

# Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

## FEBRUARY 2026

### Meet our Guest Speaker: Jason Mackey

Fragrance & Form: How *Brassavola nodosa*  
Shaped Modern Hybrids

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

#### Meeting Information

Monday, February 9, 2026  
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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Jason Mackey's love of orchids began in childhood, growing alongside his great-grandmother's collection, and developed into a true passion in his twenties. In 2020, he became an active member of the Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches and later founded his orchid nursery, Barefoot Orchids, a name that honors both his Florida roots and his great-grandmother's lasting influence.



Jason has learned from some of the best growers in the industry and continues to seek out new science, technology, and techniques to improve plant health, flowering quality, and overall success. Through Barefoot Orchids, Jason focuses on making orchids approachable and enjoyable for everyone, hosting live sales and demonstrations every Sunday on his online orchid store. He also shares his knowledge through educational blogs. Jason's journey reflects both his deep family heritage and his commitment to sharing orchids with growers of all levels.

You may learn more about Jason and Barefoot Orchids at <https://barefootorchids.com/>



## President's Message

BRRRR - It was a cold start to the month of February with the wind and cold reaching us here in South Florida. Many of you were posting how you prepared to protect your orchids. We've had to pull our orchids into the house or cover them outside in some manner. We even had to wear a sweater to keep warm. Despite the cold now, soon we will be back in shorts and tees to begin to prepare for dividing, repotting or mounting our orchids.

Our orchids are beginning to show us some love with new roots forming, a new spike shooting up, a newly swelling flower bud, a flower that we didn't see the day before. Isn't it just satisfying to see our orchids beginning to wake up to surprise us with an array of color and fragrances? Everyday, when I look at my collection of orchids, I almost always see something I hadn't seen the day before. Take time to see what you might want to bring in for the Orchid Show in April.

## YES - That's right - The Orchid Show! Mark your calendars!

**The Flamingo Gardens Orchid and Bromeliad Show will be on April 3, 4, & 5.** Volunteers will be needed to help on all three days, in the Learning Center where the Orchid Show takes place and in the Gardens where we have a membership and raffle table set up among the vendors.

At our meeting on Monday February 9th, we will have a table set up near Membership to sign up as a volunteer. We will need volunteers for: Room Set-up, Orchid Registration/Check-in, Clerking for Judges, Plant Watching, Membership and Raffle Table, Vendor Welcome, Orchid Pick Up and Room Tear down. Please take this opportunity to sign up and support your society.

Let's grow and bloom together!

*Alice*

Alice Walker, President

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society



Bsn Maikai  
B. nodosa 50%  
Gur. bowringiana 50%

**→MEMBERSHIP****Membership runs from 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](mailto:annescar@hotmail.com) (renewing as well as new members require an application.)**

**FGOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

→ We have are please to welcome eight new members: Marcia Bazil, Herman Feria, BB Gould, Linda Iza, Reid Kelley, Bill Lodato, Cindy Ransing, and Elizabeth Wilkie.

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

Annette Scardina, Membership Chair

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**→ 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. February's discussion topic is **"Preparing to Repot Your Orchids"** Although we are in the middle for South Florida's Winter, this is the right time to start identifying those orchids in need of repotting and gathering supplies to repot them.



*Newbies: From buds to blooms*

Come for the friendship, Learn some great orchid tips!

Diane Rogers  
Newbie Session Moderator  
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Corresponding Secretary

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## 2026 ORCHID EVENTS

<b>February 7-8</b>	<a href="#"><u>Venice Area Orchid Society Show &amp; Sale</u></a> Venice Community Center 326 S Nokomis Ave, Venice, FL
<b>February 9</b>	<b>FGOS presents:</b> Jason Mackey: Fragrance & Form: How <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> Shaped Modern Hybrids
<b>February 20-22</b>	<a href="#"><u>Naples Orchid Society's "Orchid Rodeo"</u></a> Naples Botanical Garden 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL
<b>March 6-8</b>	<a href="#"><u>Martin County Orchid Society's "Orchids at the Disco"</u></a> Martin County Fairgrounds, Bldg G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL
<b>March 7-8</b>	<b>FLAMINGO GARDENS:</b> <a href="#"><u>"Exotic Plant Festival &amp; Bonsai Show"</u></a>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>FGOS presents:</b> Mark Margolis: Catesetums
<b>March 20-22</b>	<a href="#"><u>Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance's "Orchid Jungle"</u></a> N Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Rd, Naples, FL
<b>March 27-29</b>	<b>Orchids in Bloom presents:</b> "Amazing Thailand Rainbow Orchid Festival" 15200 SW 240th St, Homestead, FL For more info: 407-242-0619
<b>APRIL 3,4,5</b>	<b>FLAMINGO GARDENS:</b> 44th International Orchid & Bromeliad Show <a href="#"><u>"GARDEN OF ORCHIDS"</u></a> 9:30am - 4:30pm AOS Judging April 3rd
<b>APRIL 13</b>	<b>FGOS presents:</b> Annette Scardina 'Brassias'
<b>May 11</b>	<b>FGOS presents:</b> Scott Peplin
<b>August 10</b>	<b>FGOS Annual Auction</b>
<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS</b>	<a href="#"><u>Community Orchid Events</u></a>



