

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

SEPTEMBER 2025

Meeting Information

Monday, September 8, 2025
Doors Open - 7:00 pm
Meeting Begins - 7:30 pm

Flamingo Gardens
Learning Center
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

Parking is available at the Main
Entrance Parking Area

- Newbie Session
- Silent Auction
- Refreshments
- Show and Tell
- Members Choice
- Raffles
- And much more fun!

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<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker:

Christine Morales

AOS Judge and Vice-Chair of the WPBJC and AOS Trustee 2024-2027

“Guarianthe aurantiaca and its Role in Cattlianthe Hybrids”

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

Christine Morales is an Accredited Judge and Vice-Chair of the West Palm Beach Judging Center. A Miami native, she is a development consultant who enjoys travelling, yoga, and the arts. She and her husband, Alex, love sharing their home with orchids, other flora and fauna including their dogs, cats, turtles as well as neighborhood songbirds. They enjoy exhibiting their orchids and have received 13 AOS awards between them.

Academically, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in French and Political Science and is a LEED Accredited Professional as well as a FGBC Designated Professional for Building Design and Construction. Considered a subject matter expert in municipal compliance of redevelopment

within emerging neighborhoods, she has been instrumental in the success of countless transformative projects and events within neighborhoods such as Miami's Wynwood Arts District. She is fluent in French and Spanish.



Guarianthe aurantiaca





President's Message

Hi there, I'm thrilled to let you all know that the FGOS Auction 2025 was a resounding success. It was an exciting and fun event, we clapped and laughed, and yes there were some bargains and unusual orchids that even Mac, our auctioneer, had never seen before.

The auction was our best fund raiser ever in great part due to the generosity of our members who gave us their orchids, items, and cash to buy blooming orchids to auction, and also to all those who came to bid, cheer, and help! The level of involvement of our members was greater than ever. It's wonderful to see so many of you contributed to the Auction. FGOS Rocks!

I want to thank our Auction Committee: Alice Walker, Diane Rogers, Gail Santini, Mayra Martinez, Melissa Dolton, and myself. We did an awesome job searching for orchids and organizing 154 plus orchids and items. And how about all those volunteers, they did a fabulous job. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Among the most generous vendors for the auction were, Ritter Orchids and OFE Orchid Supplies, keep them in mind when you see them at shows.

We will easily fulfill our commitment to the campaign for the new Flamingo Gardens Visitor Center.

Moving on, FGOS will elect/vote in a Board of Directors at our next meeting. I fully support our slate of officers. And I'm delighted to have some new faces that will join our board.

It's a privilege to have been President of such a vibrant and fun group. Thank you all for your help and encouragement. No worries, I'm not going anywhere, I'll be here to help.

Lucy

BOARD SLATE FOR 2025-2026

Alice Walker	President
Melissa Dolton	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
Annette Scardina	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Alison Rials	Recording Secretary
Diane Rogers	Corresponding Secretary, Newbie Group
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
Lucy Lodato	Past President
Gail Santini	Trustee - 3 years, Newsletter Editor
Keryn Bober	Trustee - 2 years
Wendy Gonzalez	Trustee - 2 years
Mayra Martinez	Trustee - 1 year, Members' Choice Chairperson
EJ Laviolette	Trustee - 1 year
Mary Lathrop	Refreshments Chairperson
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

→ MEMBERSHIP

Renew now as our membership drive is underway for September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.

Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues.

Renewing member dues are \$30.

New member dues are \$35 which includes a name badge.

- A benefit of membership is the FGOS Holiday Party with your gift of an orchid from the Society.
Please note that you must be a paid member to attend and receive your gift of an orchid at the holiday party.

Please print and complete the attached membership form and bring it, along with your check, to the membership table at the next meeting you attend. If you have any questions, reach out to Annette Scardina at annescar@hotmail.com (renewing as well as new members require an application.)

FGOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

→ ***We are pleased to welcome new members to the society:***

Maria Chatani, Melody Martinez, Avi Spiller, Taimir Terrell

If you see them at one of our meetings, please take a minute to introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

Annette Scardina, Membership Chair

→ WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

Newbies meet before the FGOS meeting begins, 6:45 - 7:15 pm

> Join the Newbies, open to all new orchid enthusiasts with less than two years' experience, or those who are new to FGOS.

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Come for the friendship, Learn some great orchid tips!

Diane Rogers
Newbie Session Moderator
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Corresponding Secretary



*Newbies: From
buds to blooms*

2025 ORCHID EVENTS

September 6	Flamingo Gardens presents Sandi Jones <u>"Orchid Mounting Techniques & Potting Media"</u> - Saturday, 10:30-12:30 In the Learning Center 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie
September 8	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Christine Morales- "Guarianthe aurantiaca and its role in Cattlianthe Hybrids" **FGOS Board Elections - see page 2 for names and positions
September 13	Visits to Members' Gardens - Sign up at our next meeting, September 1st. 9:30-10:30 Seth Shealer's Garden, Hollywood 11:00-12:00 Keryn Bober's Garden, Hollywood
October 4	Flamingo Gardens presents Rich Ackerman <u>"Landscaping with Orchids"</u> - Saturday 10:30-12:30 In the Learning Center 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie
October 13	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Dr. Juraj Kojs "Developing an Orchid Collection" A practical guide to building a collection based on preferences, culture, and microclimate knowledge.
November 2	<u>FLAMINGO GARDENS ANNUAL 5K WALK IN THE WILD</u> We have a team and let's make it two years in a row.... More info to follow
November 10	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Tomas Bajza, Tarzane Group "Giant World of Miniature Orchids and Simple Setups"
November 15-16	Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's <u>"Orchid Obsession"</u> 10:00am-5:00pm Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton
December 8	FGOS Annual Holiday Party
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	<u>Community Orchid Events</u>

Special Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Event!

Visits to Members' Gardens – Saturday, September 13, 2025

Join us for a special opportunity to visit the home gardens of two of our members! Get inspired, ask questions, and enjoy a relaxed morning with fellow orchid lovers.

Schedule:

- **9:30–10:30 AM** – Seth Shealer's Garden, Hollywood
- **11:00 AM–12:00 PM** – Keryn Bober's Garden, Hollywood
- *(Street parking available; avoid driveways.)*

We'll end with a **possible vendor visit** and **lunch nearby**. **Details will be confirmed soon.**

- Approx. 15–20 attendees expected
- Please bring a water bottle
- Each host will give a short talk about their growing space, including challenges and successes

Sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting. Don't miss it!



→ MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Learning what others do to care for their orchids helps us all become better growers.

If you have a blooming orchid please bring it to the meeting to show for this month's Members Choice Award. The owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**. Winning plants are chosen from meeting attendees who cast a ballot. Selected plants are eligible for first, second, third and

Speaker's Choice ribbons. At our Holiday Party, whoever has won the most ribbons, gets a monetary prize.

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. We will have a special section of our Show and Tell table specifically for growers who have never won a ribbon. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.→→

→ Win an Orchid! The more you do, the more raffle tickets you get!

Bring something for the Refreshment Table

Get a Raffle Ticket!

Bring a Blooming Orchid for "Members Choice"

Get a Raffle Ticket!

Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets

Get a Raffle Ticket!

Wear your name badge

Get a Raffle Ticket!

→ **NEW** Show your A.O.S. membership (phone OK)

Get a Raffle Ticket!



→ SILENT AUCTION

Any member may bring up to **THREE** orchid plants or related items to sell.

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society 2024-25 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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AUGUST AUCTION PHOTOS:





★ **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](#). Some are for Members Only, others open to the public. Webinars are recorded so you have access to older ones.

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

- ★ **Guarianthe** (gwar-ee-AN-thee) A small genus of species from Central America and northern South America formerly included in Cattleya
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in the [Orchidist's Glossary](#).



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