

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

## **April 2022**

### **Meeting Information**

Monday, April 11th, 2022 Doors open - 7:00 p.m. Meeting Begins - 7:30 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens In the Gallery 3750 S. Flamingo Rd. Davie, FL 33330 Enter at the Service Gate on 36th Court

- Refreshments
- Show and Tell
- Members Choice
- Member to Member Sales
- Raffles
- And much more fun

Masks will not be required.

For more information - FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@g mail.com

# Meet the Guest Speaker: John Romano

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

John Romano will be speaking to us on soft and hard cane Dendrobiums. John started growing orchids in 1977 at the age of 11. He worked at Waterloo Gardens, Inc in Exton, PA and Gilberties Garden Center in Delaware County, PA as tropical



plant expert and orchid manager and purchaser. In 2002, he got hired at JEM Orchids in Delray as their grower and worked there until 2005. John specializes in Sobralias, Dendrobiums, Catasetinae, and unusual species. In 2014, a new species of Sobralia which was discovered in Guatemala was named after him, Sobralia romanoi.

John is a member of FOG and Newbie FOG groups on Facebook; runs the Sobralia and Brasolia group and the Dendrobium Species group on Facebook as well as runs the corresponding website www.dendrobiumspecies.com; he has the Let's Talk Orchids group and hosts the YouTube show by the same name and is co-owner of J & J Unique Orchids with his business partner John Melecio. Their group on Facebook is J&J Unique Orchids and their Instagram account is unique\_orchids. He has had several orchids awarded and entered the AOS

judging program and is a third year student judge.

John has been a licensed healthcare provider since 1986 specializing in pain management and sports therapy. He also teaches healthcare modalities in schools and colleges as well as continuing education for other licensed healthcare providers and is an international lecturer, most recently presenting at the International Pain Management Symposium in the Virgin Islands in 2019. In January 2020 he won Fort Lauderdale's Best of 2020 for Healthcare providers.



# President's Message

Your Orchid Society needs volunteers to help at the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show. We have sent several emails and still have the need for more of you to help. This is a fundraiser for the Society due to the sale of raffle tickets we sell. The money raised helps make it possible for us to have great speakers and raffle plants. Please consider giving a few hours of your time. A plus to this is that you get to know other society members, get into the show at no charge, and feel really great that you helped FGOS.

Have you attended any of the Orchid Classes at Flamingo Gardens yet? There have been three classes so far and they were all fabulous. I have been inspired to look into getting a rain barrel so my orchids will get water without all the chemicals in it. Judy Bailey, an AOS judge, shared that you will notice a change in your orchids in just a few weeks. She discussed the importance of your plants getting the right light, air flow and water. It is always a work in progress! Carol Holdren discussed the Ten Orchids you need to own in 2022. Next Saturday, April 9th at 10am is "What's in a label: Orchid Nomenclature." This will help you know what you have or what you are purchasing.

Sunday, April 10th at 2pm is "Mounting Orchids: Why and How?" Always good to hear tips and tricks. Sign up at Flamingo Gardens.org/adult education.html OR just show up! There is a small fee. All are welcome. Hope to see you at the April 11th meeting and Happy Blooming!

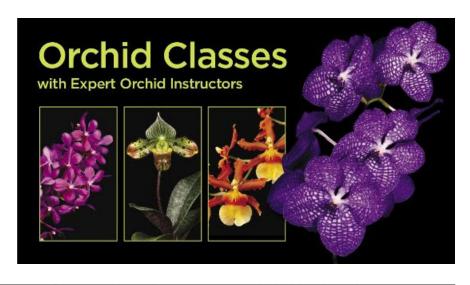
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# Orchid Classes with Expert Orchid Instructors

Are you new to growing orchids? Perhaps you wish to learn new growing and care techniques for the orchids you already have? Flamingo Gardens offers orchid classes each weekend during the Beauty of Orchids Exhibit.

