

Flamingo Gardens

ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

September 2023

Meeting Information

Monday, September 11, 2023
Doors Open - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Begins - 7:30 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens
In the BBQ House
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

Parking is available at the Main
Entrance Parking Area

- Silent Auction
- Refreshments
- Show and Tell
- Members Choice
- Raffles
- And much more fun!

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Meet the Guest Speaker: Nick Ewy

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

Nick Ewy will be speaking to us about "Landscaping with Orchids and Companion Plants". You don't want to miss this presentation.



As the Director of Collections at the beautiful Naples Botanical Garden, Nick is responsible for acquiring, managing, and maintaining a large and diverse collection of subtropical plants from around the world. He was the Director of Horticulture for the American Orchid Society Botanical Garden when the AOS orchid collection was in Delray Beach and Lead Horticulturist at the International Polo Club in Wellington.

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, he has been a plant grower, collector, and gardener since early childhood. Pursuing a long-standing interest in rare and tropical plants, including orchids, aroids, and epiphytes, he earned his B.S. in Botany and Plant Pathology from Michigan State University (2001). Before moving to Florida, Nick moved to California from Michigan so that he could grow these tropical plants outdoors.

NOTICE

Our September meeting will likely be housed in the BBQ House at Flamingo Gardens due to construction delays at the gardens. There is a possibility that we will be able to host the meeting in the Learning Center but we will not have definite plans until the weekend before our meeting. Please be on the lookout for an email blast to provide an update.

Parking will remain in the front parking lot—our usual parking area. If it is required that we walk through the gardens to the BBQ House, a golf cart shuttle will be provided for those who are not physically capable of walking to the BBQ House.

News at a Glance

❖ Field Trip

- We are planning a trip to Lori Parrish's Garden for Saturday, October 28th at 10am. According to Lori, October is when everything blooms.
- Sign up to attend the field trip at the General Meeting.

❖ August Speaker - Olivier Turina

- If you didn't note all the information that Olivier gave us, you can follow him on YouTube for all of his orchid videos: 'Orchid House Fort Lauderdale':
- For catasetums:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBYzwA6pVKM9E1t4491wnRYrskbP9CDO9>
- For all of his orchid videos:
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=orchid+house+fort+lauderdale

❖ Elections are coming up

- Below please find the slate of candidates introduced at the August Meeting.

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
Alice Walker	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
EJ Laviolette	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Lori Edens	Recording Secretary
Annette Scardina	Corresponding Secretary
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
Daine Rogers	Trustee - 2 year - Newbie Group
Gail Santini	Trustee - 2 year - Newsletter Editor and Photographer
Amanda Norton	Trustee - 1 year
Mayra Martinez	Trustee - 1 year
Past President	Jan Amador

- The election of new officers is set for the September General Membership Meeting.
- New officers begin their terms in October.

❖ Membership Drive

- The Board of Directors has made the decision to increase the membership dues. The reason being the cost of everything has gone up including our rental fee, refreshment items, and orchids. We have not increased the membership dues since 2012-2013.
- Dues for 2023-2024 are changing.
 - Returning membership dues are \$30.00
 - New member dues will be \$35.00 which includes a name badge.
- The FGOS Membership drive has begun for the term of Sept. 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024
- Membership Drive kicks off in August.
- Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues.
- Membership for this application cycle will conclude on August 31, 2024.
- Please print the membership Application included with this newsletter and return it along with your dues at a General Membership Meeting.
- We hope you all understand that this is something that we have to do to keep the society financially strong to provide quality speakers, orchids and a meeting place.

❖ **Welcome to our new members**

- Join me in welcoming **Eileen Havel-Sher and Sandra Silva**.
- Prospective new members are always welcome to attend our monthly general membership meetings.

❖ **Members Choice Awards**

- If you have a blooming orchid you are welcome to bring it to the meeting to compete in this month's Members Choice Award competition.
- Winning blooms are selected from meeting attendees who choose to cast a ballot in the competition.
- Selected blooms are eligible for first, second, third and Speaker's Choice ribbons.
- Meeting winners compete in an annual contest for monetary prizes.

❖ **I have never won a ribbon!**

- We want to encourage you to bring in your blooming orchid to share with us. Seeing your success is gratifying to us all. Learning what others do to care for their orchids helps us all become better growers.
- We aren't doing this for pretty green plants. We want flowers! Blooming is what this is all about!
- We will have a special section of our Show and Tell table specifically for growers who have never won a ribbon. Never Won a Ribbon growers and plants will be recognized amongst themselves. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.

❖ **Audit Committee**

- We are in need of one more society member to assist with our upcoming audit.
- If you are interested and available, please contact Lucy Matos Lodato or Jan Amador.

❖ **2023 Delray Beach Orchid Show – October 21 and 22, 2023**

- Old School Square Field House
51 N. Swinton Ave
Delray Beach, FL
(N. Swinton Ave and NE 1st Street)
- Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4
- \$1 coupon located at: www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.org

❖ **A rare wild flower is the star of the Florida swamp. But can the ghost orchid survive?**

- A dwindling population of ghost orchids faces threats from climate change and poachers. Environmental groups are pressing for federal protections.
- Read about it in Miami Herald: <https://apple.news/AwcSQGuXCTVOWJvCi55fLcA>

Win an Orchid! The more things you do, the more tickets you get!

Bring something for the Refreshment Table

Get a Ticket!

Bring a Blooming Orchid for "Members Choice"

Get a Ticket!

Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets

Get a Ticket!

Wear your name badge

Get a Ticket



WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

The Newbie Session 6:45- 7:15 pm

The Newbie Sessions are specifically for orchid growers who have less than two years' experience, or for Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society members who have been a part of our group for less than two years. This month we'll be discussing how to prepare your orchid collection for an approaching hurricane. If you have a favorite tip, you're invited to share that, as well.

Join us at 6:45 pm before the general membership meeting begins, to hear some insightful tips on orchid care. Good fellowship and great information await you at Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.

Diane Rogers, Trustee,
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

2023 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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Lori Ryan	Trustee - 2 year
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Diane Rogers	Trustee - 1 year
Mike Vaupel	Trustee - 1 year
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Society Photographer	Gail Santini

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★ 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

- ★ **panicle** (PAN-i-kul) A loosely arranged branched inflorescence, blooming from the center or lower branches to the outer ends or top.
- ★ **paniculate** (pan-IK-yew-layt) Having an inflorescence resembling a panicle.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary.](#)

August 2023 photos

Photos by Gail Santini

FIRST TIME SHOW & TELL



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AND SPEAKER'S CHOICE WINNERS



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS





Other Orchids for Show 'n Tell