



# FORT PIERCE ORCHID SOCIETY

## *Newsletter*

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September 2011

### President's Message

Hi Every One,  
I hope you all are enjoying your Labor Day Weekend. The orchids seem to be enjoying the last couple of weeks of Summer.

The show committee had their next to last meeting. All the pieces seem to be falling in to place. We still need members to get trophy sponsors. We are running out of time so please get your sponsor forms in to the show committee as soon as possible because we have to get them recorded and arranged for printing.

This month's general meeting is a very important; elections for next year's Officers. Thanks to Pam Stephenson, Hellen Wagner, and Patrick McClintock (Nominating Committee) who presented nominations to the Members at the August meeting. They had a tough job but they did it. The officers that are up for election are Bill Tozer/President, Pam Stephenson/Vice President, Michael Ortseifer/Secretary and

Rita Zeblin/Treasurer. Since it was Bob Conte's last term, Jo Tozer has been nominated to a four year term. Pam Stephenson, who was nominated for Vice President and had three more years as Director, is being replaced by Jeanette Grosshans. Ray Mezo has two more years as Director and Hellen Wagner, one year. There can be nominations from the floor before the elections. Thanks to all that made this happen. Things are looking good for a prosperous year ahead.

This month's presentation is from Anita Neal, St. Lucie County Extension Director (see below). There will be a demonstration and Q&A session about setting up a niche at our upcoming show and a Q&A on the art displays with Pam. We will have our raffle and there will be show and tell (bring your plants to show off!). If you have any plants to sell the table will be open. I hope to see you all at this time - Yours Truly,  
Bill Tozer

**NEXT MEETING:**

**September 10th @ 10AM**

### This Month's Program

#### What's Bugging You (and Your Orchids?)

Anita Neal, Director, St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Service, will speak at 10:00 a.m. September 10, 2011 at the Fort Pierce Orchid Society meeting at the Garden Club of Fort Pierce, 910 Parkway Drive. She will speak about pests and diseases of orchids.

In addition, members Michael Ortseifer and Beryl Steiner will share hints and techniques for creating winning niches, a category in the Society's upcoming orchid show and sale October 8-9 at the St. Lucie County Shrine Club.



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## Odds N Ends

### Cataloging Your Orchids

Even the smallest collection should be catalogued, in a notebook, on a computer, or on index cards or whatever system is easiest and works. It is good to have information as to origins, cultivation problems and the repotting of a particular plant readily available. Each plant should be labeled with its name and reference number. A picture of the plant when in bloom is also nice to have.

Two types of notes are helpful. Acquisition notes and cultivation notes.

Acquisition notes should include:

- Date of purchase, price, it's identity including genera and species.
- In the case of a hybrid, minimally include the genus, parents and awards. The cultivar and grex are also helpful.
- A brief description of the plant or a picture. The compost it's in is helpful as well.
- Note any quarantine if necessary.

Cultivation notes should include:

- A blooming record, number of blossoms, duration, when bloomed and any specific characteristics.
- Fertilization application and the formula used.
- Pesticide treatments date and what was used.
- Repotting information, date, compost used, why the plant was repotted.
- Record accidents in cultivation or pest problems.

Whatever system you develop, it shouldn't be a chore, but an ongoing reference for you to give better care to your plants.

Written by Jan Kadet, Naples Orchid Society

**Bring your Show & Tell plants  
Member Sale Table - OPEN**

I'm an idealist.

I don't know where I'm going,  
but I'm on my way.

[Carl Sandburg](#) from BrainyQuote.com

## ORCHID AUCTION

September 17, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

or until gone

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Up for bid.

