

# Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

## JUNE 2025

### Meeting Information

Monday, June 9, 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: Orchid Mounting Demonstration and Workshop by the Flamingo Gardens Orchidteers

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

You've heard us talk about the Orchidteers at Flamingo Gardens. The Orchidteers have been mounting and maintaining the orchids at Flamingo Gardens for eight years. They are volunteers of the Horticultural Department and are associated with Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.

The Orchidteers have mounted over five (5) thousand orchids at Flamingo Gardens, from exotic species and hybrids to native Florida seedlings. There was no handbook on how to make a Botanical Garden an orchid destination, however these volunteers have been successful placing orchids throughout the Gardens. They have learned through trial and error what works and doesn't work. They will have some recommendations for us on the "easy" orchids to mount on your trees and palms.

The Orchidteers also save orchid "divisions" that fall from trees. They will do a no-frills demonstration on their way of mounting an orchid division on a piece of wood, and will be available to help us mount our own orchids during the workshop.

FGOS Members: Have an orchid you wish to mount? Bring it in along with a mount of your choice. The Orchidteers will have some mounts and Phalaenopsis for sale, reasonably priced. Bamboo, cedar shakes, fencing boards and some cork tubes - all pre-wired and ready for you to mount your orchid.



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**Be on the lookout for an email with a proposed revision to the FGOS bylaws. Please read it! We will need to vote on it on Monday.**



## President's Message

Hi There,

Finally, the rains have arrived! Our plants are doing the happy dance. The garden hose can take a break, I'm hoping.

As you all know FGOS is contributing to the campaign to raise funds for the new Welcome Center at Flamingo Gardens. A goal of ours is to get the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society name on the new building as a donor and the minimum to qualify for this is a \$5,000 donation which we have pledged. To help in that effort, we will be doing an orchid auction on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

I know you all want to help in this fundraiser, here's how: If you have a healthy division of an orchid and a name to go with it, please donate it to the auction. Potted or bareroot, we'll take it. Or an orchid you no longer have room for? Not your favorite? You know the name? Please, donate it to the auction. Please call me at 305-308-6531 or Alice Walker at 954-610-0693.

You can also help by getting involved in the actual process of setting it all up. It's an opportunity to "play orchids" with other FGOS members.

At auctions, I know some of us feel it's hard to get a good price. That may be so, sometimes but not all the time. There are always some bargains. A big AND to that is that it's really about helping the wonderful venue, a nonprofit, where we have our meetings and are associated with building a nice Welcome Center, see photo below.

That's all for now!

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](mailto:annescar@hotmail.com) (renewing as well as new members require an application.)**

**FGOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**→ We are pleased to welcome five new members to the society—Martha Cabrera, Lisa Kligmann, Angelica Arosemena, Donna Warren, and Monica Menconi.**

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

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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 new orchid enthusiasts with less than two years' experience, or those who are new to FGOS. June's topic is "Orchid Tips and Tricks" with some unexpected surprises and information for Newbies who attend. Come for the friendship and pick up some helpful orchid growing tips.

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



**Newbies: From buds to blooms**

## 2025 ORCHID EVENTS

<b>June 9</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Mounting Orchids by the Flamingo Gardens Orchidteers (bring your own or buy from the Orchidteers)</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Naoki Kawamura- Hobbyist- Coryanthes, Bucket orchids</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: FGOS AUCTION</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Christine Morales- AOS judge- Guarianthe aurantiaca and its role in Cattlianthe hybrids</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Dr. Juraj Kjos</b> “Developing an Orchid Collection” A practical guide to building a collection based on preferences, culture, and microclimate knowledge.
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Tomas Bajza</b> “Giant World of Miniature Orchids and Simple Setups”
<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS</b>	<a href="#"><u>Community Orchid Events</u></a>

