

# ORCHIDELIRIUM!

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## *President's Message*

Hello to all PSLOS members and friends!  
For those of you who were not in attendance for our September 2011 membership meeting, your Executive Board has asked me (Bill Manning) to serve as your Society President. So I ran my first meeting and I must say we had a great turnout and a tremendous speaker, Carol Holdren, who spoke on Tricks and Tips on growing orchids. Raffle prizes were awarded, and there was fun for all in attendance.

My vision as your new President for 2011-2012 is as follows:

- Maintain and enhance membership.
- Learn from active members and work as a team to enhance our goals and objectives of the society.
- Maintain and enhance our relationship with the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden Room that is maintained by active Port St. Lucie Orchid Society members.
- Most importantly, have fun growing, appreciating and experiencing what orchids are and what this society can offer you as a member.

Our October Meeting is going to be another educational experience with our speaker Mirta Heinerman who has learned to appreciate orchids from education, membership, leadership and rescue, all in participating in various orchid societies, domestic and international. So come prepared to receive a great talk on The Beautiful World of Encyclias. See you there!!!!

Bill Manning  
President

## *October Speaker*

Mirta Heineman, of the Coalition for Orchid Species in Miami, is our guest speaker this month. She has a special interest in Encyclias, and this should be a very informative meeting. Here's a little bit about her:

### **Mirta Russis Heineman**

Mirta was born in Cuba and came with her family to the States in 1961. She did not speak English when she came, thus she could not go back to college until she had tackled that rich and tricky language. After her children had finished High School she went back, graduated, and became a teacher.

She bought her first orchid from the tailgate of a truck that was selling tempting specimens after one of the Miami Shows closed. This was some 20 years ago. Ask her about The First Time? She'll tell you with a smile, "Phaleanopsis". After that she bought many orchids - but with very little luck in keeping them healthy until she started taking classes to learn how to take care of the little darlings.

After she retired she devoted more time to her new challenge. She joined six different orchid societies and attended just about every class that she heard about - all to learn more about orchids. She has traveled many times to many cities and countries to attend shows, conferences and classes - and to rescue orchids.

She has been a president, a vice-president and has occupied almost every board position in many orchid societies where she is a member. This year she is the President of Coalition for Orchid Species. This enthusiasm for orchids has taken her to many of our local societies to make presentations and orchid shows.



## *October Early Class, Noon*

We will be discussing Phalaenopsis. As always, it is helpful to know how many will be in attendance

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## Coming Events

October 2011

- 1st-2nd: Florida West Coast OS Show  
Minnreg Center, Largo. Bret Finke, (727) 460-4606, bfinke90@tampabay.rr.com
- 1st-2nd South Florida OS Show/Speaker's Day  
Info: www.sforchid.org
- 8th-9th **Fort Pierce OS Show St. Lucie Cty Shrine Club, 4600 Oleander, Fort Pierce. William Tozer, (772)465-4674, jbtazer@bellsouth.net**
- 15th-16th: Gainesville OS Show  
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville. Candace Hollinger, drahcir7@bellsouth.net
- 21st-23rd: Orcthoberfest, EFG Orchids, 4265 Marsh Rd., Deland; (386) 738-8600, powergrown@aol.com
- 28th-30th: Delray Beach OS Show  
Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach; Annette Jackson, (561) 638-9014, aojax@comcast.net
- 29th-30th: Brevard County OS Show  
Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne; Julie Zepf, (321) 777-9837, jfzepf@aol.com

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

### *Help!*

*We need plants and hands!*

As noted above, the Fort Pierce OS is having their show. Your Society is installing a display, and we need all hands on deck!

We especially need you to loan plants for the display. Don't judge your own orchids! Nobody who has won a ribbon ever expected it until it happened!

Set up is at the address noted above, on Friday, October 7th at 10AM. If you can't make it, we'll arrange to pick up your blooming plants.

Come out, have some fun, and learn a lot! Call or email Diana Kulaga for more info.  
diandfrank@bellsouth.net or 873-0663.

### *Member News*

Jamie Lawson's wife, Jackie, has had major surgery. We send our best for a speedy recovery.