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& Refreshments

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[www.cflorchidsociety.org](http://www.cflorchidsociety.org)

# SHOW UPDATE

Come to the Fort Pierce Orchid Society's

## Orchid Show and Sale

October 8 & 9, 2011  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Admission \$2

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

Even though our society does not set up a display at our own show there are ways for members to display their plants and art. Members may enter a plant on the individual table. The plant must be in bloom, named and registered at the show. You may enter a small cut flower arrangement in the mini niche class. The size of the space is 6" wide, 8" high and 4" deep. The arrangement must have at least one orchid bloom and other greenery. We also have an orchids in art class/exhibit. You may enter any kind of art work, paintings, photos, stained glass, needlework, pottery or any other mixed media in that class. Paintings and photos must be framed. Pre-register art with Pam Stephenson 465-8399 by October 6 and bring all entries to the Shrine Club on October 7 between 10am and noon. Pick up at 4pm October 9. - Pam Stephenson

Hello Everyone, the "Orchid Show" is just around the corner in October and we need help to make this show a success. Volunteers are needed to help with the raffle table and the front door table. We have openings for these times: you can work 1 hour shifts or however long you can help and we usually like to have 2 people working both tables:

Raffle Table:

Saturday Oct. 8- 1 person for 10 am to 1 pm and 1 person for 2 pm to 3 pm  
Sunday Oct 9- 2 people for 10 am to 2 pm and 1 person for 2 pm to 3 pm

Front Door Table:


Saturday Oct. 8- 1 person for 10 am to 12 pm and 2 people for 12 pm to 4 pm  
Sunday Oct 9- 1 person for 10 am to 2 pm and 2 people for 12 pm to 4 pm

We also can use help with set up on Friday Oct. 7 and Take Down Oct. 9th

Also those that are volunteering please wear your Fort Pierce Orchid Society Shirts from last year or any shirts you have, if you do not have one please let me know and I will see if we have a t-shirt for you at the September meeting.

Please email me at [rita\\_and\\_ralph@netzero.net](mailto:rita_and_ralph@netzero.net) to let me know the day and times that you can help. We will appreciate all your help. - Rita Zeblin

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Email: [sales@jimssupplies.com](mailto:sales@jimssupplies.com)  
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FPOS members receive these discounts:  
Growing supplies 10%  
Ventilation equipment 5%

Supply orders can be delivered to the monthly FPOS meetings with 1 week advance notice.

## ORCHID SHOWS/EVENTS:

September 2011

9 - Port St Lucie Orchid Society, Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 1pm  
18 - Vero Beach Orchid Society Meeting, Garden Club of Vero Beach,  
2526 17th Ave, Vero, 7pm vbos@verobeachorchidsociety.org

October 2011

1-2 - South Florida Orchid Society Show & Speakers Day, Bank  
United Center - U of Miami, 1245 Dauer Dr., Coral Gables, FL. Con-  
tact: [www.sforchid.org](http://www.sforchid.org).  
8-9 - Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show, St. Lucie County Shrine Club,  
4600 Oleander Ave., Ft. Pierce, FL. Contact: William Tozer, (772) 465-  
4674; [jbtozer@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbtozer@bellsouth.net).  
21-23 - \*Orchtoberfest, Power Plant/EFG Orchids, 4265 Marsh Rd.,  
Deland, FL. Contact: George Hausermann; (386) 738-  
8600; [powergrown@aol.com](mailto:powergrown@aol.com).

## FPOS Meetings

*Bring a Friend!*

**September 10** - Anita Neal -  
*Orchid Pests & Diseases*

**October 8&9** - Fort Pierce Orchid Show  
*Fort Pierce Shrine Club*

**November** - Fall Auction

**December** - Christmas Party, Installation of  
*2012 Officers*

Fort Pierce Orchid Society meets every month  
on the 2nd Saturday at 10AM at the  
Ft. Pierce Garden Club, 911 Parkway Dr., Ft. Pierce.



**Fort Pierce Orchid Society**  
243 SE Fallon Drive  
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## FORT PIERCE ORCHID SOCIETY

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly newsletter (circle one): snail mail or email

Are you currently growing orchids? \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: Single \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Joint \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send all payments to FPOS, c/o Rita Zeblin, 5412 NW Emblem St, PSL, FL 34983*