

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

MAY 2026

Meeting Information

Monday, May 11, 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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Website:

<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker:

Scott Peplin
'Why did my Orchid Die?'

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

Scott Peplin is a longtime South Florida orchid grower with over 30 years of experience cultivating orchids in our region's unique climate. His passion for orchids began in 1993 after relocating from New York to Florida, where he met his wife, Donna, who had already caught the "orchid bug." While he has learned from many sources over the years, Scott credits trial and error as his most effective teacher.



In 2015, Scott transitioned from corporate America to pursue orchids full-time, founding International Orchid Services—named in part for one of his first clients in the Bahamas. The business has since evolved into Orchid Environments, through which he consults on and maintains orchid collections throughout Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Scott teaches monthly classes in his orchid house, affectionately known as the Orchid Bar & Grill, and has been a featured speaker for numerous local societies.

His presentation, *"Why Did My Orchid Die?"* offers a humorous and informative look at the challenges of growing orchids in the South Florida environment.



President's Message

Moving into the month of May, I am reminded of the old adage "April Showers Bring May Flowers". And boy - am I seeing a lot of blooming orchids - at home in my own collection, throughout the landscape of Flamingo Gardens, and through photos shared with one another.

Our Show & Tell table at each of our meetings gives you an opportunity to share your blooming orchids with us. Join FGOS' Facebook page and post your blooming beauties.

Just like our orchids, our society is growing as we welcomed ten (10) new members into our group! Every new member whether a beginner or experienced hobbyist adds something special to our group and to the orchid community. We are learning together, sharing tips with one another and enjoying the comradery of being with a group of like-minded people at every meeting

As we go forward in the months ahead, take some time to relax and enjoy the beauty that surrounds you.

Let's 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.

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 ten new members: Michele Bludau, Salvador Echavarria, Mark Kaplan, Michele McBride, Saxon McBride, Jacqueline Nunez, Daisy Perez, Maria Resillez, Armando Resillez, Sarah Swamy.

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 May discussion topic is

Preparing Your Orchids for Hurricane Season

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

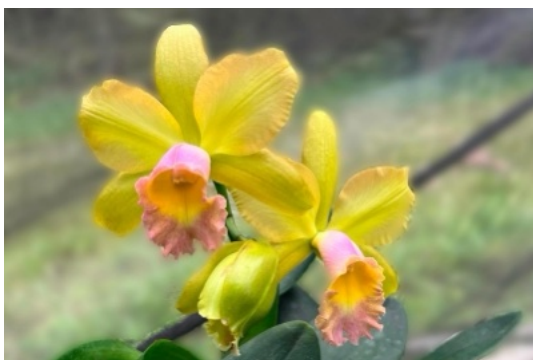
Diane Rogers
 Newbie Session Moderator
 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Corresponding Secretary



2026 ORCHID EVENTS

May 11	FGOS presents: Scott Peplin: “Why did my Orchid Die?”
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”
	Ever wonder how many Orchid Societies are in Florida? https://www.aos.org/community-events/affiliated-society-lookup
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	<u>Community Orchid Events</u>

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

Alice Walker	President
Melissa Dolton	1st Vice President and Programs Chairperson
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APRIL MEETING PHOTOS





Important Facts

Botanical Name: *Brassia* (Brs.)

Common Name: Spider Orchid

Subfamily: *Epidendroideae*

Tribe: *Cymbidieae*

Recognized Species: 71 (per OrchidWiz)

Color: *Brassia* flowers can be bright orange, yellow, white, green, and may include varied markings


Fragrant

Brs. maculata 'Monte Vista' HCC




Pollinators

Brassias have a very specific method for Pollination



Pepsis



Campsomeris



<h3 style="text-align: center;">PROPER WATERING</h3> <p>KEY WATERING TIPS FOR BRASSIA ORCHIDS</p> <p>METHOD: Water from the top and let the pot drain thoroughly</p> <p>FREQUENCY: Check the media Bark will dry faster in warm weather or in active growth, they may need more water</p> <p>SIGNS OF TROUBLE: the pseudobulbs become wrinkled, the plant maybe be underwatered or dealing with root rot, which prevents it from taking up water</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Light and Temperature Stress</h3> <p>Sun-Scorch: Direct sunlight can quickly cause bleached or brown burn marks on the leaves.</p> <p>Leaf Yellowing: Losing green color or turning yellow often signals excessive light</p> <p>Cold Damage: Temperatures below 54°F-57°F can lead to plant death or yellowing</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">FERTILISATION</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Phase (Spring-Autumn): Apply a balanced orchid fertilizer (e.g., 20-20-20, 20-10-20, or 20-30-20) every 2-4 weeks. Some growers recommend a high-nitrogen formula if the orchid is potted in bark • Application Method: Use a weak, diluted solution (1/4 teaspoon per 4 liters of water or 1/2 strength) to avoid burning the roots • Timing: Fertilize when new growth appears. Avoid fertilizing if the plant is dormant or if the roots are damaged • Signs of Over-fertilisation: If leaf tips are burnt or the plant shows signs of distress, flush the pot thoroughly and pause feeding for 2-3 weeks.
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REPOT EVERY 2-3 YEARS

