

# ORCHIDELIRIUM!

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## President's Message

Hello to all PSLOS members and friends!  
There is a chill in the air and autumn is here for our orchid enthusiasts. Hopefully your Phalaenopsis are starting to spike. I was in the Botanical Gardens Orchid Room the other day visiting with Mike Bond as he was feeding the Orchids with Peter's and I noticed numerous spikes on various orchid species. Come to the Botanical Gardens and volunteer on Thursdays of each week, beginning at 8:30 am to 10:00 am, and help keep your Orchid Room in complete splendor. Our Orchid auction will be held at the Botanical Gardens on November 08<sup>th</sup> with orchid viewing at noon and the auction commencing at 1:00 PM sharp. This event will replace our general meeting for November. If you have not been to an orchid auction (and your President has not), I think we are in for a special treat. So if you have two or three orchids of the same species in your collection I'm sure you can part with some of them so you can raise money to buy additional orchids, and you'll help raise money for the Society at the same time. Please be prepared to bring your orchids to the Gardens by 11:30 am so they can be placed for viewing and sale.

Patrick Mc Clintock has some beautiful pictures of orchid winners at the Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show on our web site. Also, if you're in need of books from the Orchid Library, a new procedure is in place. Our Librarian, Sonia Manning, will be available to assist you in reserving materials in advance of our general society meetings. Contact her by email at [bill.manningbill8@gmail.com](mailto:bill.manningbill8@gmail.com) or by telephone, 772-873-8256. You can find a list of materials on the web site, [www.psls.org](http://www.psls.org). So review and reserve. Come, enjoy, be educated, and have fun at our Orchid Auction. You won't be sorry. See you there!!!

Bill Manning

President

## Orchid Tasks for November, per Martin Notes

- Prepare for cold weather
- Reduce fertilizer
- Apply extra magnesium and potassium
- Repot plants after flowering
- Groom Phalaenopsis spikes

Hat tip to Roy Williams for suggesting this feature!



## !!Party!!

*The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society  
Is pleased to announce its  
Annual Recognition Luncheon*

*When: Tuesday, December 20th, at Noon  
Where: The Gator Trace Golf & Country Club  
4212 Gator Trace Drive (off Weatherby)  
Fort Pierce*

*What: A sit-down luncheon (menu below)  
What else: Recognition of long time members  
Still more: Fun and Games  
And yet more: An orchid for every  
membership!*

*\$25 per person*

*Please note: This replaces our December meeting!*

## White Elephant Gift Swap!

*Bring a wrapped gift valued at not more  
than \$5.00.*

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promise!*



Menu:

Choice of:

Roast Beef Au Jus

Chicken Marsala

Tilapia Francaise

Served with:

Salad, Potato, Rolls,

Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Cash Bar Available

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Or email:

[hellenrwagner@aol.com](mailto:hellenrwagner@aol.com)

## Coming Events

November 8th:  
Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Annual Auction!  
Save the date!

December 20th:  
Port St. Lucie Orchid Society  
Annual Recognition Luncheon

Nov. 12: Fort Pierce OS Auction, 10AM. Garden Club of Fort Pierce, 911 Parkway Dr., FP.

There are no events listed on the AOS calendar for November.



Photo courtesy of Patrick McClintock

### *Dendrobium Sweet Pink 'Valencia' HCC/AOS*

*We are very proud to announce that our own Fran Valencia received an award of HCC/AOS for this plant from the American Orchid Society at the recent Fort Pierce Orchid Show. Fran was completely surprised, and we are so happy for her!*

No early class in November or December. Put the notes away and enjoy the holidays!

### *Member News*

Viive Frigola's husband, Al, recently passed away. Our sincere condolences to Viive and her family.

### *Ask Dr. Laurie!*

*Dear Dr. Laurie: What are all these black spots on the lower leaves of my Dendrobium?*

*Dear Reader:* It most likely is either a fungus or a bacterial infection. Considering that we have just had a Florida summer with high humidity and heavy rains, my guess would be a fungus.

We have discussed in the past the necessity to isolate any diseased plant. Then immediately institute a water management protocol. If your plants are located in a screened area that has been receiving the daily rainfall, consider finding a covered area for your plants. Stop all automatic irrigation systems and institute hand watering. Restrict the watering to the pot and not the leaves.

Check potting medium and, if it has started to break down and is holding too much moisture, considering re-potting those plants. Make sure that there is room between all of your plants to help with limiting disease spread. I believe it is Martin Motes who recommends that the spacing of plants should allow a cat to saunter between them.

In the hospitals the spread of disease from patient to patient is largely due to poor or lack of hand washing. This also holds true in the plant world. Rubber gloves are no substitute to hand washing and sterilized tools. The U of F recommends a 20 to 30 percent household bleach solution or TSP (Trisodium Phosphate) solution. Tools must be soaked for at least five minutes and rinsed with clean water and allowed to dry. Treat your ill dendrobium with a fungicide; I like cinnamon.

