

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

NOVEMBER 2025

Meeting Information

Monday, November 10, 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!

Contact Us:
FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com
Website:
<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker: Tomas Bajza

"Giant World of Miniature Orchids and Growing in Simple Setups"

By: Melissa Dolton, 1st V.P., Programs Chair



Orchids have been Tomas's passion since his teenage years in the Czech Republic. His first attempts at growing phalaenopsis and cymbidiums were more comical than successful—until his mother bloomed his cymbidium while he was away at college by simply tossing it behind an oleander bush and watering it with the hose!

Years later, after moving to Miami, Tomas became fascinated with miniature orchids. What started with grocery-store phals and

dendrobiums only ten years ago grew into a collection of hundreds of rare micro and miniature species from around the world. Along the

way, he discovered a love for photographing these tiny blooms, which led to invitations to speak at orchid societies across the United States and publish articles internationally.

What began as a hobby has now blossomed into a successful business, Tarzane Group, as Tomas sells micro, miniature, and rare orchids. He shares his babies with the rest of the world through his website. He loves to spread knowledge about how even impossible species can thrive in Florida. For Tomas, doing what you love truly is the most rewarding thing in life!



COELOGYNE SCHILLERIANA SMALL SIZE
ORCHID POTTED PLANTS



CONSTANTIA CIPOENSIS MINIATURE
ORCHID MOUNTED



DENDROBIUM PERPAULUM MINIATURE
ORCHID MOUNTED



SOPHRONITIS PYGMAEA SMALL ORCHID
MOUNTED



President's Message

In this month of November, I am thankful to belong to such a vibrant, passionate, and dynamic group of individuals who make up Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.

A few weeks ago I attended the Redland Orchid Festival with other society members. We had so much fun shopping, talking, laughing and learning from one another. We met new and old friends and orchid vendors. I encourage you to make plans with others to attend orchid shows and festivals throughout the year and to promote FGOS.

Last Sunday was the Flamingo Gardens 4th Annual 5K Walk in the Wild event. FGOS was the top fundraising team for this event for the 4th year in a row - WOW!!! We had 28 participants who walked Sunday morning and many others who donated. Thank you for your contributions to help care for the injured and non-releasable animals at Flamingo Gardens.

The Holiday Planning Committee has been busy making plans to create a festive occasion for us all. Mayra Martinez and Wendy Gonzalez are Co-Chairs this year and have a great team of volunteers to help them out.

If you haven't yet signed up and paid for the Holiday Party, please be sure to do so at our November meeting on the 10th. Remember you must be a current 2025-2026 FGOS member to attend. To sign up, please refer to the Holiday Party invitation on the following page. Annette, Mayra, Wendy and Amanda who will be there to assist you at the Membership Table.

I am looking forward to learning more about Miniature Orchids and Simple Setups as I've started a small collection of these little guys which I am currently growing outside and want to know more about. I know you'll be amazed by these orchids. Remember there is a FGOS members only discount from Tarzane available through 11/8/25. See details in the body of the email.

See you soon, *Alice*



Specklinia grobyi



Pleurothallis paraniesseniae



Pleurothallis paraniesseniae



You are invited



Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Holiday Party 2025

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

When: Monday, December 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Where: Flamingo Gardens, Mary N Porter Learning Center

Cost of the Members Only Holiday Dinner is \$30.

The menu includes chicken piccata, smoked brisket, mac and cheese, rice pilaf, stuffed vegetarian mini peppers, mixed green lettuce & vegetable salad and a variety of desserts.

Vegetarians/Vegans - stuffed portabello mushroom

Catered by Chef Tommy Nguyen of Bare Bones BBQ.

All members who sign up and pay by the November 20th deadline will receive a gift of an orchid at the party.

You may pay during the November Meeting by using:

- *Zelle: 'Holiday Dinner' in the memo to
flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com*
- *cash or a check made out to FGOS or a credit card (4% service fee)*
- *If mailing a check, send to FGOS in care of:
Alice Walker 8460 NW 7th Ct., Pembroke Pines, FL 33024*

Deadline to sign up and pay is Thursday, November 20th. If mailed, it MUST be postmarked by Monday, November 17th. 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 2025-2026 members (no guests) who sign up on time will be able to attend! Renew your membership!



Flamingo  *Gardens*

ORCHID SOCIETY

We hope to see you there!!



