

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

JULY 2025

Meeting Information

Monday, July 14, 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 Speakers:

Naoki Kawamura – “Coryanthes and Its Hybrids”

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

Naoki will introduce us to these unusual and exotic looking orchids, commonly called “Bucket Orchids”. He is a hobbyist growing multiple genera and is known for his beautiful Vandas receiving numerous AOS awards. Naoki’s passion for orchids comes from giving a white Phalaenopsis as a house-warming gift to a friend in Portland, Oregon. Visiting a boutique orchid store, he was overwhelmed with the variety of orchids, especially the multi-growths Paphiopedilum micranthum with a price tag of \$800. He walked away that day with just the white Phalaenopsis. Days later he went back and bought a Dendrobium. As he tried to learn how to take care of it, he joined the Oregon Orchid Society to learn more from other growers. From there his collection grew.



Living in Oregon with cold weather in the winter, all orchids were grown under lights. When a job opportunity came about and a chance to get to a warmer climate, he and his partner relocated to Venice, Florida in 2017. This move was certainly going to be a change of environments for his orchid collection. To help them acclimate to the Florida sun he shipped all his orchids to a friend in Orlando. Currently all his orchids are grown inside the pool cage.

While in the AOS student judging program, his first assignment was “Catasetinae, Stanhopinae and Lycastinae” which he had never tried to grow. Naoki strives to learn more and more about orchids and looks to find what is the best way to grow orchids. Curiosity has now become his passion as you’ll see from his presentation on Coryanthes.

Coryanthes Speckled Swan ‘Jeepers Creepers’ AM/AOS





President's Message

We're excited about the FGOS Orchid Auction scheduled for August 11th and hope you are able to attend. The proceeds from this year's event will help us fulfill our commitment to our partner Flamingo Gardens and their efforts to build a new Welcome Center. Fulfilling our commitment will further support their efforts and also ensure that the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society is listed on the donor wall of the new center.

Any and all help is appreciated. Here's what we/you can do to make it a success without having to give up some of your prized possessions.

Minimal involvement – Do one or two of the following:

- Give an Auction Card to one person who might be interested in orchids.
- Go to the FGOS Facebook page, like a post about the Auction and share it.
- Show up! It's only three hours for a good cause.
- Make a \$ donation to FGOS towards the auction.

Contribution – Do one of the above and one or more of the following:

- Donate one orchid.
- Drop an Auction Card in with the orchids at Home Depot or Lowes orchid sales area when no one is looking.
- Convince someone to come to the Auction.
- Bring a snack to the Auction.

Star Involvement – Do two or more of the above and one or more of the following:

- Donate several orchids.
- Volunteer to help; we still need volunteers.
- Bring two or more friends to the auction.
- Post about the auction on your Facebook or Instagram page.
- Go to a plant nursery and bring a few auction cards to display.

Please let us know what you've done. We're planning something special for all who get involved.

I thank all of you fabulous orchid lovers!!!

Lucy

→ MEMBERSHIP

Renew now as our membership 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](#)

→ ***We are pleased to welcome a new members to the society: Seth Shealer.***

If you see him 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.

At the July 14th meeting, we'll talk about **Orchid Care Resources**.

Come for the friendship and pick up some helpful orchid growing tips.

Diane Rogers
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society
Board Corresponding Secretary & Newbie Session Moderator



2025 ORCHID EVENTS

July 14	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Naoki Kawamura- Hobbyist- Coryanthes, Bucket orchids Flaming Gardens Orchid Society: The Nominating Committee for our September elections will be presented.
August 11	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: FGOS AUCTION
September 8	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Christine Morales- AOS Judge- Guarianthe aurantiaca and its role in Cattlianthe hybrids FGOS Board Elections
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 10	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Tomas Bajza, Tarzane Group “Giant World of Miniature Orchids and Simple Setups”
December 8	FGOS Annual Holiday Party
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	<u>Community Orchid Events</u>



Coryanthes macrantha



Coryanthus bruchmuelleri



Coryanthes elegantium
var. *xanthina*

→ 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.

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JUNE MEETING PHOTOS:

JUNE MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS



JUNE MEETING PHOTOS - MOUNTING WORKSHOP





★ **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

- ★ **Coryanthes** (ko-ree-AN-theez) A genus of 44 species of epiphytes with extraordinary flowers from the American tropics commonly called bucket orchids, related to *Stanhopea* and *Gongora*, it was described by Hooker in 1831, the name derived from the Greek meaning "helmet flower" in reference to the helmet-shaped epichile of the lip.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).



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