

# Flamingo Gardens

## ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

### OCTOBER 2024

#### Meeting Information

Monday, October 14, 2024  
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: Larry Cox

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

#### “A South Florida Slipper Collection”

Larry Cox will present twenty-five slipper orchids from three genera which he feels are best suited for our growing conditions here in South Florida. Like many of us, his first orchid was a cattleya and the second, a paph, even though he commonly heard, “You can’t grow those in South Florida!” The first



one he tried, Paph. Maudiae ‘Magnificum’ lived and his paphiopedilum collection continued to grow from there. He still has a piece of the paph. In the mid 1980’s most of the other orchids were sold or given away, all for the love of paphs. However, in 1989, he moved to a more spacious property in the farming district of southern Miami-Dade County where he built his dream greenhouse of 3,000 square feet. While he has suffered setbacks,

such as Hurricane Andrew in 1992, he persevered and with a discovery of a new paph species, and the consequent new hybrids, Larry’s love of paphiopedilums has been renewed over and over again. In 1983, Larry won his first AOS award for Paph. Maudiae coloratum ‘Elektra’ AM/AOS, one of the first vinicolors. Since then, his orchids have earned sixty AOS awards, including five FCC’s. Larry retired eighteen years ago from thirty-seven years as a teacher, the last eighteen teaching Advanced Placement high school English. Today, he now spends his time reading, traveling, maintaining his property and, of course, growing paphs. Larry has experimented with other orchid genera and has found success with lycastes, phragmipediums, and pescatoreas. He has even rediscovered the wonder of cattleyas, particularly species.

Larry will be providing our raffle table plants from various genera and will have a few plants to sell.

**Note: cash or check only please.**



## President's Message

Hi Everyone,

*THANK YOU!* 78 of us completed the members' survey. Wonderful! Awesome and fantastic. We received some very good information that is helping us already.

MANY THANKS to project leader EJ Laviolette, we could not have done it without him.

We'll raffle off the 6 orchids donated towards this project at our meeting next Monday. Thank you, Thad Bielecki, for donating some of the orchids.

We have rolled out OUR BRAND-NEW WEBSITE. It's very user friendly. I love it! Check it out and give us your input: [flamingogardensorchidsociety.com](http://flamingogardensorchidsociety.com)

Thanks to Alice Walker and Gail Santini for their work on the website; IT WAS A LABOR OF LOVE.

Next, there's room for more of us to go to Olivier Turina's growing area on Saturday, October 19th at 10:00 am. Olivier grows different genera of orchids in one very pretty growing area, I've been told. It's an opportunity to see how. I'm going and hope we can go to lunch afterwards. Please see Annette Scardina at the membership table.

Moving on, we are working on the holiday party; it's around the corner. We're trying to get the best deals we can. Please be considerate to those planning the party by signing up and paying on time so everyone can have an orchid. Thanks to those of you who volunteered to help.

Last but not least, we might get some strong winds on Wednesday night from Milton. I'm taking hanging orchids down and placing them where it does not flood.

That's all for now my orchid friends,

Lucy



You're invited!

**Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Holiday Party 2024**

Join us for a festive evening with friends, food, and orchids!

**When: Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm**

**Where: Flamingo Gardens, Mary N. Porter Learning Center**

**Cost: \$27** which includes a menu of chicken piccata, smoked brisket, mac and cheese, rice and peas, grilled veggies, salad, and a variety of desserts. This event will be catered by Chef Tommy Nguyen of BareBones BBQ.

All those who sign up and pay by the November 25th deadline will receive a gift of an orchid.

You may pay during the October and November meetings by using:

- Zelle: Dinner in the memo to flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com
- cash,
- a check made out to FGOS
- or a credit card

Can't make it to the October or November meeting? Mail the check in care of Lucy Matos Lodato: 977 SW 159th Way, Pembroke Pines, FL 33027

Deadline to sign up and pay: **November 25th**. If mailed, it **must** be postmarked by **Thursday, November 21st**. Please be considerate to those planning the party by signing and paying on time so everyone can have plenty of food and an orchid.

**Note:** As space is limited, **only current 2024-2025 members (no guests)** who sign up **ahead of time** will be **able to attend!** Renew your membership to join us for the festivities!

We hope to see you there!

## → MEMBERSHIP

**Renew now as our fiscal 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.)**

[Link to Membership Application](#) or copy/paste:

<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-25-FGOS-Membership-Application.pdf>

This month we are pleased to welcome six new members to the society-- Roberta Putka, Marcia Chaviano, Daniel Dennehy, Virginia Forster, Christina Gonzalez, and Denise Reilly. 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

## → WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

The Newbie group meets before the start of the regular Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Meeting, at 6:45 pm. In our 30-minute session, we discuss a hot topic for orchid growers who are new to the hobby or who are new to the society. Each month's subject of interest provides you with the opportunity to find answers to typical questions that a new orchid grower may have.

At the October meeting, our topic is: ***How to Winterize Your South Florida Orchid Collection.*** This is a two-part subject which will conclude at our November meeting.

Join us for the Newbie Sessions. Good fellowship and helpful information await you.