### *Ask Dr. Laurie!*

*Dear Dr. Laurie, I purchased a beautiful Cattleya several years ago and it has never bloomed for me. It looks very healthy and I do fertilize. What is wrong?*

*Dear Reader:* It sounds like this Cattleya is trying to tell you that it needs more light. The most common reason for a Cattleya not blooming is that it is not receiving enough light. The plant must be placed in an area where all of the plant gets an equal amount of light. If it is located on a window sill, I would advise you to move it to a patio or back porch. Cattleyas in nature grow at the top of trees and are accustomed to dappled sunshine and moving air. Cattleyas generally only bloom once a year and the flowers usually last for about a month. They are my favorite flower, but not my favorite house plant. I generally keep mine in my shade house or hanging in trees in my yard. I only bring them into the patio when they are blooming. Needless to say when they have been hanging in a tree check them for bugs and I usually spray with Neem oil several days before relocating.

I have found it helpful to put the blooming time on the name tag. It is my way of keeping track of the blooming history of the plant. It took me three years to get my first Cattleya to bloom, so don't get discouraged. The beauty of the flower was worth the wait. It now blooms every spring.

Hope all of you had a pleasant summer and are as excited as I am to start our new season. Please send me your questions and I will search for the answers for you and me.

*"Dr." Laurie Hart*

## Road Trip

Time to think about the Tamiami Festival in Miami!

We have hired a bus, and will be going on the first day of the Festival, which is Saturday, January 28th. Here's the deal:

- 50 Vendors from around the world
- An amazing array of orchids, both unusual and familiar
- Free entrance to the Festival (\$8 value)
  - Bus fare and driver's tip included
  - \$5 coupon good at any vendor
  - On-board raffle

The cost is \$35. You can't drive down there for that! Plus, we have a great time.

To get on board, contact Diana  
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### *Membership*

**Carol Donahue, Chairwoman**

There was a great turnout for 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.

### *Time for Dues!*

**Payment is now overdue!**

Bring a check or cash to the October meeting, or send a check to:

Carol Donahue  
272 SE Ray Ave.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

If you are liable for dues and have not yet paid them, this will be your last newsletter!

Thank you for your cooperation!

### *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: [billmanningbill8@gmail.com](mailto:billmanningbill8@gmail.com) or 873-8256

### *September 2011 Minutes*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Illona Christie at 1:05 P.M..

Speaker Carol Holdren, an AOS judge, spoke to the group regarding "Tricks and Tips" for growing our orchids.

After a 15 minute break we resumed the meeting with Illona introducing our new President of the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society, Bill Manning.

Shay gave the treasurers report. Hellen announced that Yami Olds will be her Co-Chair for our Orchid Show and she handed out ballots and asked the membership to pick a new name for our show in 2013. Hellen also mentioned an Orchid Sale at the Botanical Gardens. Diana spoke about the Ft. Pierce Orchid Show. Carol Donahue announced that we had 6 new members. She also mentioned that the membership fees were due.

The November meeting will be our plant auction. At this meeting we had 6 past Presidents in attendance. They are: Nancy Grover; Hellen Wagner; Jessica Benford; Susan Spring; Barbara Robinson; and Michael Ortseifer.

After the raffles and the 50/50, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Renee Skalet for Donna DeCarlo Zutter  
Recording Secty.

### *Committee Chairs 2011-2012*

Annual Awards Retreat	Hellen Wagner; Toby Trapkin; Renee Skalet; Jessica Benford
Annual Recognition Luncheon	Same as above
AOS Rep	Laurie Hart
AOS Show	Hellen Wagner; Yami Olds, co-chair
Auctions	Laurie Hart
Culture	Laurie Hart
Display Director	Diana Kulaga
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50/50	Mildred Boucher



### *Welcome to our new members!*

Karen Brown                      Fred & Judy Hazard  
Myrna Jorgensen                Karen Rutkowski

Returning members: John & Dolores Benish

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!

