

# Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

## JANUARY 2025

### Meeting Information

Monday, January 13, 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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### Meet our Guest Speaker: Dayaneth Lojo Portilla Ecuagenera Orchids of Ecuador in Situ and Culture in our Nursery

By Alice Walker, V.P. Program

Presented by Dayaneth Lojo Portilla,  
manager of Ecuagenera USA Corp. and  
International Representative for  
Ecuagenera.

Ecuador is known for its extreme diversity of  
habitats and microclimates. There are more  
than 4,200 species of orchids growing all  
over the country, from the lowlands to the  
highlands.

Since 1992, Ecuagenera's focus has been on research,  
conservation and culture - How do they grow in-situ? - Which  
conditions does nature provide them? This research has helped to  
discover and identify new Ecuadorian species. We will see how  
these orchids are grown in their natural habitat and how we can  
grow them at home.



Dayaneth was introduced to the world of orchids and culture of plants as a child which at the beginning felt like an obligation but today it's become her motivation and pride. For more than five years she has been traveling worldwide representing Ecuagenera in several international shows. She treasures her family and the learning legacy they have given her.



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## President's Message

**Happy 2025 to you, wonderful orchid friends!** May your year be filled with health, happy moments, and of course, many orchid flowers. May thrips stay away from your orchids during the dry months ahead.

One quick look back: Wasn't that a great holiday party? Great company, great food, and amazing orchids!

## We are in orchid show high season. Happy Time!

Remember the exhibits and individually shown orchids are "the Show", take the time to enjoy them. And have some serious fun shopping! Don't forget to ask questions such as 'how am I going to grow this? I do a lot of window shopping lately.

**A question for you:** *Do you happen to have any blooming orchids you can bring to a show for AOS and/or show judging? You might have a winner,* some show awards include prize money! This week is the Ft Lauderdale Orchid Society show at the Charles F. Dodge Center in Pembroke Pines, practically around the corner. Show organizers will be happy to exhibit orchids from hobbyists like us. Wednesday, January 8, from 3 to 8pm is the time they will be accepting the orchids. If interested, clean up your healthy blooming orchid and go for it. I use a mix of water and lemon juice to clean and shine my plant leaves. Win or not, bring the blooming orchid to our meeting next Monday! We'd love to see it.

**Looking ahead,** we have plans for great speakers and activities, and are working on putting together a Field Trip committee very soon, so we can have more outings. It should be a lot of fun.

See you Monday if not sooner!

Lucy



Stanhopea saccata



Phragmipedium  
Ivan Portilla



Den. bifalce



Bulbophyllum pardalotum

Orchids from Ecuador

**→ 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](#)**

Annette Scardina, Membership Chair

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**→ WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!**

Newbie Session January 2025

Newbies meet before the FGOS meeting begins, 6:45 until 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. We'll be starting the new year off with a helpful discussion on January tasks to keep your orchid collection ready for a successful growing season. We'll also be providing tips on accessing orchid growing help. Sandi Block-Brezner, local AOS orchid judge, will be on hand to answer your orchid questions.

Come for the friendship, take away excellent orchid growing tips.

Diane Rogers

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Board

Corresponding Secretary and Newbie Session Moderator

## 2025 ORCHID EVENTS

<b>JANUARY 10-12</b>	<b>Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show “Orchid Renaissance”</b> (Friday-Sunday) Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Blvd., Pembroke Pines. <a href="#">More information</a>
<b>JANUARY 13</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Dayaneth Lojo Portilla - Ecuagenera - Orchids of Ecuador
<b>JANUARY 18</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens presents: Orchid Basics 101, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> <a href="#">More information</a>
<b>JANUARY 17-19</b>	<b>Tamiami International Orchid Festival</b> (Fri-Sun 11am-6pm daily) Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center, 10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL 33165 <a href="#">More information</a>
<b>January 25-26</b>	<b>Florida West Coast Orchid Show “A Rainbow of Orchids”</b> Seminole Recreation Center 9100 113th St N., Seminole, FL 33772 <a href="#">More information</a>
<b>February 10</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> John Romano - Main Sections of Dendrobiums
<b>March 1-2</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens presents: Exotic Plant Festival &amp; Bonsai Show</b>
<b>April 19-20</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens presents:</b> 43rd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show (set up Friday, April 18th)
<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS</b>	<a href="#">Community Orchid Events</a>



**2024 Annual Holiday Party gift orchids.**



## → 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
Annette Scardina	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
EJ Laviolette	Recording Secretary
Diane Rogers	Corresponding Secretary, Newbie Group
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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

## DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS:

Some of the Centerpieces:



Awards:















## AOS Corner

### ★ 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

- ★ **etiolation** (ee-ti-o-LAY-shun) Effect on green plant from loss of chlorophyll through exclusion of light, the normally green tissue becoming white or yellow by unmasking of carotenoids within the chloroplasts.
  - ★ 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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