

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

AUGUST 2026

Meeting Information

Monday, August 10 2026
Doors Open - 6:45 pm
NEWBIES - NO NEWBIES
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

- Refreshments
- Raffles
- And much more fun!

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NIGHT AUGUST 10, 2026:

What's different...

Doors open at 6:45 pm.

NO Newbie Session and NO Silent Auction.

Entry - Members Free, Non-Members \$5.00

Seating is limited

What's the same...

Bring appetizers!

We supply the beverages.

BONUS!! FGOS Members - Members who bring an appetizer will receive a ticket for a members only raffle.

FGOS Members: Bring your orchids for showing!

AOS Judges and Student Judges will award ribbons

Raffles for Orchids!

BINGO (Meeting) begins at 7:30

Let's have fun playing Bingo!



President's Message August 2026 Newsletter

Are you ready for some **F-U-N** ? **It's Orchid Bingo Time!!!**



I'm looking forward to a lot of fun at our Orchid Bingo Night — and I hope you are too! Nothing brings out the competitive spirit quite like shouting “BINGO!” over a table full of orchid lovers.

Orchid Prizes and Orchid raffles! We provide the beverages and you bring the food.

BONUS - FGOS Members - Each FGOS member who brings in an appetizer will receive a ticket for a members only raffle.

Last month we announced there are openings for Trustee positions for this next year. The basic role of a Trustee on the Board of FGOS is to help with the general meetings, give their input at the board meetings and learn the structure of the Board and how we function as a group. Nominees will be announced at our August meeting. A vote will take place at our September meeting.

Our Blooming Orchid Challenge officially kicked off in July with about 20 enthusiastic participants accepting the first Orchid Blooming Challenge for members of Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society. The challenge - Growing the *Dendrobium Woot Woot*, a cross between Den. Napporn Starbright × Den. Woo Leng, developed by our June speaker, John Finer. Participants are encouraged to share their progress, tips, triumphs, and “learning moments” in our WhatsApp group chat. Exchanging tips, photos and examples of orchid culture enables everyone to learn from others.

I'm thrilled to see members embracing this challenge — it's exactly the kind of hands-on learning and camaraderie that makes FGOS special. We're all looking forward to hearing updates, seeing those first blooms, and cheering each other on.

Here's to growth, fun, and a little friendly Bingo competition this month!

Alice



→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 *FIVE new members*: Donna Ekelcik, Shirley Eng, Eloise Holland, Irene Pinkien, and Debra Salzman

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

→ There will be **NO NEWBIES session on August 10th** due to BINGO!

Diane Rogers
Newbie Session Moderator



2026 ORCHID EVENTS

August 8	Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches Speaker Day 2026: The Great Orchid Extravaganza , Mounts Botanical Garden, WPB
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



→MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS***FOR AUGUST 10th AOS JUDGES AND STUDENT JUDGES WILL AWARD RIBBONS.**

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**.

→THERE IS NO SILENT AUCTION ON AUGUST 10th.

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society 2025-26 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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JULY MEETING PHOTOS



JULY MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARDS



Some of our July Raffle Winners





★ **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

- ★ **Calanthe** (kal-AN-thee) A genus of terrestrial or semi-epiphytic orchids primarily from Africa, tropical Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands. Related to Phaius, it was described by Robert Brown in 1821, the name derived from the Greek meaning "beautiful flower." One nondescript species, *Calanthe calanthoides*, is found in the New World.
- ★ 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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