

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

JUNE 2026

Meeting Information

Monday, June 8, 2026
Doors Open - 7:00 pm
NEWBIES Begin - 6:45 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:

Growing Orchids from Seed

John Finer

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

John Finer is an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science at The Ohio State University and Courtesy Faculty in the Ecology & Environmental Studies Department at Florida Gulf Coast University. He currently serves on the Education Committee and Research Committee of the American Orchid Society and is an Education Director with the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance.



After retiring to Naples, Florida in June, 2021, John has focused on propagating and reintroducing native

orchids into local Florida communities and making novel new orchid hybrids, some of which are available from select orchid

growers in South and Southwest Florida. So far, John has 48 new named orchid hybrids with many more on the way! For his presentation, he will describe his journey from soybean biotechnology at Ohio State to

orchid growing, and explain his approaches for orchid propagation, culture and improvement. John also has a YouTube channel where he is "The Plant Propagator" and a business called "The Orchid Propagator."



President's Message

Returning from some time spent in the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina, I am reminded of the beauty which surrounds us. The beauty of spending time with family and friends, meeting others from across the country and the importance to take a breath, reflect and refresh.

Our society has grown and we are thrilled to have each and every one of you as a member in our society and our orchid community. Take time to introduce yourself to others in our society and get to know them. Whether you are a beginner or a more experienced hobbyist we can all benefit from asking questions and sharing our experiences with one another.

Recently, we went on a Members Garden Visit hosted by Wendy Gonzalez. The group was a great mix of the new to the more experienced. Wendy graciously shared with us her knowledge of orchids, how she determined where to place them and why. We talked with one another, asked questions and thoroughly enjoyed the morning together. Nelson Viera, from the YouTube channel "Nature Nel", was invited to capture our tour. You will find the link to the tour here within our newsletter. Like, Subscribe, Share.

Let's Bloom and Grow Together,

Alice



Alice Walker, President, Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

Orchids at Flamingo Gardens:



→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.
- ****New members who join May, June, or July, gain membership through August of the following year**

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 four new members; Ann Kise, Maria and Thomas Drissel, and Josie Cardenas*

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

→ WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

Newbies meet before the FGOS meeting begins promptly at 6:45 to 7:15 pm.

Join the Newbies, open to all orchid enthusiasts with less than two years' experience, or those who are new to FGOS. Our June discussion topic is

"How Much Do You Know About Orchids?"

We'll help you find answers to your orchid care questions.

Come for the friendship, Leave with some great orchid tips!

Diane Rogers
Newbie Session Moderator
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Corresponding Secretary



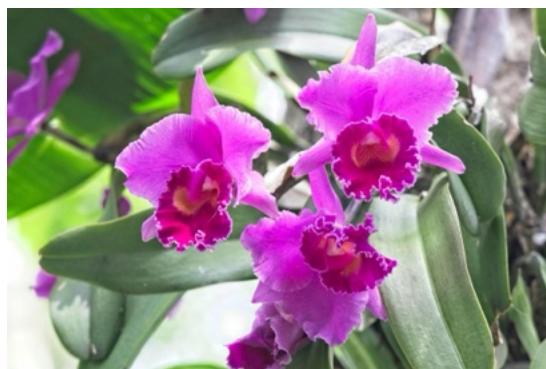
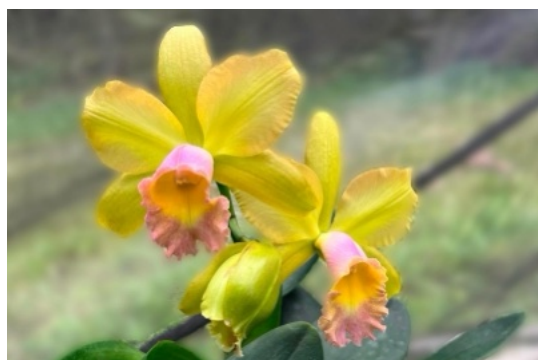
*Newbies: From
buds to blooms*



2026 ORCHID EVENTS

June 8	FGOS presents: John Finer: "Growing Orchids from Seed"
July 13	FGOS presents: Joshua Jones: "Orchid Pyramid: All About Roots"
August 10	FGOS Orchid Bingo
September 14	FGOS presents: Nelson Viera: "How to Pick the Right Orchid at an Orchid Show"
October 12	FGOS presents: James Furst: "Orchid Naturalization and Long-Term Solutions for Establishment Outdoors, with General Growing Tips and Techniques"
November 9	FGOS presents: Gabriel Cuesta - Quest Orchids
December 14	FGOS HOLIDAY PARTY
	Ever wonder how many Orchid Societies are in Florida? https://www.aos.org/community-events/affiliated-society-lookup
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	Community Orchid Events

More orchids at Flamingo Gardens



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

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MAY MEETING PHOTOS



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See Donna to sign
up for classes

MAY MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARDS



FGOS MAY MEMBER GARDEN TOUR 5/16/2026

One of the many benefits of belonging to an orchid society is the opportunity to visit fellow members' growing areas and learn from their experiences. Twenty of our members had the opportunity to tour the orchid gardens of fellow members, Wendy Gonzalez and Yuberca Sandino.

The members enjoyed seeing Wendy's and Yuberca's orchid collections, as well as learning how they organized their gardens based on each plant's growing requirements and the conditions available in their growing spaces.

Nelson Vieira, host of the YouTube channel *Nature Nel*, documented the event and created a video featuring the orchid gardens. The video is on Nelson's YouTube channel entitled:

[Orchid Garden Hopping with Flamingo Gardens Society: Stunning Florida Orchids Up Close](#)
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★ **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

★ **Orchid Taxonomy**

- ★ The word "[taxonomy](#)" is from Ancient Greek and means "a method of arrangement". Biological organisms are classified, or arranged, into groups, called taxa, based on shared characteristics. These taxa are organized based on how closely the organisms are related. Carolus Linnaeus is credited with the current system of classification with his publication of *Systema Naturae* in 1758.
- ★ 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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