*Come to the  
Fort Pierce Orchid Society's*

**Orchid Show  
and Sale**

*"Falling for Orchids"*

**October 8 & 9, 2011  
10 am - 4 pm**

at the  
St. Lucie County Shrine Club  
4600 Oleander Avenue  
(1/3 mile North of Midway Road)

\$2 Admission  
For more information call 772-465-4674  
or visit [www.myfpos.com](http://www.myfpos.com)

Fort Pierce Orchid Society meets 2nd Saturday of the month  
10 am at the Garden Club/Center, 911 Parkway Dr, Fort Pierce, FL

*This is the show we are participating in. Please help us with blooming orchids and willing hands!*



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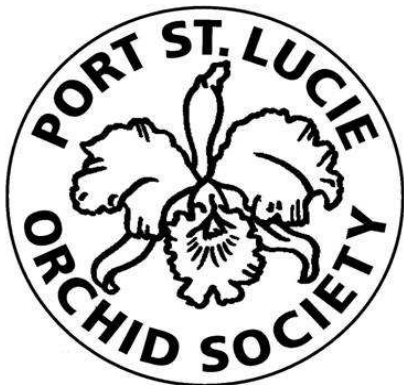
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Class of 2014	Barbara Robinson	vivianrobinson@comcast.net (772) 871-2841



*A Few Photos from the "Just Orchids" Sale*

*The pot at left below is filled with orchids donated by a member of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden, Estelle Stephenson. Thank you, Estelle!*

Photos  
 courtesy of

Patrick  
 McClintock



**October Meetings**

Tuesday, October 11th, 2011, 1:00 PM  
 Mirta Heineman  
 Coalition for Orchid Species  
 PSL Botanical Gardens

Early Class: 12:00  
 Phalaenopsis

Sorry, no member sale table this month  
 Show & Tell, Raffle, Door Prize

Board Meeting  
 Tuesday, October 18th 1:00 PM  
 Port St. Lucie Police Station, Airoso Blvd.  
 All members are welcome at Board meetings

## *Your Library List (page 1)*

*The list may also be found on our web site, [www.pslos.org](http://www.pslos.org)*

1. Alias, Greg & Nash, Ned. **Four Seasons of Orchids.**
2. Baker, Margaret L. & Charles O. **Orchid Species Culture - Dendrobium.** Timber Press. 1996. 852 pp. Soft-bound. *Everything you could possibly want to know about species culture of the genus Dendrobium.*
3. **Botanica's Orchids.** Thunder Bay Press. 2002. 608 pp. Soft-bound. *More than 1200 species listed, with descriptions and color photography.*
4. Bransilver, Connie. **Wild Love Affair.** Westcliffe Publishers, Inc. 127 pp. Hard-bound. *A coffee table book featuring the author's narrative and photography of Florida's native orchids.*
5. Brown, Paul Martin. **Wild Orchids of Florida.** University Press of Florida. 2002. 409 pp. Soft-bound. *Where to look for Florida's wild orchids with location maps, illustrations, and color plates.*
6. Cribb, Phillip. **The Forgotten Orchids of Alexandre Brun.** Grove Press. 1992. 159 pp. Hard-bound. *A true collector's album featuring 59 of the exquisite watercolors of the Victorian botanical artist, Alexandre Brun, painted at the height of orchidmania.*
7. Dunsterville, G.C.K. and E. **Orchid Hunting in the Lost World (and Elsewhere in Venezuela).** American Orchid Society. 1988. 280 pp. Hard-bound. *The authors search for all the orchid species of Venezuela, estimated to number 1,200. Interesting photography and botanical drawings. 2 copies.*
8. Gloudon, A. and Tobisch, C. **Orchids of Jamaica.** The Press University of the West Indies, 1995. 222 pp. Soft-bound. *Orchid habitats and species native to Jamaica. Lots of color plates and illustrations.*
9. Gordon, Bob. **Culture of the Phalaenopsis Orchid.** Laid-back Publications, 1985. 117 pp. Soft-bound. *A complete guide to growing phals including the mechanics of hybridizing and phals as cut flowers. Nineteen black and white photos and figures. 2 copies.*
10. Gordon, Bob. **Orchid Seedling Care.** Laid-Back Publications, 1991. 162 pp Spiral-bound. *Complete guide to orchid seedling culture and care with emphasis on water quality.*
11. Hansen, Eric. **Orchid Fever.** Vintage Books, 2001. 272 pp. Soft-bound. *A horticultural tale of love, lust, and lunacy; it reads like a natural history thriller.*
12. Imes, Rick. **Identifying Orchids.** Quintet Publishing Ltd. 1993. 80 pp. Hard-bound. *Compact study guide and identifier with color plates on every page.*
13. Johnson, Liz. **Easy Orchids.** Firefly Books, Ltd. 2005 144 pp. Soft-bound. *All about growing orchids indoors.*
14. Kramer, Jack. **100 Orchids for Florida.** Pineapple Press, Inc. 2006. 120 pp. Soft-bound. *100 different orchids to grown in Florida.*
15. Northern, Rebecca Tyson. **Home Orchid Growing.** 4rd edition. Von Nostrand Reinhold Co, 1990. 376 pp. Hard-bound. *Detailed text about all the tribes and genera of the orchid family. Ample photography. Also....2 additional copies of the 3rd edition.*
16. Orlean, Susan. **The Orchid Thief.** Random House, 1998. 286 pp. Hard-bound. *The fascinating true story of a renegade plant dealer whose greed and obsession with orchids leads the reader into the swamps of South Florida and on a fascinating tour of America's flower-selling subculture. The strange, compelling and hilarious tale reads like a novel.*
17. Pesch, Barbara, ed. **Garden Photography.** Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Science Press, 1990. 88 pp. Soft-bound. *Tips on choosing the correct angles, backgrounds, lighting, etc. for photographing the garden and its plants. Lots of color photography.*
18. Plimpton, Susan W. **The Orchid Tourist.** American Orchid Society. 2002. 64 pp. Soft-bound. *Traveling abroad? This little handbook lists locations of public orchid collections in 37 different countries around the world.*
19. Pridgeon, Alec, ed. **The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Orchids.** Timber Press, Inc, 1992. 304 pp. Hardbound. *Illustrated and identified are more than 1100 orchid species with hundreds of color photographs.*