B nodosa hybrids

## 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
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# JANUARY 2026 MEETING PHOTOS



- Types of Vandaceous Orchids that we see today on our show tables.
1. Standard Vanda, large colorful, lots of arial roots
  2. Rhyncostylis small often pendulous flowers, fragrant,
  3. Ascocenda small upright and colorful flowers (now Vanda) hybrid of Vanda x ascocentrum
  4. Neofinitia falcata (now Vanda falcata) tiny cooler growing multi growth habit and often fragrant. Prized by the Japanese sword carrying elite (Samurai)
  5. Papilionanthe showy flowers, undisciplined growth habit, many arial roots all over the plant.

- Vanda falcata 'Gwanak' CCM/AOS (variegated leaf variety) Can have multiple leads, multiple leaf shapes, i.e. bean shape, arrow shape, all awardable in Japan w/o flowers. Often grown in sphagnum moss balls in decorative pots. very fragrant. (Pots can be worth thousands)

Ascocenda (Vanda) ampullacea f. album, 'SnowBall' CCE/AOS

Tiny flowers, often fragrant, smaller plant than Vanda

### LEAF SHAPES

- Vanda orchids are noted for three kinds of leaf shapes, well four if we count the Neos.
- Strap-leaf-- all those with broad open leathery, or fleshy leaves or deeply V-shaped leaves. Can be lightly striped as well. Rhyncostylis, Vanda and most of their hybrids
- Semi-terete-- those with rounded but deeply furrowed leaves.
- Terete --those with pencil-shaped leaves.
- Neofinitia (Vanda) falcata has a multitude of leaf shapes. Some flat oblong, bean shaped, some pencil shaped, some variegated, some highly prized in Japan.

### DEEP V SHAPE

Typical Vanda presentation. Flower spikes can emerge from the junction of the leaf to the stem. Note, they also hide bugs!

### TERETE LEAF

- Terete leaves have a round pencil like shape.
- They can take full sun. Common in SE. Asia Vanda Miss Joaquim one of the most famous.

V. Miss Joaquim

T. Orchids

### Temperature

- They do best with a night time temp no lower than 62, but
- They can take temps down to 50 F for short periods especially if they have Vanda coerulea in their background.
- If Vandas are subject to 50 F or slightly lower for extended period of time they will go semi-dormant.
- Yellow vanda hybrids and Euanthe and its hybrids are more sensitive to cold.

### Air Circulation

- Vandaceous orcid are epiphytes and require good air circulation.
- Good air circulation will reduce the chances of leaf-spotting and fungal infections.
- Water early in the day, and water on sunny days when possible.

### CONCLUSIONS

- Vandas are tolerant of light, warmth and but some need some shade. Terete leaved varieties need hot climates, heavy sun.
- Vandas are heavy feeders so in growing season, you cannot fertilize too much. Just watch water hardness in conjunction with fertilizers
- Vandas are not tolerant of hard water. Double check your water source. Must be watered daily in summer.
- Don't try to corral the arial roots. If you get keikis, you can remove and plant.
- Many sources for Vanda now in the states.

## PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARDS



1st Place  
Angcm Alabaster  
Carmen Teran



2nd Pl  
Karen Reynoldson  
Bc Hawaiian Agenda 'Florida Winter'



3rd Place (Tie)  
Blc Pink Empress 'Lake View'  
Anna-Maria Douglas



3rd Pl (Tie)  
Bulbo Medusa's Kiss  
David Sweeten



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★ **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

- ★ **Brassavola** (bra-SAH-voh-lah) A genus of about 20 tropical American orchids closely allied to *Cattleya* and *Laelia*, described by Robert Brown in 1813 and dedicated to Sr. Antonio Musa Brasavola, a Venetian nobleman and botanist. Sometimes called "lady of the night" because of the nocturnal fragrance.
- ★ 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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