

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

August 2023

Meeting Information

Monday, August 14, 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!

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Meet the Guest Speaker: Olivier Turina

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

Olivier Turina will be speaking to us about "The Orchids of the Catasetum Alliance and How to Grow Them". His orchids have received several AOS awards. The latest was this July for Catasetum Spot Me awarded by the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center.

Olivier is a hobbyist with a true passion/obsession for orchids. He moved to Fort Lauderdale from his hometown Brussels, Belgium, in 2005 and fell in love with orchids at the 2013 Fort Lauderdale society orchid show.

With a collection of 350+ orchids, Olivier focuses on species and primary hybrids (75% of his orchids). He is particularly fond of Catasetums, Stanhopeas, Gongoras, Tricocentrums and Oncidiums in general as well as Cattleyas. He also grows Vandas, Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums. Olivier will bring a few of his orchid divisions for our raffle table!

He has a YouTube channel called "Orchid House, Fort Lauderdale, Florida" which features growing tips for specific species or genera. He has 2,000 subscribers and more than 78,000 views.

Olivier has been a Board member of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society (FLOS) since 2020. When he is not taking care of his orchids, Olivier is a Realtor.



News at a Glance

❖ Elections are coming up

- The Slate of candidates will be introduced at the August General Membership Meeting
- Additional nominations will be taken at the August meeting if anyone is interested in being considered for election.
- 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 is beginning for the term of September 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 Pascale Gehy, Karen Pritchard, Ester Reales and Sylvia Wright to the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.
- Prospective new members are always welcome to attend our monthly general membership meetings.

❖ Members Choice Awards Returns this month

- 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.

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

Newbie Introduction to Orchid Reproduction

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 meets at 6:45 for a short session before the formal meeting convenes at 7:30 pm.

The August 2023 topic is orchid reproduction. Watch as Sandi Block-Bresner dissects a green seed pod and a dehiscid pod. Hear about how orchid pollination occurs in the wild and the mechanics of hybridization, as well. Join us - Good fellowship and great information await you.

Diane Rogers, Trustee,
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

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★ **Orchidist's Word of the Month** from the AOS

★ **marcescent** (mar-SESS-ent) Withering, but not falling off.

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

BINGO!

Photos by Gail Santini

Congratulations to our game and raffle winners! In case you weren't able to attend, here are photos from the evening. Next month we will again have our members' display so bring in your blooming orchid.