## → 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.

## Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society 2024-25 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
Alice Walker	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
Annette Scardina	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
EJ Laviolette	Recording Secretary
Diane Rogers	Corresponding Secretary, Newbie Group
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
Mayra Martinez	Trustee - 2 years, Member's Choice Chairperson
Gail Santini	Trustee - 1 year, Newsletter Editor and Photographer
Melissa Dolton	Trustee - 1 year, Newsletter Committee
Kevin Horgan	Trustee - 1 year, Facebook Administrator
Mary Lathrop	Refreshments Chairperson
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative



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## MAY MEETING PHOTOS:

### MAY MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS

1st Place  
*Gram scriptum*  
Tom Nordman



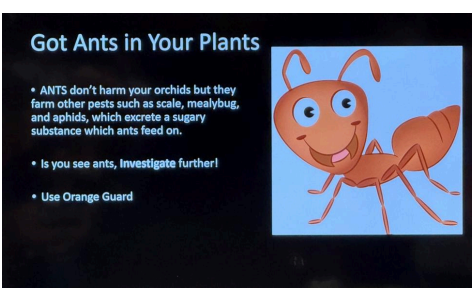
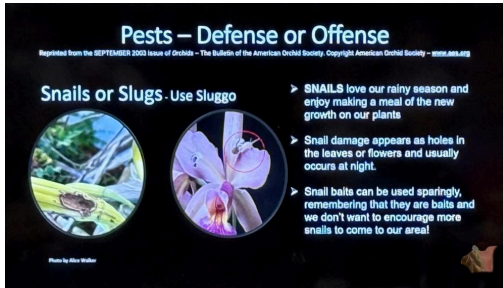
2nd Place & Speaker's Choice  
*C Sea Breeze 'Blue'*  
Wendy Gonzalez



3rd Place  
*Maxillaria tenuifolia*  
Carmen Teran



## MAY MTG: SANDI JONES



Sandi gave us a wonderful presentation on all aspects of orchid care, pests, diseases, and how to control them. The information she provided was too lengthy to provide here but what she covered can be found online, the following are a few sources:

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/orchid-pests-diseases-cultural-issues>

<https://staugorchidsociety.com/culturepests.htm>

<https://staugorchidsociety.com/culturepests-environmental.htm>

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/troubleshooter>

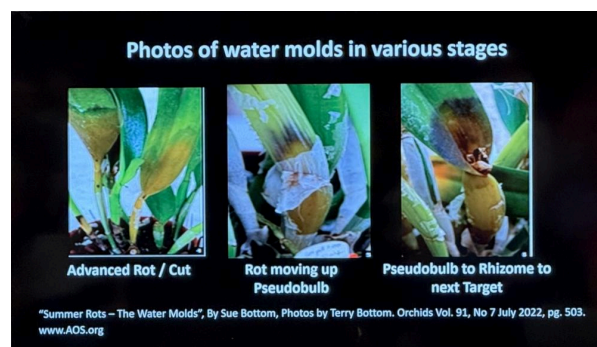
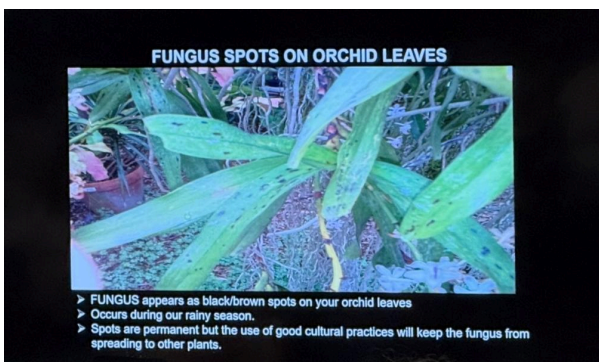
<https://www.browardorchidsupply.com/>

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[browardorchidsupply@comcast.net](mailto:browardorchidsupply@comcast.net)

Broward Orchid Supply 954-925-2021

Note: AOS provides a lot of information to non-members, but membership gives more.





## REPOTTING WORKSHOP Saturday, May 31, 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

- ★ **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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