

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

MARCH 2025

Meeting Information

Monday, March 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!

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<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker: JIM ROBERTS A few Encyclias to Enjoy

By Alice Walker, V.P. Program

Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids presenting "A Few Encyclias to Enjoy" will be highlighting Encyclia species that are easily grown in Florida and some of their notable hybrids.

Jim has been growing orchids over 30 years in climates ranging from cold Minnesota to hot SW Florida growing conditions. In 2001, he moved to Florida with a small collection of plants and the dream of operating an orchid nursery that became a reality. He grows his beauties in three gutter connected greenhouses encompassing 10,000 square feet of growing space. As always, he strives to grow and sell the best quality orchid plants and to build a lasting reputation in the industry as one of the very best. He has traveled extensively in search of orchid treasures in Hawaii, South America, and Europe, seeking the plants that will grow and bloom best for his clients.

Jim enjoys growing orchids, talking with other orchid enthusiasts, finding the best plants for his clients and classical music.



These are a sampling of Encyclias and not an example of Jim's presentation.

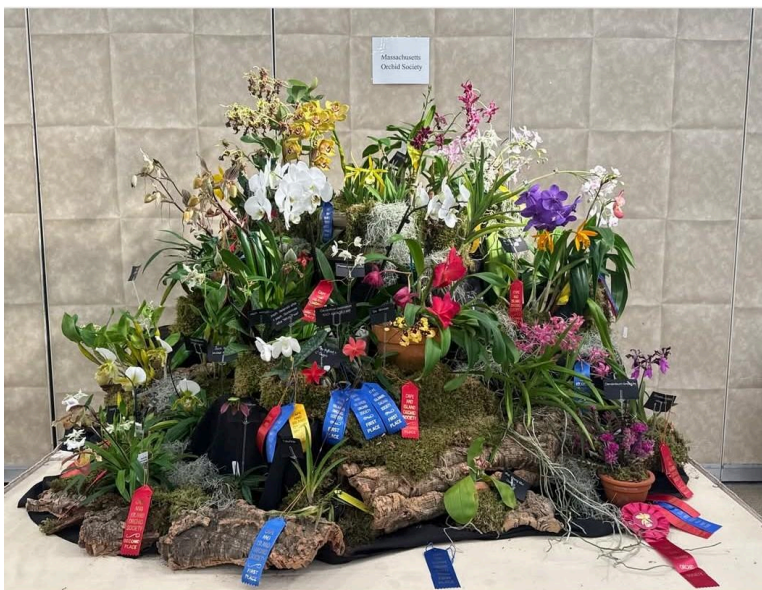
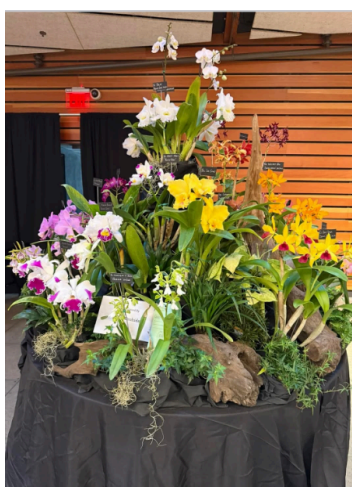


President's Message

We are getting ready for **the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show** on April 19-20. The theme is "A Garden of Orchids." We plan to have a few table-top displays at the show, as well as the cut flower and container arrangements. See the photos below for some ideas and inspiration. Be sure to attend Tony Millet's session for FGOS members on Table Top Displays on March 30th at 1:30 PM in the Learning Center. We can do this!!

Let's get inspired!

Lucy



→ MEMBERSHIP

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 six new members to the society– Dawn Jackson, Leah Langenfass, Diana Law, Beth Pomerants, Christina Ramos, and Angelo Salomone. 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!

Newbie Session March 2025

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. March's topic is "Five to Thrive" featuring five top tips to make the most of your orchid collection.

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

March 8-9	The Orchid Society of Coral Gables "Fairchild Orchid Festival" Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables, FL More information
March 10	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids: A Few Encyclias to Enjoy
March 13	UF IFAS Broward County Extension "Landscaping with Orchids" Thursday 6:30-7:30pm, 3245 College Avenue, Davie More Information
March 15-16	The Jacksonville Orchid Society presents "Orchid Jungle" March 15-16 Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville More information
March 21-23	The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance "Rockin' and Rollin' with Orchids" March 21 - 23, 2025, at the North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL 34109. More information
April 5-6	Bonnet House: 16th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival 900 North Birch Road, Ft. Lauderdale April 5-6 9am-4pm More information
April 12	Lincoln Road Orchid & Plant Sale - Euclid Oval, 660 Lincoln Rd, Miami More information
April 14	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Claire Garrett, Hobbyist, and Sandi Block-Brezner, Hobbyist and AOS Judge: Rio Negro Orchid Adventure, Brazil
April 19-20	Flamingo Gardens presents: 43rd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show (set up Friday, April 18th)
May 12	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Sandi Jones, Broward Orchid Supply, Pests and Disease Management
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	Community Orchid Events

→ SUGGESTION BOX

The Board of Directors of FGOS appreciate your suggestions with the objective of improving our service and make this Society the best of its kind. Your ideas are welcomed and appreciated. Feel free to participate and deposit your thoughts and ideas in the box located at the membership table. If you wish, include your name, phone number and email address to discuss further. Anonymous entries are also welcomed.

→ 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

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
Alice Walker	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
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Diane Rogers	Corresponding Secretary, Newbie Group
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Kevin Horgan	Trustee - 1 year, Facebook Administrator
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Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

FEBRUARY MEETING:

The Genus Dendrobium

Best ways to get rid of pests:

- Good air flow
- High humidity
- Water underneath of leaves (mites)
- Beneficial insects
Lady Bugs, Green lacewings, Predatory mites

Alcohol mix

- 1 part rubbing alcohol
- 1 part 409
- 2 parts water

Hydrogen peroxide (insects, snails/slugs, rot)

Systemic insecticides (Orthene, Merit, Orthenex, Malathion, Mavrik)

John Romano, LMT, MPP

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AOS Corner

Mike Vaupel, Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society's AOS Representative

★ **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

- ★ ***Encyclia*** (en-SIK-lee-ah) A genus of about 240 Neotropical species previously included in a broadly defined *Epidendrum*, sometimes known in horticulture as bulbous epidendrums. Hooker described the genus in 1828, but it wasn't until studies by Dressler in 1961 that the genus was truly established.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

2025 SPRING AOS MEMBER MEETING:

APRIL 9-12

Annapolis Crowne Plaza Hotel

Annapolis, Maryland

<https://www.aos.org/members-meetings>