I would encourage all the PSLOS members to participate in our Facebook page. I love the pictures and the constant sharing of information. It is fun and it is free.

*"Dr." Laurie Hart*

### *Trip Alert*

The bus to the Tamiami Festival is full, and there are people on a waiting list.

Please be advised that if you signed up and got on the list at the October meeting, payment needs to be made by our November meeting. After that, we'll open the seats up to others who want to go.

Either bring a check to the November auction or send it to me, made out to PSLOS:

Diana Kulaga  
2474 SW Dalpina Rd.  
Port St. Lucie 34953

*You can be in many places alone, but you can't be alone in Cahoots. Apparently, someone has to be there with you.....*

## *Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Auction*

*Tuesday, November 8th, 2011*

*Set-up 11:30*

*Preview Noon*

*Bidding Begins 1:00*

### 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.
- Plants will be auctioned at random.
- Checks or cash only. No credit cards.

**All sales are final.**

### ***New Library System***

**Our new Librarian is Sonia Manning.**

**We have decided to alter the way the Library operates. The Librarian will no longer bring all the materials to every meeting. Instead, members may reserve materials in advance. A list of all materials available can be found on our web site:**

**[www.pslos.org](http://www.pslos.org)**

**In addition, a list is included with this Newsletter. If you do not have access to the Internet, please keep the list for future reference.**

**To reserve materials, contact Sonia at:  
[bill.manningbill8@gmail.com](mailto:bill.manningbill8@gmail.com) or 873-8256**

### ***Membership***

**Carol Donahue, Chairwoman**

There were 54 members at our September 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](mailto:cadinpsl@aol.com) or call (772) 201-7913.

### ***Welcome to our new members!***

**Arlene Gerber**

**Ed DeDecker**

**Carol & Stephen Krupp**

**Kim Rupp**

**Jo Halstead**

**Mary Abbot**

**To these, and our other recently joined members, we hope you will take advantage of all that the Port St. Lucie Orchid society has to offer!**



***The American Orchid Society Calendars are here!***

***The picture on the left is from the cover.***

***We ordered in bulk, so all of you who wanted one can have them for only \$9.00.***

***Available at the November Auction. First come, first served!***

### ***October General Meeting Minutes***

The meeting was called together by President Bill Manning at 1:05 P.M.

Carol Donahue, our membership person, announced that we have one visitor and four new members today.

Show and Tell was at 1:10 pm. Toby Trapkin, Jeanette Grosshans, Barbara Robinson and Fran Valencia showed their Fort Pierce Orchid Show award winning plants. Linda Kinyon and Ed DeDecker showed their plants as well.

Our President was looking for volunteers to help with the different aspects of the Botanical Gardens.

Laurie Hart spoke of the auction the Society is having next month in lieu of our regular meeting.

Diana Kuluga told us about the 2012 calendars for sale from AOS. She also informed us about the Tamiami Show on January 28, 2012. It is on a Saturday this time.

Hellen Wagner and Jessica Benford told us about the Annual Recognition Luncheon which will be held in lieu of our December meeting.

We want to extend a big thank you to Estelle Stevenson who donated 19 plants for the Botanical Gardens.

Mirta Heinman, our guest speaker, then gave her presentation about Encyclias. She gave a very informative, humorous talk about her LOVE of orchids. She says, "you don't kill orchids, they die on you". She plays them classical music and occasionally kisses them. Hmmm, is that what we are doing wrong?

After raffle and door prize, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

**Donna Zutter  
Recording Secretary**



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**November Meetings**

**Tuesday, November 8th, 2011, 1:00 PM  
 Annual Auction  
 Preview: Noon**

**Board Meeting  
 Tuesday, November 15th 1:00 PM  
 Port St. Lucie Police Station, Airoso Blvd.  
 All members are welcome at Board meetings**

**Winners!**

We are happy to tell you that at the recent Fort Pierce Orchid Show, our members won a total of 23 ribbons! And that was a table top display show, so we didn't take that many plants. We're very proud of the effort, and of all the folks who turned out to volunteer.

In addition, three trophies were awarded to our members. They are:

- Best Cattleya over 4": Jeanette Grosshans  
 For Pot. Spanish Eyes
  - Best Dendrobium: Fran Valencia  
 For Den. Pink Sweet
  - Best all other genera: Toby Trapkin  
 For Ctsm. Kidney Bean
- Congrats and good growing!**

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**Happy Thanksgiving!**

*To all of our members, their families and their friends, we at Orchidelirium! wish you a time of plenty and also time to reflect on the good things in all of our lives.*

*I, for one, am also thankful for all the wonderful people I have met during my years as a member of the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society.*