



# The Pelican Profile

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## In Bloom With **Christi Lavoy!**

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# Botanistix

Open House in Pelican Marsh!



**lawn and garden**

Christi Lavoy, Pelican Marsh Resident



*Wow, I have been making Botanistix for nearly 12 years and I can tell you my neck knows it!*

When I think of where I started with mostly beach shell designs and where I am today, well, each step has been a discovery and learning process.

I love the transparency of glass and I knew I wanted to make that a part of Botanistix designs. Finding an affordable glassblower who could make a 2" design look realistic, took years. Today I am on my second glassblower and he has evolved with the brand. He has a rustic two-story garage studio and when we are trying to make a design happen, I have shed blood. I am better at learning where to stand now!

On Ebay there are glass pieces I could purchase from China or Thailand. They would even alter them for me but the quality of the glass is not at all the same. My first glassblower always said he did not want to work with Chinese glass, it was inferior. I feel

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fortunate to be able to offer quality, handblown glass to my clients that really flatter flowers. We all know the beauty of Baccarat, Daum & Lalique crystal. Beautiful glass has always enhanced a flower's beauty. Not surprisingly, clients love our handblown glass pieces for the same reason.

Last season, I was asked to supply orchids and Botanistix to some Naples' businesses. I shop the gift shows so my access to unique cache pots is never-ending. I have really enjoyed this additional phase that Botanistix has surprised me with. Everyone wants their look to be special and I love making that happen.



The orchid classes are really less of a class and more of an exchange between people who know something (if only they think orchids are pretty) about orchids but want to experience more. From others, we all learn so much. We start indoors talking about the basics of how the purchase can set up for future results, then we move outside to see what the possibilities could be. Back inside we go into orchid arranging, repotting and many questions. Mentally exhausted, then, of course, we snack!

You may have noticed Botanistix at charity events and auctions. I was asked to do the orchids for the Naples Woman's Club Kitchen Tour in January and heard from so many of you after it. Being a part of the community is important. We have owned a home in Naples since 1987 so we have known Naples for a very long time and love supporting it.

Each November on election day, I host the Botanistix open house at our Terrabella home. It's become a really enjoyable time to see neighbors who bring friends to talk about orchids and all that it encompasses. Then they sip some prosecco and indulge in some treats, which is always fun.

More than anything what Botanistix has brought to me is community. Who wouldn't enjoy spending time with people with shared interests? I think as human beings, it's something we all crave. I really feel fortunate that at this stage of my life, I have found something that feeds my soul!

I hope to see you November 5th, 11:00-5:00!



## Annual Botanistix Open House

**Pelican Marsh Resident Christi Lavoy**  
November 5, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Christi Lavoy opens her Terra Bella home to you to take in the dendrobiums while having sips and nibbles with friends and neighbors. Join at your leisure during this event!

**Email** Christi@botanistix.com or call (201) 951-9211, for further questions.  
**Location** Pelican Marsh Residence, 9171 Torrefino Ct. TerraBella Gate code \*4045.

