

Flamingo Gardens

ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

APRIL 2024

Meeting Information

Monday, April 8, 2023
Doors Open - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Begins - 7:30 p.m.

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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Meet our Guest Speaker: Javier Morejon

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

Javier is a native Floridian born in Miami. He started growing orchids around 1987-88 and has been an active grower for the last 35 years. He is also the current President of the South Florida Orchid Society.



He started with the standard Cattleyas and Dendrobiums which he still grows and has added more unusual ones to his collection.

His current collection is 250 plants, 2/3 of which are species or primary hybrids. These include several species and hybrids of **Bulbophyllum**, which is the subject of his presentation. He will show how he grows and mounts these orchids and he believes they are among the best orchids for this area.

When not with his orchids, he is growing his other passion, heirloom vegetables.



Bulbo. annandalei

President's Message



This past weekend our Orchid and Bromeliad Show had an impressive and beautiful showing of orchids, Cut Flower Arrangements and Container Displays for AOS, FGOS Judging and for the public to enjoy. It was difficult to vote for the People's Choice award. There were too many to pick from. The specimen size *Dendrobium lindleyi/ aggregatum* grown by Wendy Gonzales won the People's Choice, however, there were 2 other beautiful orchids grown by Carmen Teran that came in second and third, all were jaw dropping. Congratulations to them and to all who brought in orchids to show. We almost ran out of Culture Award Ribbons, that's a good thing! We are getting better at growing orchids.

Bravo! to those of you who dared to bring in Container Displays and Cut Flower Arrangements to show. They were all beautiful, Judy Bailey was impressed with our creativity and the public enjoyed them. Since I've been pushing for these arrangements, I feel like a proud Mama.

The Orchidteers put together a recycled metal, shabby chic orchid display in the gardens, the judges gave it a 1st Place ribbon. Thank you Orchidteers!

We had a fantastic show committee and group of volunteers. We should all pat ourselves in the back. We nailed it!

Lucy

Best in Show Hobbyist:

People's Choice:

1st Place Container Display:



Olivier Turina: Guest Speaker August 2023 FGOS Member Wendy Gonzales

FGOS Member Annette Scardina

Best in Show, People's Choice, and Small Container Display winners took home \$100 each!

**THANKS A MILLION TO THE SHOW COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS:
THE SHOW COMMITTEE**

Lucy Matos Lodato - Show Chair	Mayra Martinez
Jan Amador	Amanda Norton
Ovetta Chalmers	Annette Scardina
EJ Laviolette	Alice Walker
Mary Lathrop	

VOLUNTEERS:

Raysa Andrade	Jacqueline Nordman
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Joelle Hester	Alison Rials
Bill Hodnett	Ernest Rose
Kevin Horgan	Lori Ryan
Christine Jones	Yuberca Sandino
Gina Lambert	Gail Santini
Julie Laviolette	Traci Slusher
Bibiana Magnan	David Sweeten
Sharon Nelson	Carmen Teran
	Arlene Wallach



ORCHIDTEER'S recycled metal, shabby chic orchid display.

2024 ORCHID EVENTS

APRIL 6-7	<p>The APOPKA INTERNATIONAL SPRING ORCHID FESTIVAL AND AOS MEMBERS' MEETING Krull-Smith, 2800 W Ponkan Rd, Apopka, FL 32712 For more info: Spring Orchid Festival</p>
APRIL 6-7	<p>BONNET HOUSE INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL 900 North Birch Road Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304 For more info: Bonnet House</p>
APRIL 8	<p>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents Guest Speaker: Javier Morejon - Bulbophyllums</p>
APRIL 13-14	<p>Flamingo Gardens Exotic Plant Festival & Bonsai Exhibit Flamingo Gardens 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL For more info: Flamingo Gardens Plant Festival</p>
APRIL 27	<p>West Palm Beach Judging Center Flamingo Gardens Learning Center 3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie Education session begins at 12:30. Judging begins at 2:30 WPBJC</p>
MAY 4-5	<p>ORCHID AND ART FESTIVAL MIAMI BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN 201 S Biscayne Blvd, Suite 2200 Miami, FL 33131 USA For more info: Miami Beach Botanical Garden</p>
MAY 13	<p>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents Guest Speaker: Sandi Block-Brezner - "Cattleya Alliance"</p>
JUNE 10	<p>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents Guest Speaker: Tony Millet - "Preparing & Protecting our Orchids for the Summers in South Florida"</p>

