

Flamingo  Gardens  
**ORCHID SOCIETY**

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

**December 2022**

*CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!*

*Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Holiday Party*  
*Monday, December 12, 2022*

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

For those members who have paid to attend.

**Italian Holiday Buffet including beverages and dessert**

*Members attending the Holiday Dinner  
receive a Holiday Plant!*

*Centerpieces will be raffled!*

*Raffle Tickets 6 for \$5!*

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

*See you there!!!*



2023 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society  
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Trustee - 2 year  
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*Ilene Shatkin*  
*Gail Santini*

## News at a Glance

### ❖ **This month's meeting**

- Will be held in the Flamingo Gardens LEARNING CENTER!
- There will be no Members Choice Awards or Show and Tell this month. Both will return in January.
- There will be no Silent Auction at this month's meeting. We will bring it back in January.

### ❖ **Orchid Show Help Needed**

- We need to get started on the show. We need a Show Chairman and a committee of 4 people to help with volunteers and gathering plants for our raffle.
- Show dates are Saturday, April 8 & Sunday, the 9th. Set up is Friday, the 7th in the afternoon.
- Contact a board member if you are able to help.

### ❖ **Silent Auction help needed**

- Volunteers are still needed to help coordinate and work on this important element of our meeting. Please let a board member know if you are available to volunteer.
- 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.

### ❖ **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 let us know.

### ❖ **Did You Know? Member's Choice Year End Recognition Award**

- The Member's Choice Year End Recognition Award is given to the person who has received the most ribbons won during the year from the Show and Tell Display (Member's Choice).
- Competition begins in January and the award is given at the December Holiday Party.
- The annual prize is a Cash Award of \$50.00. So it pays to bring your beautiful blooming orchids to the Society meetings for display.
- Remember, you must have owned your display plant for at least 6 months.

### ❖ **Orchidist's Word of the Month**

- **hermaphrodite** (her-MAF-roh-dyte) A flower having the organs, characteristics or attributes of both sexes, hence, perfect.

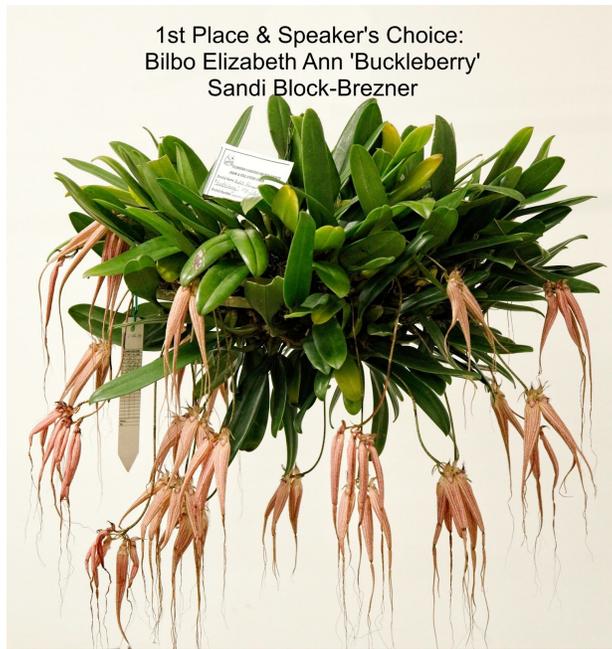
*Hermaphrodite: Catasetum pileatum flower that is a hermaphrodite.*

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



### ❖ **Welcome Our New Members**

- We are excited to welcome 14 new members to the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society this month. Please make an effort to say Hello and extend a warm FGOS welcome to **Orlando Batista, Christian Bielecki, Tamara Byrnes, Lana Dotsenko, David Duda, Karen Landa, Scott Peplin and Rosalie Schlaen.**



1st Place & Speaker's Choice:  
Bilbo Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'  
Sandi Block-Brezner

## Member Choice Award Winners

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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.



2nd Place: Cynodes  
Taiwan Gold

Tom Nordman



3rd Place:  
Phal pulcherima  
owner: Thad Bielecki



3rd Place: Cat. Maxima  
owner: Thad Bielecki