

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

APRIL 2025

Meeting Information

Monday, April 14, 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!

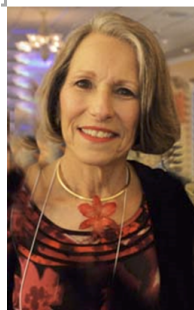
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<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker:

Claire Garrett and our own Sandi Block-Brezner
Rio Negro Orchid Adventure, Brazil

By Alice Walker, V.P. Program

In May 2023 Claire went on one of the Orchid Conservation Alliance's many "Orchids in the Wild" Ecotours. This trip took a small group of orchid lovers to the Rio Negro River in the Brazilian Amazon onboard the Otter, a three-story riverboat. Several times every day, and also often at night, people climbed into motorized canoes to explore the treetop canopy in search of orchids. This presentation gives an overview of some of the many orchid species, such as *Cattleya violacea* that were observed blooming there at that time of the year. Welcome aboard to vicariously experience this trip of a lifetime!



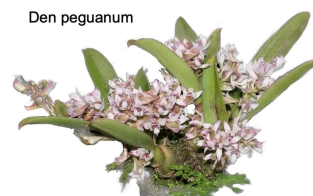
In June 2024, Sandi Block-Brezner joined Claire to once again explore the Rio Negro River with the OCA, and they observed some other orchid varieties in bloom at that time. Sandi will provide an overview of these June flowering species.

Lauderdale Orchid Society, has received one FCC, one awards from AOS for the orchids that she grows in her an eclectic collection of species and hybrids ranging peguanum to the oversized *Myrmecophila christinae*.

Claire is a member of the Fort HCC and one CCE and five CCM backyard in Hollywood. She has from the tiny *Dendrobium*

She especially loves fragrant orchids, and wrote about how to start and build a fragrant orchid collection in the October 2024 Supplement to the American Orchid Society's Orchids magazine.

Sandi Block-Brezner is an accredited AOS Judge and Secretary of the West Palm Beach Judging Center. As a member of Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, she has served on the FGOS board for many years. Currently, she is assisting Diane Rogers with the Newbie Group.





President's Message

Hi There,

WE NEED MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO GREET NEW FOLKS TO OUR MEETINGS AND SHOW THEM AROUND! Please sign up at the membership table! THANK YOU!!!

It's Orchid Show Time for FGOS!

On Friday April 18th, beginning at 9am, We're setting up the Learning Center to make it look lush and pretty. Beginning at 2pm till 7:30pm we'll be accepting your blooming orchids, cut flower arrangements, container arrangements. The tabletop displays can be put together in place beginning at 2:00pm as well.

It's going to be hectic; this is the first time we are going to try doing Tabletop Displays. All those who will do a Tabletop please let me know by our meeting next Monday so we can make room. If you have questions on container, cut flower or tabletop displays, please refer to 2025 FGOS Regulations for exhibiting, they were sent out to all current FGOS members. If you need any clarifications to the regulations, please do not hesitate to call me, Lucy, at 305-308-6531. I'm the Show Chair.

You can still volunteer to help out with the show at our meeting on Monday!

See you on Monday. I'm really looking forward Claire and Sandi's presentation,

Lucy



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 annesca@hotmail.com (renewing as well as new members require an application.)

FGOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the society– *Rebecca McBride* and *Edith Pierre*. 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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Newbie Session April 2025

Newbies meet before the FGOS meeting begins, 6:45 - 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. April's topic is "Rainy Weather Orchid Care" with relevant information to make the most of growing your orchids during our humid Florida Spring weather.

Come for the friendship and pick up some helpful orchid growing tips.

Diane Rogers
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Board
Corresponding Secretary and Newbie Session Moderator

2025 ORCHID EVENTS

April 9-12	2025 Spring AOS Members Meeting Annapolis Crowne Plaza, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD More Information
April 14	Flamingo Gardens presents: Claire Garrett, Hobbyist: Rio Negro Orchid Adventure, Brazil
April 12-13	Southwest Florida Orchid Society Symposium More Information Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL
April 11-13	The Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival at Krull-Smith, 2800 W Ponkan Rd, Apopka, FL More Information
April 19-20	Flamingo Gardens presents: 43rd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show More Information
April 26-27	Vero Beach Orchid Society's "Carnival of Orchids" Riverside Park, 3001 Riverside Park Dr., Vero Beach FL More information
May 2-4	Platinum Coast Orchid Society: "An Orchid Jubilee" More Information Kiwanis Island Park Gym. 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd, Merritt Island, FL
May 3-4	Miami Beach Orchid Society: "Orchids and Arts Festival" More Info. Miami Beach Botanical Garden, 2000 Convention Ctr Dr, Miami Beach, FL
May 10-11	Volusia County Orchid Society: "Orchids in the Eye of the Beholder" Volusia County Fairgrounds, Townsend Pavillion, 3150 East New York Ave., DeLand, FL More Information
May 12	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Sandi Jones, Broward Orchid Supply, Pests and Disease Management
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	Community Orchid Events

→ 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
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Kevin Horgan	Trustee - 1 year, Facebook Administrator
Mary Lathrop	Refreshments Chairperson
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

MARCH MEETING PHOTOS: JIM ROBERTS - A FEW ENCYCLIAS TO ENJOY



MOTES FIELD TRIP PHOTOS March 22nd:



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS



TONY MILLET'S ORCHID DISPLAY CLASS March 30th Balance - Contrast - Dominance - Proportion - Rhythm - Subtle Style





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

- ★ **Sobralia** (so-BRAL-ee-ah) A distinctive genus of 95 species of terrestrial and lithophytic orchids from Mexico, Central and South America, it is characterized by its reed like stems, plicate leaves and Cattleya-like flowers; it was founded in 1794 by Ruiz and Pavon in honor of the Spanish physician Dr. Francisco Sobral.
 - ★ 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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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM AOS:

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