

# Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

## February 2023

### Meeting Information

Monday, February 13th, 2023  
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

For more information -  
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### Meet the Speaker: Omar Gonzalez

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

This month we are going to hear about Cattleya hybrids from Omar Gonzalez, a chemist by trade and botanist at heart. Omar finds orchid growing a rewarding and enjoyable hobby. Although he enjoys growing a myriad of orchid genera, his hands-on experience is extensive with Cattleyas and Vandaceous orchids. His problem solving skills are focused on finding the best conditions for orchids, dealing with the pests and diseases and many other topics.

Omar will share with us about the differences of Cattleya hybrids and how those can be useful to us in the home setting. He says he grows orchids in pots in natural areas free to the whims of the elements. In Omar's words "I've lost many and understand that their success depends on how soon and thoroughly they are watered and dried".



He had been dabbling in orchids for years but it was an opportunity to volunteer at the Bonnet House that gave him the experience in managing an orchid collection. There he met Tony Millet who put Omar on a path of orchid propagation also called flasking or tissue culture. From then on, he would try to learn from anyone that would talk to him, seeking out knowledgeable growers, and attending society meetings throughout Florida. He has attended orchid shows from Miami to Fort Pierce, especially if they had lectures.

Omar is very active in the Ft Lauderdale Orchid Society and has been on the board of several South Florida orchid societies. Although suffering the great personal loss of his life partner in 2022, he continues to share his love of orchids and remains active in helping orchid societies.

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.**

## Welcome Our New Members

Our society continues to grow and we are more than pleased to welcome the new members to our organization. If you see an unfamiliar face, please take a minute to introduce yourself and answer any questions that our new members may have. Many of us have been attending meetings for years and think that everyone else knows everything that we do. Unfortunately, they don't know everything we do and can be intimidated by our numbers and experiences. Please remember what it was like when you were new, help them out, introduce them around and make them feel welcomed.

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## WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

*The Newbie Session 6:45- 7:15 pm*

*“February Finds”*

If you are new to growing orchids with less than two years' experience, 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 Newbies, as well. The FGOS NEWBIES group will meet at 6:45 for a short session before the formal meeting convenes at 7:30 pm.

The February 2023 topic for discussion will be February Finds: Preparing for the Growing Season Ahead. We'll review steps you can take now to help you achieve outstanding orchid growth in the season ahead. 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.

### ❖ Membership Survey

- Please take a minute to complete this membership survey if you haven't already done so.
- [Link to Survey Click Here](#)
- PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR AN ORCHID.  
The deadline for submitting your survey and being entered into the drawing is the end of the day on February 12, 2023.

### ❖ Bylaws Update

- Please take the time to read the revised Bylaws.
- The membership will need to vote on accepting them at the February meeting.
- The changes are either crossed out or highlighted in yellow.
- Here's your [link](#) to review.

**❖ Field Trip Announcement**

- A Field Trip to RF Orchids in Homestead is scheduled for Sunday March 19. It will include a talk and tour with Michael Coronado, "Orchids in the Landscape". Car pool and meet there at 1pm. More information and sign up at the February meeting.

**❖ 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.

**❖ Butterfly Release at Flamingo Gardens**

- Our team won for the most money raised and our prize is a Butterfly Release.
- The Butterfly Pavilion will be completed in March.
- Since we are a large group, over 60 people, we will probably have more than one release date. Stay tuned for more information on scheduling dates.
- Thanks to all of you who participated with FGOS, including your friends that joined us as well.

**❖ AOS Webinars**

- The webinar on Feb. 12 entitled "Orchid Culture Day" will examine the color blue in orchids "Winter Blues". It's from 11am to 4pm (EST) and will feature speakers Fred Clarke, Dr. Leslie Ee, Rob Griesbach & Carson Whitlow.
- Here's the [link for additional information](#) and access to other AOS events.

A flyer for an orchid auction. The background is a vibrant pink. It features several white orchids with pink centers. A blue and green hummingbird is shown in flight, facing left. A black and yellow butterfly is perched on one of the orchids in the bottom right corner. The text is centered and reads: "WEST PALM BEACH JUDGING CENTER ORCHID AUCTION", "Sunday, February 26th @ 1 PM", "Flamingo Gardens 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL 33330 In the Mary N. Porter Learning Center", "Support your orchid judging center while having fun and growing your collection!", "cash, credit cards and checks accepted", "The selection of orchids available has been curated by Accredited Orchid Judges and donated from the collections of Judges, awarded orchid exhibitors, orchid influencers as well as some of your favorite commercial growers.", and "For more information or to support with a donation, please email Judge Lou at llodyga@comcast.net".

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**2023 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society  
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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.**

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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'sWord of the Month**

- ★ **division (di-vihz-uhn)** The technique of propagating plants by cutting or breaking apart the pseudobulbs or stems at the rhizome; a single propagation derived in that manner.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary.](#)





## 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, Speaker's Choice  
Angraecum 'Crestwood'  
Tom Nordman



2nd Place - Rlc. Toshie Magic 'Hsinying'  
Christine Viscovitch



3rd Place - Blc. Cornerstone 'Yuon Gus'  
Diana Hawes



Phaphiopedilum gratixianum

3rd Place  
Marcy Schwartz