→MEMBERSHIP

Renew your membership now 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 annesca@hotmail.com (renewing as well as new members require an application.)

FGOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

→ ***We are pleased to welcome 8 new members to the society:***

***Sara DeMorina, Helene Kryscuk, Jim Lekas, Anna Lowry,
Emil Miller, Laura Rider, Marlene Isaacs, Jacquie Sowash***

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 orchid enthusiasts with less than two years' experience, or those who are new to FGOS. November's discussion topic is "Winterizing Your Orchids - Part Two." Last month, we learned about what items to have on hand and how to craft a plan for each of your orchids during a cold snap. This month, we discuss implementing your winter orchid care plan. Cool weather is just around the corner!

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

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 "Orchid Obsession" 10:00am-5:00pm Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton
December 6	<i>Flamingo Gardens Education Department</i> presents: Tony Millet Orchids: Good Growing & What it Takes! 10:30-12:30
December 8	FGOS Annual Holiday Party - This is a time to kick back and enjoy the evening with fellow FGOS members. It's a time of recognition and to celebrate the many successes we've had this past year. REMINDER:you must be a 2025-2026 member to attend the Holiday Party. See Membership on page 3.
December 13-14	Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show & Sale River Walk Center, 600 N Indian River Drive, Ft Pierce, FL
January 9-11/26	Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society's "Orchid Magic" Charles F Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines FL
January 10-11/26	Sarasota Orchid Society Show & Sale Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL
January 16-18/26	Miami Orchid Society "Tamiami International Orchid Festival" Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center 10901 SW 24 St, Miami
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. 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. The 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 2025-26 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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

October 2025 Meeting Photos

Acquiring, cultivating, and caring...

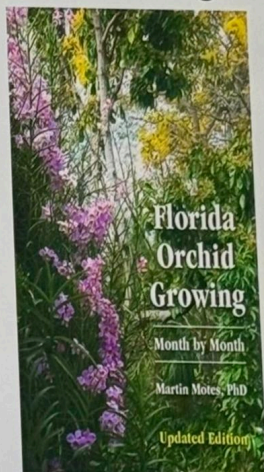
Stages

+ Education

- Books, online databases, shows, local nurseries
- Find your tribe
- Orchid societies
- Vendors
- Become an AOS member or judge

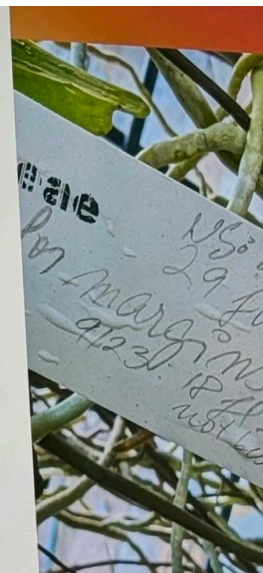


orchidspecies.com
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Tips

- + Create a database: name, date, place, vendor, plant/flower description, price
- + Mark your plant labels: date and place
- + Photograph your blooms
- + Take measurements and describe the bloom on the label



An Orchid Collection

- + An orchid collection refers to a **curated group** of orchid plants that a collector has gathered, typically showcasing a variety of species and hybrids. The collection can **vary in size and scope**, ranging from a few plants to hundreds, and may include both common and rare varieties. Orchid collections often emphasize **diversity** in color, shape, and growth habit, reflecting the **collector's personal interests and aesthetic preferences**. These collections may be displayed for **enjoyment, education, or competition**, such as at shows and exhibitions, and often involve careful maintenance and cultivation to ensure the health and beauty of the plants. (ChatGpt)

OCTOBER 2025 MEMBERS' CHOICE

1st Place & Speaker's Choice
Cattleya NOID
Lucy Matos Lodato



2nd Place
Bc Little Mermaid
Karen Reynoldson



3rd Place
Rlc Pink Diamond Ratree
Christine Viscovich



Never Won A Ribbon
Brassia (NOID)
Diane Rogers



WALK IN THE WILD 2025







★ **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

- ★ **etiolation** (ee-ti-o-LAY-shun) Effect on green plants from loss of chlorophyll through exclusion of light, the normally green tissue becoming white or yellow by unmasking of carotenoids within the chloroplasts.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in the [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

Visit the AOS website AOS.org for information about orchids, orchid culture, judging, and much more...



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