

# Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

## September 2022

### Meeting Information

Monday, September 12th, 2022  
Doors open - 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Begins - 7:30 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens  
In the LEARNING CENTER  
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

Masks will not be required.

For more information -  
[FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com](mailto:FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com)

### Meet the Speaker: Olivier Turina

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

I'm delighted Olivier Turina will be presenting "Mounting Orchids: Why and How" at our meeting on September 12. He'll do a demonstration and give us culture tips. Olivier moved to Fort Lauderdale from his hometown Brussels, Belgium in 2005 and started growing orchids in 2013. It has since become a true passion/obsession of his.



Olivier is a hobbyist with a collection of 350+ orchids (and counting). He focuses on species and primary hybrids (75% of his orchids) and grows many different genera: besides the usual suspects Cattleyas, Vandas, Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums, he is particularly fond of Catasetums, Trichocentrums and Stanhopeas. He also grows Gongoras and Coelogyne. Over the years, he has developed a strong preference for mounting his orchids, whenever feasible, and over 30% of his collection is now mounted.

Olivier has been a Board member of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society (FLOS) since 2020. He has also been a monthly newsletter contributor at FLOS since 2018. He also started a YouTube channel two years ago called "Orchid House, Fort Lauderdale, Florida" which features growing tips for specific species or genera. He has over 1,200 subscribers and 78,000 views.

Olivier has received two AM/AOS and one FCC/AOS awards from the American Orchid Society. Olivier has a Bachelor degree in Finance and Economics and has been a Fort Lauderdale based realtor since 2013.

### Orchid Bingo in October

We are going to do something new at FGOS – ORCHID BINGO!

Let's have a fun evening playing Bingo and winning Orchids.

There will be a Raffle - giving you another chance to win.

Details to follow in the October Newsletter

## We hope you had a good time at our Potting Workshop in August.



Please tell you orchid enthusiast friends about the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, bring them to a meeting and invite them to join. Enthusiasts of all experience levels are welcome.

**We look forward to many more exciting speakers, presentations, field trips, workshops and friends.**

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## Welcome Our New Members

Our society continues to grow and we are more than pleased to welcome the following new members to our organization. Please make an effort to say Hello and Welcome to **Allan Austria, June Bailey, Suzie Becker, Andrew Collins, Ana Collins, Maria Cormany, Yusimi Faudo, Joe Guerrero, Kaye LeGrow, Sonia Matthews, Laura Peralta and Mary Suarez.**

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## *The Newbie Sessions 6:45 PM*

If you are new to Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, new to growing orchids, or both, we welcome you to join us for pre-meeting sessions where you can learn more about the basics of orchid growing and share the experience with others who are beginners, as well. The FGOS NEWBIES group meets just prior to the start of the monthly meeting. Plan to arrive at 6:45 for a short session before the formal meeting convenes at 7:30 pm.

In September, we will be discussing how to use the handbook "Florida Orchid Growing, Updated Edition" by Martin Motes, PhD. The handbook provides month by month details regarding Florida orchid growing in our specific tropical weather conditions. The book also details the various orchids most grown in our geographical area. If you own a copy, feel free to bring it. Additional copies will be available for purchase.

Good fellowship and great information await you.

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## News at a Glance

### ❖ This month's meeting

- Will be held in the Flamingo Gardens LEARNING CENTER!
- Bring your orchids for the Members Choice Awards
- Bring your orchid related (maximum of 5 from each person) for the silent auction

### ❖ FGOS Membership Drive is Happening Now

- Dues for the 2022-2023 will remain the same, a bargain at \$25.00
- Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues. Membership for this application cycle will conclude on September 30, 2023.
- Please print off the membership application included with this newsletter. You can bring your application and membership dues to a meeting or follow the instructions for mailing it to Mary Lathrop.

### ❖ POTTING MEDIA FOR SALE!

- Available at the September meeting
- Potting Media - 8 bags @ 5 lbs. each - \$25.00
- Charcoal - 1 unopened bag - \$20.00
- Clay Pellets 1 bag @ 5 lbs. - \$10.00
- Premium Grade Sphagnum Moss – 1 unopened - \$13.00

### ❖ We're having a BINGO in October

- We are in serious need of volunteers to assist in planning for our October General Membership Meeting—it's going to be a BINGO.

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- Please chat with Lucy if you are able to assist in any way. There are tons of things to be done and all assistance is greatly appreciated.

❖ **Silent Auction help needed**

- THANK YOU to Ilene Shatkin for volunteering to chair the Silent Auction Committee. At present, the committee is really small.
- If you are looking for an opportunity to become more involved and support the FGOS, consider volunteering to be a part of the Silent Auction Committee.
- Contact Ilene or a FGOS Board member (listed below) to volunteer.

❖ **The Holiday Party Committee is being formed**

- We really, really need a team of people willing to help us plan and facilitate this event. Look for Alice Walker or Mary Lathrop at an upcoming event. Introduce yourself and offer your support. They will surely be appreciative.

❖ **Member's Choice Volunteer Committee Members Needed**

- We all enjoy looking at the award winning plants brought to our meetings by our fellow members. If you also enjoy this experience, consider volunteering to assist with the vote tabulation or plant check-in.
  - If this opportunity sounds like something you would enjoy, please reach out to a board member to express your interest.
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The below slate of candidates for the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Board of Directors and Committee Chairs will be up for election at the September Meeting.

