

# Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

## AUGUST 2024

### Meeting Information

**Monday, August 12, 2024**  
**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 Speakers: Keith & Dina Emig

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

“Vandaceous...But Not Vandas” will be presented by Keith & Dina Emig, the owners of Winter Haven Nursery in Winter Haven, FL.

Keith's orchid journey all started with a trip to the dentist where, on the receptionist's desk, there was a small plant with three leaves and an inflorescence with twenty blooms suspended above in a beautifully presented fashion. When asked, the receptionist replied that the dentist grew this orchid and he was an orchid hobbyist. This multi floral Phalaenopsis captured Keith's attention and it was on.



Orchid fever is infectious and all possible information and practice plants acquirable were obtained and the endless experimentation to better grow and flower these plants was a driving uncontrollable force. As the passion grew, joining their local orchid society and the American Orchid Society opened the orchid world's secrets. There is no substitute for the company of other infected souls with whom to share this fever. Soon the passion of combining the attributes of two beautiful plants by cross pollinating stimulated the imagination. The flasking case was built, and has been a fixture in the kitchen for almost 20 years now. Over 1000

seed pods have been flasked to this point and it seems each season there is some new cross that has more exciting possibilities than anything before. We have now registered plants in the Oncidium, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Vanda, and Dendrobium alliances, and have created our own genera (Emigara). In recent years we've enjoyed going to judging and seeing everyone's beautiful plants, and bringing some of our plants too. We've been excited to receive over 50 flower quality awards, so far, including 9 awards on our original crosses. It has been a great pleasure to have served on the board of directors of the Ridge Orchid Society for over a decade, including at least 7 terms as President. The highlight is the fellowship of the membership and sharing the passion of orchids with the orchid community. Be sure to check out Keith's article in the March 2017 Orchids magazine (pg. 208). It's titled “Luck of the Draw.” We can be found on social media at [fb.com/whorchids](https://www.facebook.com/whorchids) and [IG.com/wh\\_orchids](https://www.instagram.com/wh_orchids).

They will be providing the raffle table plants and have some plants for sale.



## President's Message

Hi there great orchid friends. Here is my show and tell for the year, my giant Gram. scriptum citrinum is doing its thing. Enjoy!

Last month's Bingo and FGOS birthday celebration was a fun filled evening! We ate, played, and laughed. The appetizers and sweets were delicious. Some of our members were very lucky going home with more than one win! Congratulations to them! Thanks to Laz Amador for calling out the numbers and teaching us something about our Florida Panther Hockey team. Thanks to Annette Scardina for providing the laughs when she prematurely called out "Bingo" then "Never Mind". Thanks to Alice Walker's husband, Dave, for driving Alice and I to Apopka and back to look for the Bingo and raffle Prizes, plus donating the gasoline costs. He did get to spend the afternoon with his grandson in

Apopka. The list goes on, thanks Diana Hawes, Ernest Rose, Sally Taster, Keryn Bober, Mary Lathrop, Elaine MacDonald and our great Board that volunteers every month to help make FGOS the successful and fun group it is.

We need to do something special to show our appreciation for all our volunteers, they deserve it and I'm on it! Monthly volunteers, orchid show, and auction volunteers, etc. Any and all of the planning doesn't materialize unless there are volunteers to make it happen.

Moving on it's August already and we are starting our **annual membership drive** for the membership year that begins September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. (See next page) Let's go get that done!

As I announced at our last meeting, our **annual election for the FGOS Board** is around the corner. The nominating Committee (Diane Rogers, Gail Santini and Tom Nordman) has been busy. They will present the slate of candidates at our meeting next Monday. We will vote at our September meeting. If you are interested in joining the board please email [flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com) attention Nominating Committee.

That's all for now,

Lucy



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**→ MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**It is that time of year: time to renew your membership for the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society. 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.

Look forward to participating in....

- Education programs from fabulous guest speakers.
- Raffle table and Silent Auction table
- Meeting with other orchid hobbyists and collectors
- Participating or learning from the Show and Tell table
- A monthly newsletter to keep you informed of upcoming events for FGOS and other events in South Florida
- Orchid Auction
- Orchid Workshops and field trips
- The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show
- 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 EJ Laviolette at [ejlaviolette@gmail.com](mailto:ejlaviolette@gmail.com). (renewing as well as new members require an application.)**

[Link to Membership Application](https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-25-FGOS-Membership-Application.pdf) or copy/paste:

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EJ Laviolette

Membership

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**→ ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP**

- The Slate of Candidates will be introduced at the August General Membership Meeting.
- Additional nominations can be made from the floor.
- The election of the Board of Directors is set for the September General Membership Meeting.
- Newly elected Board Members begin their terms October 1st.

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**→ WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!**

Newbie Session - 6:45 pm- 7:15 pm on Monday August 12, 2024

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 provides you with the opportunity to find answers to typical questions that a new orchid grower may have.

For the August meeting, the topic is **Introducing New Plants into Your Orchid Collection**. Learn how to help them become one healthy family of orchids.

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

Diane Rogers, Trustee



## 2024 ORCHID EVENTS

<b>AUGUST 1</b>	<b>Annual Membership Drive Begins for Us, The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society</b>
<b>AUGUST 12</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Guest Speakers Keith and Diana Emig: Vandaceous But Not Vandas
<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>	<b>ELECTION OF THE FGOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Guest Speaker Olivier Turina: Phalaenopsis "The Phalaenopsis Genus: How to care for them, some popular species and classifications of the species"
<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Larry Cox - Growing Paphiopedilums
<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Jason Downing, Fairchild Botanical Gardens: Growing Native Florida Orchids
<b>NOVEMBER 13</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens presents:</b> Orchid Basics 101, 2pm-5pm <a href="#">More information....</a>
<b>DECEMBER 9</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents:</b> Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Holiday Party for members only
<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS</b>	<a href="#">Community Orchid Events</a>





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## 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**.

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## Win an Orchid! The more things 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!**




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

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
Alice Walker	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
EJ Laviolette	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Lori Edens	Recording Secretary
Annette Scardina	Corresponding Secretary
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
Jan Amador	Trustee - 1 year, Past President
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

## BINGO NIGHT PHOTOS









## 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

- ★ **velamen** (VEL-lah-min) The layer or layers of cells covering the roots of epiphytic orchid which aid in the rapid absorption and assimilation of water and mineral nutrients.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).