

# Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

## OCTOBER 2025

### Meeting Information

Monday, October 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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<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

### Meet our Guest Speaker: Juraj Kojš

**"Developing an Orchid Collection. A practical guide to building a collection based on personal preferences, culture and microclimate knowledge."**

By: Melissa Dolton, V.P. Programs



Dr. Juraj Kojš will reveal his secrets for curating a personalized orchid collection tailored to South Florida's unique environment. He combines his artistic creativity with botanical science to transform your approach to orchids. Juraj will cover essential principles for

building a collection, focusing on how to balance personal preferences with growing conditions and care needs.

Juraj is an AOS judge with over 60 awards. He combines his artistic creativity as an Associate Professor of Professional Practice at University of Miami's Frost School of Music where he combines his passion for music and orchids in innovative ways.

For more about Dr. Juraj Kojš visit our website: <https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>



Juraj has written 3 articles in Orchids Magazine about *C. violacea* which can be found in issues 2025-February, July, and August. Join AOS to read these articles and so much more. The link to the magazine can be opened by AOS members.

Join AOS at [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org)

[AOS Magazine C. violacea](#)



## President's Message

This month marks a new membership year along with a newly elected FGOS Board. I am excited to begin this year as your President following in the footsteps of Lucy Matos-Lodato who has served as our President for the past two years. Believe me, she has left some big shoes to fill. Her passion, commitment, and resilience serve to remind me of what it takes to be a leader of our society. Lucy has always had my back as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Program Chair guiding me along the way. She will continue to serve and advise us as Past President on the Board.

Thank you to Kevin Horgan who served as a Trustee this past year. He is passionate about orchids, committed to the society, and will continue to help out whenever and wherever he can.

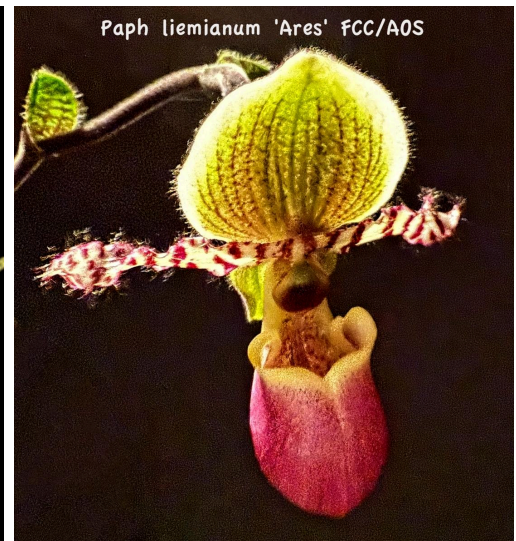
I encourage all of you to get involved – volunteer, bring a friend, or participate in the meetings. There are many opportunities to help throughout the year. Let us know what you'd like to do or where you feel you can provide assistance. Thank you to all who have volunteered your time and energy in various ways this year. It is much appreciated.

We have some exciting programs and opportunities over the next few months including another Member Garden Ramble in November, Hike in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve on February 21, 2026, workshops, Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show in the Spring, and more.

Whether you are a seasoned grower or just beginning your orchid journey, your presence enriches our society. **Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society is YOUR society. YOU** are what makes this society special.

Let's grow and bloom together!

Alice Walker, President  
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society



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## → MEMBERSHIP

**Renew now as our membership drive is underway for 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.***

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

## FGOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

→ ***We are pleased to welcome new members to the society:***

***Hugh Bailey, Mauro Braun, Rodger Cofer, Daneale Gomer, Paul Gumos, Daina Leon, Chris Morales, Ted Newsome, Carolyn Padowitz, Alex Rodriguez, Peggy Sherba***

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 orchid enthusiasts with less than two years' experience, or those who are new to FGOS. October's discussion topic is **"Winterizing Your Orchids - Part One."**

Come for the friendship, Learn some great orchid tips!

Diane Rogers  
Newbie Session Moderator  
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Corresponding Secretary



*Newbies: From  
buds to blooms*

## 2025 ORCHID EVENTS

October 13	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Dr. Juraj Kojš</b> “ <b>Developing an Orchid Collection</b> ” A practical guide to building a collection based on preferences, culture, and microclimate knowledge.
October 17-19	<a href="#"><u>Redland International Orchid Festival</u></a> Fruit and Spice Park 24801 SW 187th Av, Redland FL
November 2	<a href="#"><u>FLAMINGO GARDENS ANNUAL 5K WALK IN THE WILD</u></a> We have a team and let's make it two years in a row.... More info to follow
November 10	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Tomas Bajza, Tarzane Group</b> “Giant World of Miniature Orchids and Simple Setups”
November 15-16	<b>Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's</b> <a href="#"><u>“Orchid Obsession”</u></a> 10:00am-5:00pm Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton
December 6	<i>Flamingo Gardens Education Department</i> presents: Tony Millet <a href="#"><u>Orchids: Good Growing &amp; What it Takes!</u></a> 10:30-12:30
December 8	<b>FGOS Annual Holiday Party-</b> This is a time to kick back and enjoy the evening with fellow FGOS members. It's a time of recognition and to celebrate the many successes we've had this past year. REMINDER:you must be a 2025-2026 member to attend the Holiday Party. See Membership on page 3.
December 13-14	<a href="#"><u>Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show &amp; Sale</u></a> River Walk Center, 600 N Indian River Drive, Ft Pierce, FL
January 9-11/26	<a href="#"><u>Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society's “Orchid Magic”</u></a> Charles F Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines FL
January 10-11	<a href="#"><u>Sarasota Orchid Society Show &amp; Sale</u></a> Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	<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 2025-26 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Alice Walker	President
Melissa Dolton	1st Vice President and Programs Chairperson
Annette Scardina	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Alison Rials	Recording Secretary
Diane Rogers	Corresponding Secretary
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
Lucy Lodato	Past President
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OPEN	Trustee - 3 years
Keryn Bober	Trustee - 2 years
Wendy Gonzalez	Trustee - 2 years
Mayra Martinez	Trustee - 1 year
EJ Laviolette	Trustee - 1 year
Mary Lathrop	Refreshments Chairperson
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

## SEPTEMBER MEETING PHOTOS: [click here to see more photos](#)



### Culture

*Guarianthe aurantiaca* requires:

- bright, indirect light and protection from direct sunlight.
- a well-draining orchid mix such as a blend of bark, perlite and charcoal, providing good air circulation around the roots.
- regular watering, allowing the roots to dry out between waterings.
- fertilize with a balanced fertilizer every 2-4 weeks during the growing season (Spring/Summer). Reduce fertilizer during winter when the plant's growth slows.

This orchid species thrives in warm and humid conditions, making it suitable for greenhouse or indoor cultivation.

**Pro Tip:** Grow with *Cattleya*



### References

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- Baker's Culture Sheets
- The Collaborative International Dictionary
- Greg- Plant Identifier and Care
- Orchids Magazine
- Orchids.org
- Orchidroots.com
- Orchidspecies.com
- Orchidwiz
- Plantillustrations.org
- RHS- International Orchid Register
- Researchgate.net

*Cattlianthe Tutankamen 'Ya Yuan'*



## MEMBERS' CHOICE



C. (Red)



Blc. intermedia x  
Morning Glory 'Doris'



Clo Sandy Kasner



Psh. cochleata



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★ 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 the [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

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