Jan Amador	President
Lucy Matos-Lodato	First Vice President and Program Chairperson
Mary Lathrop	Second Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Marcy Schwartz	Recording Secretary
Alice Walker	Corresponding Secretary
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
Annette Scardina	Trustee - 2 year
Lori Ryan	Trustee - 2 year
EJ Laviolette	Trustee - 1 year & Newsletter Editor
Dianne Rogers	Trustee - 1 year
Mike Vaupel	Trustee - 1 year
<i>Silent Auction Committee Chairperson</i>	<i>Ilene Shatkin</i>
<i>Society Photographer</i>	<i>Gail Santini</i>

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## “HURRICANE ORCHID PREP”

By Cindy Thompson V.P. Programs, Plantation Orchid Society  
Sept. 2022\*\*

We live in South Florida and hurricanes are part of our lives whether we like it or not. What do we do with our orchid collection when a hurricane threatens South Florida, do we bring some inside our garage or house? Do

we put them on the patio or on the ground? Many of us have an extensive collection of orchids, and as we get older the more challenging the task of a hurricane is.

Sandi Block-Brezner and Gloria Messler of the Flamingo Orchid Society have a good solution. They wrap their orchid benches in orange construction netting from Home Depot or Lowes. If you measure each section of your growing areas, cut it to fit, and color coded the shade house and pergola poles with a spot of colored paint to match the orange sections with the same-colored spot, you can also write on the netting. You will need to tie down the netting using 6" ball - bungee cords (Amazon) to affix the netting (you can use other bungees or even zip ties). You can do this ahead of time and store it in the garage, so when needed you are ready to support your orchids. Most people will bring their prize or favorite orchids inside or a covered patio area. Bright burning sun is typical in the wake of a hurricane and shade will be invaluable. Remember, wind velocity increases as height increases. If you don't use the advice above, get your orchids as close to the ground as possible but off the ground as flooding may saturate them with fungus and bacteria. Usually, it is not wise to attempt to cover them with a tarp or shade cloth that is not tied down securely, as the whipping of the cloth by the wind likely will cause more harm than the wind itself.

Dr. Motes' advice: When a hurricane is looming, you should run all the orchids as dry as possible to reduce the threat of fungus and bacteria. But just before the storm strikes you should saturate the orchids to the max. First because we want the orchids to be as heavy as possible to help prevent them from being blown away. Second, because you never know if the water source is still good; electricity for the pump may be off for days or even weeks. Thoroughly watered plants will be much happier should this occur. Even if you are able to bring some or all of your collection inside, water them thoroughly with two to three applications spaced a few minutes apart. They will be perfectly happy for a day or two without water and you will have enough mess to deal with without watering orchids in the house. Good Luck!

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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 "Show and Tell"**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Wear your FGOS Name Badge**

**Get a Ticket!**



**These tickets are only for the "Membership Plant" and cannot be purchased.**

## Member Choice Award Winners

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who brought in a blooming orchid from their collection. We are excited to share your selections as Members Choice Award recipients during last month's contest. In case you weren't able to attend, here are photos of the selected winners. Bring in your blooming orchid to be considered in next month's display.



### 1st Place and Speaker's Choice

*Miltonia Spectabile* v. *Mooreliana*

Grown by Lucy Matos-Lodato



### 2nd Place

*Vanda Diana Tamayo*

Grown by Tom Nordman



### 3rd Place

*Bc. Yellow Bird*

Grown by Karen Reynoldson

## AOS Corner



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### ★ Join the American Orchid Society

- ★ Are you a member of the American Orchid Society? [Click here to join today.](http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx)

### ★ 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

- ★ **semi-alba**  
(seh-mee-al-ba) A term applied to a white flower that has a colored lip.

- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary.](#)

## Webinars-Coming Attractions!

**REGISTRATION IS EASY** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>  
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.  
 Register now and view on your time schedule.

Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.  
 Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)

When	August Summer Break	Sept. 13, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	Sept. 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Monday
<b>Topic</b>	Choose Your Topic From <b>RECORDED WEBINARS</b>	Greenhouse Chat <b>Orchid Q &amp; A</b> <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	<b><i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i></b> The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas
<b>Presenter</b>	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Dr. Leslie Ee</b> Accredited AOS Judge, President COC

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Membership October 1st, 2022- September 30th, 2023

Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues. Membership for this application cycle will conclude on September 30, 2023. Membership Dues are \$25.00 and can be paid by cash, check or credit card.

Complete and return this form to a monthly meeting or mail application to:

Mary Lathrop  
11515 SW 51st Ct.,  
Cooper City, FL 33330

Membership Information			
First Name (required)			
Last Name (required)			
New	Renewal	(Complete the rest of the form only if a <b>new member or changes</b> are made to existing membership information.)	
Street Address			
City, State , Zip Code			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email address:			
Birth Month:		Birth Day:	
Can we publish your name, address, email address and phone number in a directory?		Yes	No
About You			
How did you hear about FGOS?			
Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS)?		Yes	No
Are you interested in volunteer activities with FGOS?		Yes	No

FGOS use:

- ☐ Cash  
☐ Credit Card  
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