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20. Rittershausen, W., Oakey, G. & D., Sutherland, N. **Orchids Step-by-Step**. Colour Library Books, Ltd., 1993. 124 pp. Hard-bound. *Descriptions of each individual orchid group, their growing needs and how to care for them.*
21. Simon, Hilda. **The Private Lives of Orchids**. J.B. Lippincott Co., 1975. 160 pp. Hard-bound. *Physical characteristics and behavior patterns of 90 individual orchids accompanied by detailed, color illustrations.*
22. Smiley, Nixon. **Florida Gardening Month by Month**. University of Miami Press, 1970. 184 pp. Hardbound. *From cultivating and growing roses to fruit trees, this month-by-month guide is geared to south Florida growers.*
23. Watson, James B., ed. **Orchid Pests and Diseases**. American Orchid Society, 2002. 124 pp. Softbound. *One of the AOS excellent guides, complete with a detailed index and ample color and black and white photography and charts.*
24. White, Judy. **Taylor's Guide to Orchids**. Houghton Mifflin Co., 1996. 385 pp. Soft-bound. *More than 300 orchids are featured and described for beginning to expert gardeners with 142 pages of color photography.*
25. Williams, Brian. **Orchids for Everyone**. W.H. Smith Publishers, Inc. 1987. 208 pp. Hard-bound. *Part 1 treats the cultivation of orchids in general, and part 2 takes a close-up look at the seven major genera.*
26. Zachos, Wllen. **Orchid Growing for Wimps**. Sterling Publishing. 2002. 128 pp. Soft-bound. *A great starter book for the new orchid grower. Outstanding how-to photography. **New Book !!!***

### **Other Reference materials.**

**Tropical Selby Gardens - Sarasota**. A 20-minute DVD tour.

**Potting and Mounting of Orchids in Warm Temperatures**. A 28-minute DVD produced by the American Orchid Society, 1987.

**Robert's Rules of Order**. 1977. 204 pp. Paperback. *The standard guide to parliamentary procedure.*

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