Diane Rogers, Corresponding Secretary





## 2024 ORCHID EVENTS

<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Larry Cox: Paphiopedilums: "A South Florida Slipper Collection"
<b>OCTOBER 19</b>	<b>Field Trip to Olivier Turina's</b> - Those who have volunteered for the society in 2024 have first choice to sign up. Limited parking- must carpool. A few more spaces are open! Interested? Please see Annette Scardina or email her at <a href="mailto:annescar@hotmail.com">annescar@hotmail.com</a>
<b>OCTOBER 19-20</b>	<b>Delray Beach Orchid Show &amp; Sale</b> <a href="#">"Orchids on the Square"</a> Sat.10-5, Sun.10-4 Old School Square Fieldhouse 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray
<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Jason Downing, Fairchild Botanical Gardens: "Native Florida Orchids"
<b>NOVEMBER 13</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens presents:</b> Orchid Basics 101, 2 pm-5 pm <a href="#">More information....</a>
<b>DECEMBER 9</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society <b>Holiday Party</b> for members only
<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS</b>	<a href="#">Community Orchid Events</a>





## Help Support Flamingo Gardens!

Join Flamingo Gardens for their 3rd Annual 5k Walk in the Wild! This early morning walk through scenic gardens is like no other 5K you've experienced. Enjoy the quiet and lushness of the gardens while raising money to help care for the injured and non-releasable animals who call Flamingo Gardens home!

With your support, the Animal Care Team can continue to provide expert and compassionate care to injured and non-releasable animals and to those animals who are rehabilitated and released back into the wild.

### Additional Details:

- Registration closes October 28, 2024 11:59pm. Only those registered will be allowed on premises the day of the event.
- Day of Event Check-In: 7am-8am (please arrive before 7:45 am)
- Free event parking available in guest parking.
- Pick up your t-shirt and bib at the Check-In Tent in front of the Flamingo Gardens' Gift Shop.
- Optional stretch exercises next to the Check-In Area until 8:00 am
- Begin your walk as soon as you are ready!
- After the walk, head to the Athlete's Village located at the Learning Center for a post-walk celebration.
- Prizes will be awarded for Individual Walker and Team Categories for Top Fundraisers and Best Wildlife Themed Costumes.
- Each walker has full access to the gardens following the walk. Come back and enjoy the first concert of our November Concerts in the Gardens Series on the Wray Lawn that afternoon.

**Link to register:** [FG Walk in Wild 5K](#)

If you are unable to participate you may donate to a member participating or donate to the team directly with this link. <https://go.rallyup.com/9fcc84/t/fgos/Team/Details> Thank you!

**→ 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
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



SEPTEMBER MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS AND MEETING PHOTOS:



**1st Place**  
**Bc Marg Putnum**  
**Karen Reynoldson**



**2nd Place**  
**Bc nodosa**  
**Mike Vaupel**



**3rd Place**  
**Ctsm John Bruchett 'Ursa Major'**  
**x Ctsm Millie's Frilly Dragon**  
**Thad Bialeki**

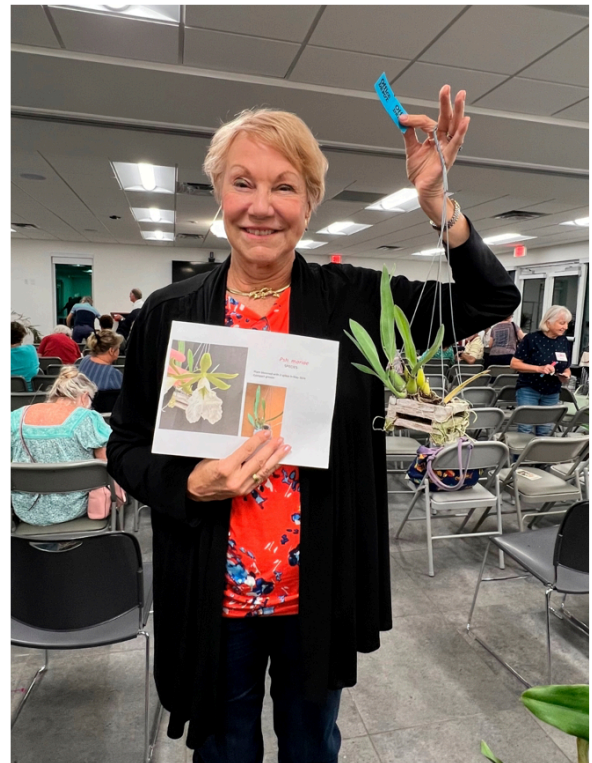


**Speaker's Choice**  
**Onc. Bai Pai**  
**Kevin Horgan**





- Make sure your plant is...
- Clean the leaves (both sides)...
- Remove damaged leaves...
- Stake inflorescences...
- Use a nice pot...
- Make sure you have a nice...
- Think about what you need...



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## 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

- ★ ***Phalaenopsis*** (fail-eh-NOP-siss) A genus of 50 species of showy epiphytic orchids from the Asiatic tropics, related to *Doritis* and *Sarcochilus*, it was founded by Blume in 1825, the name referring to the moth like appearance of the flower.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).