MEMBERSHIP

To join FGOS, please complete the Membership Form and return it with your check or Credit Card to the Membership Table at the next meeting you attend: new \$35; renewal \$30.

For renewal only dues can be sent via Zelle to flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com,
Please add note: **“FOR MEMBERSHIP”**

➤ [Link to Membership Application](#)

We were excited to welcome 10 new members to the society. I hope you have an opportunity to meet these orchid enthusiasts who are new to our organization: Maribel Beas, Igone Elorza, Marlene Hammel, Lizette Lewis, Deana Moss, Austin Murray, Jacqueline Overcash, Yuberca Sandino, Traci Slusher and Annie Sturman.

Please continue inviting other orchid enthusiasts to our meetings. Our society continues to grow because of your efforts. Thanks!

EJ Laviolette
Membership

Effective immediately there will be a 4% service charge added to credit card purchases. This is to offset service charges made by our bank.

WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

The Newbie Session 6:45-7:15 pm

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 the typical questions that a new orchid grower may have.

For April's meeting, Sandi Block-Brezner, highly awarded orchid grower and AOS Orchid Judge, will discuss how to read orchid tags, which supplies to have on hand to create orchid name tags, and how to create a record keeping system for orchid collections.

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

Diane Rogers, Trustee,
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS

- If you have a blooming orchid you are welcome to bring it to the meeting to compete in this month's Members Choice Award competition. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.
- Winning blooms are selected from meeting attendees who choose to cast a ballot in the competition.
- Selected blooms are eligible for first, second, third and Speaker's Choice ribbons.
- Meeting winners compete in an annual contest for monetary prizes.

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. Learning what others do to care for their orchids helps us all become better growers.
- We aren't doing this for pretty green plants. We want flowers! Blooming is what this is all about!
- We will have a special section of our Show and Tell table specifically for growers who have never won a ribbon. Never Won a Ribbon growers and plants will be recognized amongst themselves. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.

Win an Orchid! The more things you do, the more tickets you get!

Bring something for the Refreshment Table

Get a Ticket!

Bring a Blooming Orchid for "Members Choice"

Get a Ticket!

Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets

Get a Ticket!

Wear your name badge

Get a Ticket!



Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society 2023-24 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
Alice Walker	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
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Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
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Amanda Norton	Trustee - 1 year
Mayra Martinez	Trustee - 1 year
Diane Rogers	Trustee - 2 year - Newbie Group
Gail Santini	Trustee - 2 year - Newsletter Editor and Photographer
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS



1st Place Winner
Gur. skinneri
Carmen Teran



2nd Place (tie)
Den amythoglossum
Wendy Gonzalez



2nd Place (tie)
Enc. Ciliare
Tom Nordman



2nd Place (tie)
Gur skinneri
Lucy Matos Lodato



3rd Place
Den Red Dragon
Judy Goos



Speaker's Choice
Bc. Mt. Hood Mary
Karen Reynoldson

2024 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show



The FGOS Membership and Raffle Table is always fun!



Thank you set-up team for your extraordinary work in setting up the display: Bill Hodnett, Kevin Horgan, Kris Horgan, Ernest Rose, Yuberca Sandino, Arlene Wallach, Frank and Sally Tastinger, David Sweeten, and Traci Slusher.

A special thank you to our Registrar for the show, Annette Scardina.

SOME OF THE ORCHID ARRANGEMENTS and DISPLAYS



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

- ★ **macranthus**, -a, -um (ma-KRAN-thus) Large-flowered..
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).