

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

NOVEMBER 2024

Meeting Information

Monday, November 11, 2024
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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Website:
<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker: Jason Downing, Ph.D., Director of Research at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

“Florida Native Orchids”

Jason’s focus at Fairchild is on orchid research, propagation, education, and conservation efforts, under The Million Orchid Project which services hundreds of schools and thousands of students each year. The orchid research with K-12 and undergraduate students has been published in peer reviewed journals and publicized through various media outlets. **To date over 500,000 native orchids have been replanted into the public landscapes of South Florida.**



In 2016, Jason earned his M.S. in Environmental Science and Ph.D. in Biology at Florida International University. During his graduate tenure he held positions at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and Smithsonian Environmental Research working on research to orchid ecology, mycorrhizal, genetics, and conservation. He has also been working in orchid conservation in Florida, China, SE Asia, and the Caribbean for over 10 years.

Since 2019, Jason has served as the curator of the National Orchid Garden at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. He also holds positions on the American Orchid Society Conservation Board and as affiliated faculty at Miami Dade College, Florida International University, and the University of Miami.

Native plant care sheets and about the Million Orchid Project can be found here: [Million Orchid Project - Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden \(fairchildgarden.org\)](https://www.fairchildgarden.org)



President's Message



Hi there,

It's November already, this year has flown by! We've had lots of fun and learned to be better growers.

HEADS UP! As you all know we are very busy planning the **Holiday Party**. This year I'm the Chairperson. **We are changing the way we give away the orchids at the party. It will NOT be a lottery based by table number.**

We are working on a way to be fair to the many who sign up for the party sooner rather than later. They will get to pick their orchid first. So, sign-up lovely people! To sign up, please refer to the Holiday Party invitation on the next page of this newsletter.

To those who volunteered to help with the Holiday Party. **Thank you! Thank you!** More than 20 volunteered. We may not be able to fit all of you this time around, You will get an email or a phone call if we can fit you in the various areas of the set up to the party.

Last minute news! The Flamingo Gardens Walk in the Wild to help feed the animals at the Gardens happened this morning, Sunday, November 3rd, **The FGOS team came in #1 in donations** at over \$3,000! That's more than 200% of our pledge. 17 of us walked and many donated to our team. **GO FGOS!**

That's all for now!

See you at Monday's meeting. I'm really looking forward to the presentation.

Lucy



You're invited!

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Holiday Party 2024

Join us for a festive evening with friends, food, and orchids!

When: Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Where: Flamingo Gardens, Mary N. Porter Learning Center

Cost: \$27 which includes a menu of chicken piccata, smoked brisket, mac and cheese, rice and peas, grilled veggies, salad, and a variety of desserts. This event will be catered by Chef Tommy Nguyen of BareBones BBQ.

All those who sign up and pay by the November 25th deadline will receive a gift of an orchid.

You may pay during the October and November meetings by using:

- Zelle: Dinner in the memo to flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com
- cash,
- a check made out to FGOS
- or a credit card

Can't make it to the October or November meeting? Mail the check in care of Lucy Matos Lodato: 977 SW 159th Way, Pembroke Pines, FL 33027

Deadline to sign up and pay: **November 25th**. If mailed, it must be postmarked by **Thursday, November 21st**. Please be considerate to those planning the party by signing and paying on time so everyone can have plenty of food and an orchid.

Note: As space is limited, only current 2024-2025 members (no guests) who sign up ahead of time will be able to attend! Renew your membership to join us for the festivities!

We hope to see you there!

Background orchid: Onc. Twinkle 'CT Red Fantasy'

→ MEMBERSHIP

Renew now as our fiscal year runs from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

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

This month we are pleased to welcome ten new members to the society--Gayle Canfield and David Ruminer, Eddie Bonilla, Adam Foster, Melissa Hady, Antonio Quintero, Sheila Alonzo, Claudia Sinta, Francisco Ulloa, and Maria Valenzuela. 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!

The Newbie group meets before the start of the regular Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Meeting, at 6:45 pm. In our 30-minute session, we discuss a hot topic for orchid growers who are new to the hobby or who are new to the society. Each month's subject of interest provides you with the opportunity to find answers to typical questions that a new orchid grower may have.

At the November meeting, our topic is ***How to Winterize Your South Florida Orchid Collection***. This is the final presentation of a two-part subject that addresses the changing seasons and how to modify your orchid care.

Join us for the Newbie Sessions - Good fellowship and helpful information await you.

Diane Rogers
Corresponding Secretary on the Board
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

2024 ORCHID EVENTS

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| NOVEMBER 11 | Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Jason Downing, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens: "Native Florida Orchids" |
| NOVEMBER 13 | Flamingo Gardens presents: Orchid Basics 101, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. More information.... |
| DECEMBER 9 | Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Holiday Party for members only |
| JANUARY 10-12 | Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show "Orchid Renaissance" (Friday-Sunday) Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Blvd., Pembroke Pines. More information |
| JANUARY 17-19 | Tamiami International Orchid Festival (Fri-Sun 11am-6pm daily) Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center, 10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL 33165 More information |
| CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS | Community Orchid Events |

→ 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. 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!



→ 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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| Lucy Matos-Lodato | President |
| Alice Walker | 1st Vice President and Program Chairperson |
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| Mike Vaupel | AOS Representative |

Orchid Adventures....with Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society and Olivier Turina

Some of our FGOS members had an opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty of orchids like never before! Olivier Turina shared his beautiful orchid collection with us at his home. We were able to experience inspiring displays, unique specimens, and a wealth of knowledge about orchid cultivation. One attendee, Board member Kevin Horgan shared that it was a great opportunity to learn how another seasoned South Florida orchid grower is successfully raising orchids in our growing conditions. It was a wonderful change to connect with fellow members, share tips, and build new friendships in a relaxed and beautiful setting. We appreciate Olivier's hospitality!--Melissa Dolton, Board Member, Newsletter Committee



Winners of the Survey Raffle




OCTOBER MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS AND MEETING PHOTOS:






Slipper Orchid Genera




Paph. St. Swithin

Paphiopedilum




Mexi. xerophyticum

Mexipedium




Phrag. longifolium

Phragmipedium



Cyp. parviflora

Cypripedium



Sele. aequinoctiale

Selenipedium



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](#). 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

- ★ ***Phalaenopsis*** (fail-eh-NOP-siss) A genus of 50 species of showy epiphytic orchids from the Asiatic tropics, related to *Doritis* and *Sarcochilus*, it was founded by Blume in 1825, the name referring to the moth like appearance of the 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](#).

**Announcing the 6th Orchid Culture Day- Know More November:
Orchid Culture, Conservation, and YOU!
Sunday, November 10, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



AOS is hosting four great online discussions about orchid culture. Our very own Flamingo Gardens Orchidteers group will be leading one of the discussions! **Lucy Matos-Lodato will be discussing, "Installing and Maintaining Orchids with the Flamingo Gardens Orchidteers."** Join this orchid "squad" as they share tips and tricks on installing and maintaining orchids on trees. Learn the secrets of creating your own outdoor orchid oasis from this amazing team of volunteers who have transformed Flamingo Gardens in Davie, Florida, into an orchid paradise.

Register to sign up: [AOS 6th Orchid Culture Day](#)