

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

May 2023

Meeting Information

Monday, May 8th, 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: Judy Bailey

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

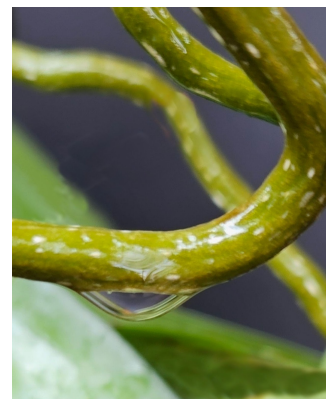
Senior American Orchid Society Judge and retired chemist Judy Bailey will be our speaker this month on the topic of "Water—the Most Important Ingredient".

Judy has always been an enthusiastic plant aficionado and stumbled across her first orchid show more than thirty years ago while seeking a warm indoor respite during a particularly cold, snowy winter day in Northeast Ohio. Retiring to South Florida in 2006, Judy has vigorously embraced the warm weather lifestyle of year round gardening.

As a long time Master Gardener, both in Ohio and Florida, Judy embraces opportunities to learn, share and teach plant knowledge, frequently speaking with many local South Florida orchid societies, garden clubs and

botanical gardens as well as teaching orchid classes for Master Gardener programs.

You are sure to find her at most local plant events and orchid shows as she continues to explore all things plant related here in beautiful South Florida while encouraging others to do the same.



Welcome Our New Members

Our society continues to grow and we are more than pleased to welcome the new members to our organization. This month we are excited to welcome Marisa Braun, Robin Burfeindt, Irina Chuvasuova, Lisa Colen, Ana Fernandez, Adriana Posso Mejia and Christine Ramos to the 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.

Please tell you orchid enthusiast friends about our 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 FGOS NEWBIES!
The Newbie Session 6:45- 7:15 pm
Monday May 8, 2023

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 identifying and discussing helpful websites to reinforce your orchid growing efforts. Join us at 6:45 pm on May 8, 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
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, Trustee
Newbie Coordinator

News at a Glance

❖ Redland International Orchid Festival

- May 19, 20 & 21 – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Daily
- 80+ orchid growers, ears plant and allied vendors
- Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Redland, FL 33031
- Link to the website is [here](https://redlandorchidfestival.com) or redlandorchidfestival.com
 - You can save by buying tickets now through the website
 - Although tickets may display Friday, May 19th, general tickets can be redeemed any one day.
 - Want to be first? Get your Thursday preview admission tickets on the website now.
 - Admission is \$15 at the gate, cash only.
 - Children under 12 are free
 - Parking is \$5 per vehicle.
 - Handicapped parking is available at the front of the park
 - Admission to the park is free with our paid festival tickets.
 - There are many options for lunch at the park.
 - Live music all weekend.
 - Only service animals are permitted in the park.

❖ **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 items (**maximum of 3 from each person**) for the silent auction.

❖ **Greeters Needed**

- We are in need of several people to greet new members and visitors to our society and show them around, giving them an overview of our meeting with a speaker, break for refreshments, raffle, show and tell and silent auction.
- If you are interested please see any board member at the membership table at the next 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.

❖ **Interested in hosting a speaker?**

- Our June speaker TJ Hartung will be traveling from Mexico doing a vacation and speaking tour. The FGOS board has approved a 2night stay (June 11 to June 13) for him and his wife and reservations have been made, however they would prefer to be hosted by a society member rather than stay at a hotel. If you are interested in hosting please let Lucy Matos Lodato know: lucylodato@aol.com or text 305-308-6531.

**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.

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 from the AOS

- ★ **labellum** (lah-BEL-lum) The lip or modified petal of an orchid flower.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).



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41st International Orchid and Bromeliad Show

- Copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com/photos/> for a complete portfolio of the photos collected at the show.
- Thank you to all of the volunteers who took time out of their busy holiday weekend to participate in the orchid and bromeliad show.
- Pictures of the winning entries are posted [here](#) on the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Website.



Member Choice Award Winners

Photos by Gail Santini

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.

