



Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

December 2023

**NOTE: There will NOT be a Show and Tell NOR a Newbie Session December 11th**

**CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!**

*Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Holiday Party  
Flamingo Gardens Learning Center*

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

**Doors open at 7:00 p.m.**

for those members who have paid to attend

**Mediterranean Holiday Buffet including beverages and dessert**

*Members attending the Holiday Dinner  
receive an Orchid!*

***Centerpieces will be raffled!***

***Raffle Tickets 6 for \$5!***

***50/50 is back once again! \*Bring Cash\****

***See you there!!!***





# ORCHID AUCTION

Monday February 12, 2024

Preview: 6:30pm

Auction begins: 7:00pm

Auction is free and open to all.

Cash, Credit, Zelle

[flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com)

[flamingogardensorchidsociety.com](http://flamingogardensorchidsociety.com)

The Learning Center at

Flamingo Gardens

3750 S. Flamingo Road

Davie, FL 33330

**Wishing All of You**

**Happy and Healthy Holidays**

**From the**

**Board of Directors**

**A very special  
THANK YOU  
to everyone that  
volunteered this past year**

**WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!**

The Newbie Session 6:45-7:15 pm

*The Newbie Session will not be held on December 11. See you in January.*

Diane Rogers, Trustee, Newbie Coordinator

**MEMBERSHIP**

We welcome new members: Daisy Balance, Elsie Salinardi, David Sweeten, Karherine Trevisol

To join or renew, please obtain and complete the Membership Form and return it along with your check or Credit Card to the Membership Table at the next meeting you attend.

Renewal \$30, new member \$35.

**For renewal only Zelle dues to [flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com) NOTE FOR MEMBERSHIP**

➤ [Link to Membership Application](#)

**2024 ORCHID EVENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

<p><b>JANUARY 5-7</b></p>	<p>The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society 64th Annual Show and Sale Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, FL For more information: <a href="#">FLOS 64th Annual Orchid Show</a> <a href="#">Ft. Ldle Orchid Society</a></p>
<p><b>January 12-14</b></p>	<p><b>Tamiami International Orchid Festival, Miami-Dade County Fair &amp; Exposition</b>, 10901 SW 24th St. Miami, FL For more information: <a href="https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/">https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/</a></p>
<p><b>January 21</b></p>	<p><b>Orchid Arrangement class</b> with Judy Bailey; Tentative time is 1:00pm No charge for FGOS Members. Class size is limited, you must register to attend. Contact Alice <a href="mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com">flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com</a> Non-member charge TBD. More information to follow Learning Center, Flamingo Gardens 3750 S Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL 33330</p>

**Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society - 2023-24 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs**

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Diane Rogers	Trustee - 2 year - Newbie Group
Gail Santini	Trustee - 2 year - Newsletter Editor and Photographer
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

**NOVEMBER 2023 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AND SPEAKER'S CHOICE WINNERS**



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## AOS Corner

### ★ Join the American Orchid Society

- ★ Are you a member of the American Orchid Society? [Click here to join today.](#)

### ★ AOS Webinars

- ★ Do you want to learn more about your orchids through Webinars? Check out the upcoming webinars [here.](#)

### ★ Orchidist's Word of the Month from the AOS

- ★ **macrostachyus, -a, -um (mak-ro-STAY-kee-us)** Having long tails like an ear of corn.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary.](#)

### ★ Report from our AOS liaison, Mike Vaupel:

The American Orchid Society Fall Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, October 28. Jay Balchan, President, gave the opening remarks. He stated that AOS currently has approximately 10,000 members worldwide, and 200,000 Facebook views and 25,000 Instagram views.

A new AOS website is coming that will look something like the National Geographic website, and may have the Ghost Orchid in situ on the opening page. He also said that the rare orchid books collection and pictures/paintings have been moved from the AOS library at Fairchild to an "Iron Mountain" storage facility 15 miles away that has a safer environment (better A/C, security, etc.). One hundred boxes of books, paintings and pictures were moved.

The AOS Spring Members Meeting will be held April 5 - 7, 2024 in conjunction with the Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival. Finally, Orchid Wiz will no longer be updated, and Orchid Pro will try to replace it. Artificial Intelligence (AI) could be used in the future to ID plants, but not right now. Thanks for reading, Mike Vaupel, AOS Liaison to Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.