 per person, the same as last year. Grill on the Green is on Morningside Blvd in Port St. Lucie.

This event is a great venue for mingling and getting to know your fellow orchid lovers better, and to honor those members who have belonged to the Society for many years.

In addition to a good time, each **membership, family or single**, will receive a lovely orchid to treasure.

We will be taking reservations at the November meeting. Space is not unlimited, so act quickly!

Minutes of the October General Meeting

Editor's note: The minutes were not available as of press time.

Coming Events Coming Events

October 2010

- 29th-31st: Delray Beach OS Show
Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach; Annette Jackson, (561) 638-9014, aojax@comcast.net
- 30th-31st: Brevard County OS Show
Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne; Julie Zepf, (321) 777-9837, jfzepf@aol.com

November 2010

- 3rd: Orchid Society of West Pasco Show, Buena Vista Manor Clubhouse, 5112 Rosada Ave. Holiday. Greg Sytch, gsytch@cs.com
- 6th: Intn'l. Slipper Symposium, Clarion Inn, 2701 E. Fowler Ave, Tampa. (407)886-4134 or slippersymposium@gmail.com
- 13th: **PSLOS Auction. See details in this issue.**
- 13th: Fort Pierce OS Auction, 911 Parkway Dr., Fort Pierce; 10AM. fposorchids@gmail.com.
- 19th-21st: American Orchid Society Show 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach Susan Wayman, (561) 404-2031 or swayman@aos.org
- January 2011
- 4th: Orchid Society of Coral Gables Seminar, Fairchild Gardens, Miami. Jill Sidran, cbsidran@bellsouth.net
- 8th-9th: Sarasota Orchid Show, Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Jo Davis, (941) 586-7795 or orchidpix@comcast.net
- 14th-16th: Ft. Lauderdale OS Show, War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St, Holiday Park. Chris Crepage, (954)563-3548, crisbil@att.net
- 22nd-23rd: Manatee River OS Show, Manatee Convention and Civic Center, 1 Habon Blvd., Palmetto. Barbara Fuhlbruck, (941)751-1599 or bavwfuhlbruck@tampabay.rr.com
- 29th-30th: Tamiami Orchid Festival, Dade County Fair Expo Center, 10901 Coral Way, Miami. Martin Motes, vandas@mindspring.com

The Early Class in November will cover dividing Cattleyas. All members and guests are invited. It is helpful to know in advance how many will attend.

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Ask Dr. Laurie!

Dear Dr. Laurie: My Phalaenopsis, which have been doing very well, have bottom leaves that are suddenly turning yellow. Is this some kind of a disease and how is it treated?

Dear Reader: Phalaenopsis belong to a tribe know as Aerides, which consist of nine genres. Phalaenopsis being one. Some of the more common genres in this tribe are Vanda, Doritis, Arachnis and Ascocentrum.

This entire genus is monopodial. That means they have a single stem and grow in one direction, which is upright. New growth is always seen at the top of the plant. The leaves are arranged opposite each other along the stem. Their floral axis is always lateral. It is normal for this genus of plants to lose its bottom leaves as the plant grows taller. Note that the roots grow at the base of the stem.

So, your orchid is not sick; it is just doing a little growing and getting rid of older leaves it no longer needs.

Now on the same plant, if the top leaves turn yellow and then black your plant can be diagnosed with crown rot. This is a very serious disease that will kill the plant if not treated immediately. First, isolate the plant from others. Check to make sure that you have no water sitting in the crown of your other Phalaenopsis and then go treat the sick plant.

Remove the affected leaves from the top of the plant. Take hydrogen peroxide full strength and apply to the crown of the plant. Allow it to fizz and then turn plant upside down to remove excess. Apply a fungicide at this point. Robbie Robinson says that he's had success using cinnamon as the fungicide.

I will be very truthful and say that I have never had one recover from crown rot, but by isolating the sick plant I did prevent its spread. The first year of my orchid growing experience I did not isolate an infected plant and had a total disaster related to my Phalaenopsis. Also, I stress preventive care: "Do not leave water sitting in the crown of your Phalaenopsis"!

Send your questions and together we will all become better orchid growers.

"Dr." Laurie Hart



Phalaenopsis stuartiana

Orchid Auction

Saturday November 13th

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Time for our annual auction! What a great opportunity to add to your collection! It is also a chance to sell duplicates, divisions or any orchid that you own. Our members have great plants, so plan to attend.

Because of our new location, we expect a big turnout. So if you have extra plants, now is the time to bring them for sale!

If you have plants to sell, please bring them between 9:00 and 9:30AM. Preview is at 10:00 and bidding begins at 10:30.

See the rules below, and please remember that we can only accept checks or cash.

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Auction

Mission Statement

The purpose of Port St. Lucie Orchid Society auctions 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.

Rules for Participants:

Only society members may offer plants for sale, but all buyers are welcome.

Members are limited to 20 plants for sale. Anything over that number will be considered donations to the society and should be labeled as such.

The auction is designed to help members manage their collections by eliminating duplicate plants and divisions. It is not meant to be an outlet for the sale of multiple plants of the same hybrid, nor is it meant to be an outlet for commercial or quasi-commercial sales.

Ten per cent (10%) of all sales will go to the society. Checks to sellers will be provided within 30 days of the auction. If a seller's plants are not all auctioned off, further sales will be conducted independent of the auction **after** the workers have tallied the auction sales, and may not be conducted within the auction building.

Each plant will be auctioned individually. The auctioneer will not sell one plant and then several more of the same hybrid for the same price without bidding.

Plants for sale must be brought to the auction location no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Plants brought after the auction has begun will not be considered. Plants must have a label on a leaf, stating the name of the seller and the minimum opening bid. Donated plants should be labeled "PSLOS" with a minimum bid included.

All sales are final.

Upcoming AOS Classes

There are no classes scheduled for November.

Membership

Toby Trapkin, Chairwoman

There was high attendance at the October 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@bellsouth.net or call (772)468-0057.

Welcome our new members!

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Road Trip!

We are planning a trip to the Tamiami Orchid Festival on Saturday, January 29th, 2011. This sounds far off, but a bus must be reserved, etc. If you have not experienced this orchid extravaganza, prepare to be amazed! There will be vendors from all over the world, and prices to beat just about anywhere else.

Plus, it's a great time! I'll discuss this more at the November meeting.

Diana Kulaga



Port St. Lucie Orchid Society's display at the Fort Pierce Orchid Society show

The Library is Open!

Our library is open, and we have new 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!



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November Meetings

Tuesday, November 9th, 1:00 PM
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Agenda: Decorating Hats with Orchids
Early class: Dividing Cattleyas
Show & Tell, Raffle, Member Sale Table

Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 16th, 1:00 PM
at the Police Station next to City Hall
All members are welcome at Board Meetings

Elected Officers

2010-2011

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Class of 2013: Diana Kulaga
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Cattleya Hail Storm
(*C. bowringiana* x *C. skinneri*)



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