- Potting in well-draining, airy, epiphytic media like medium to large bark, coconut chips, or a mix of bark and sphagnum moss for moisture retention to avoid root rot.
- Select a slightly larger pot, ensuring media stays damp but not soggy.
- The best time to repot is when new growth or roots appear in spring.
- Place the oldest pseudobulb against the edge of the pot, allowing room for new growth.
- Ensure the rhizome is just at or slightly below the surface of the medium

Long Inflorescence



Brassia gireaudiana 'Benttree' CCE

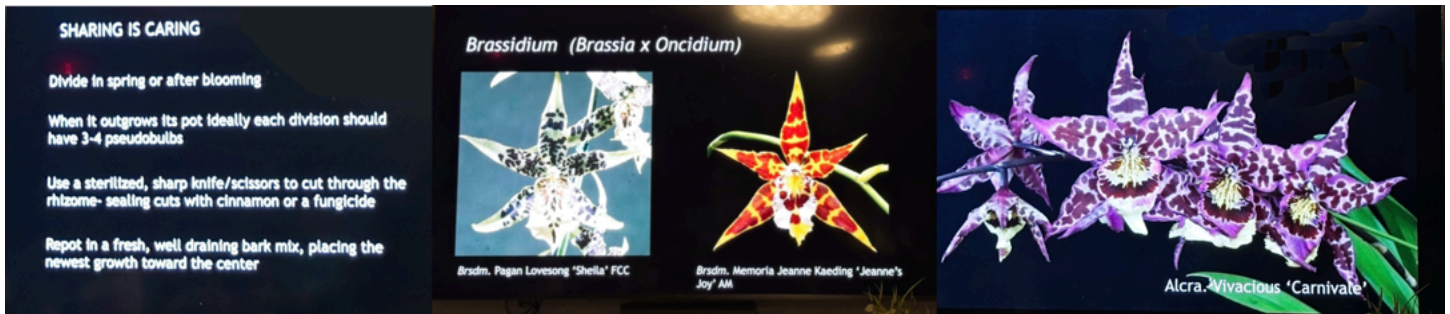
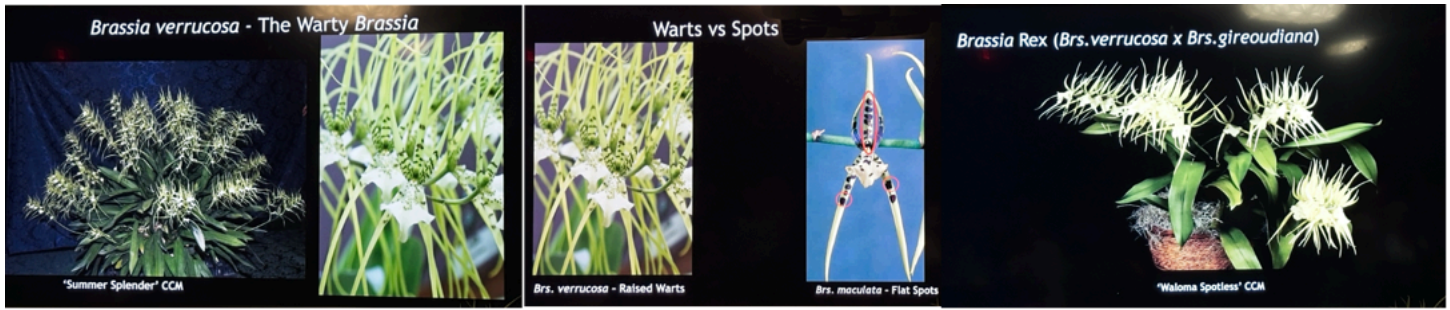
Brassia maculata - The Spotted Brassia



'Eve' CCA



'Monte Vista' HCC



Who won the raffle plants? See them on our website: flamingogardensorchidsociety.com

APRIL MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARDS



First place &
Speaker's Choice
Dr. Ken Salzsieder
Paph. philippinense
'Green Tea'



Second Place Scott Peplin
Den farmeri



Third place Carmen Teran,
Den Anosmum



Third place Christine Viscovich
Oncideopsis 'Honey Butter'

FLAMINGO GARDENS' ORCHIDTEERS DISPLAY 2026 ORCHID SHOW





★ **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

- ★ ***Odontoglossum*** (oh-don-toh-GLOSS-um) A genus of 140 species of showy epiphytic orchids from tropical America belonging to the Oncidium alliance. It was established by Humboldt, Bonpland and Kunth in 1815, the name referring to the toothed crest on the lip of most of the species. Now officially included in the genus *Oncidium*.
- ★ 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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