**Saturday, April 9th** at 10am What's in a Label: Orchid Nomenclature with Instructor, Rich Ackerman

**Sunday April 10th** at 2pm *Mounting Orchids: Why and How?* with Instructor, Olivier Turina



#### Sunday, April 24th at 2pm

Organic Orchid Growing Tips and Tricks with Instructor, Judy Bailey

#### Saturday, April 30th at 10am

Orchid Growing and Care from Basic Tips to Advanced Growing Techniques with Instructor, Mac Rivenbark

#### Saturday, May 7th at 10am

Historia y Cultivo Basico de Orquideas with Instructor, Chris Morales

#### Sunday May 8th at 2pm

Florida Native Orchids with Instructor, Rich Ackerman

Description of Classes and Instructor Bios.

#### COST

Classes are \$10 each for Flamingo Gardens Members/ \$15 each for non-members.

#### Register Here

For your convenience, here's the link to the Flamingo Gardens Adult Education and .

# Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Board of Directors through Aug. 31st, 2022

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Copies of Martin Motes *Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month* will be on sale at this month's society meeting for \$20.00 each. If you are interested, please ask for a copy at the registration table.



#### FGOS needs your help with our Website.

The FGOS website was developed using WordPress. We are looking for someone with website experience to assist us with updating the FGOS website. If you or someone you know, even if they are not a FGOS member, would be willing to help us please contact Alice Walker via <a href="mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com">flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com</a>. Please provide your name and phone number so she can contact you. Note in the subject line "Website". Thank you for your support.

#### Win an Orchid!

**Bring something for the Refreshment Table** 

**Get a Ticket!** 

Brind a Blooming Orchid for "Show and Tell"

Get a Ticket!

Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets

Get a Ticket!



Wear your FGOS Name Badge

Get a Ticket!

These tickets are only for the "Membership Plant" and cannot be purchased.

### The more things you do, the more tickets you get!

And, you're helping Support YOUR Orchid Society!

#### Orchidist's Word of the Month

**epiphyte (EP-i-fite)** A plant that naturally grows on another plant or other means of support above the earth's soil but, in contrast to parasitic, derives its needed moisture from the air.

If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this <u>Orchidist's Glossary</u>.

#### **New Members**

Please welcome our new member: Jeannie Dessingue and Brenda Mendez.

### **WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!**

### The Newbie Sessions

If you are new to Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, new to growing orchids, or both, we welcome you to join us for pre-meeting sessions where you can learn more about the basics of orchid growing and share the experience with others who are beginners, as well. The FGOS NEWBIES group will meet just prior to the start of monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month. Plan to arrive at 6:45 for a short session before the formal meeting convenes at 7:30 pm.

The April 2022 topic for discussion will be How and When to Re-Pot an Orchid. A variety of indicators will let you know when your orchid is ready for re-potting. We'll be discussing how to remove your orchid from its current container, how to select a new container and what medium to use.

### 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.

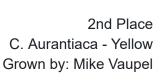
#### Webinars-Coming Attractions! April 19, 2022 April 27, 2022 May 04, 2022 May 17, 2022 When 8:30pm EDT 8:30pm EDT 8:30pm EDT 8:30pm EDT Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Tuesday Greenhouse Chat More on Modern The Birds, the Bees Greenhouse Chat **LED Lighting** (Orchid Q&A) and the Orchids (Orchid Q&A) Topic Answering Your Send in your Pollination in the Send in your Questions Questions! Orchid World Questions! Ron McHatton Kelly McCracken Ron McHatton Doug Martin **AOS Accredited** Owner High Desert Chief Education Chief Education Presenter Judge, Member-Orchids, Miniature and Science Officer and Science Officer Native Orchid Orchid Specialist Conference

#### Member Choice Award Winners

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who brought in a blooming orchid from their collection. We are excited to share your selections as Members Choice Award recipients during last month's contest. In case you weren't able to attend, here are photos of the selected winners. Bring in your blooming orchid to be considered in next month's display.



1st Place
Dendrobium Fire Wing (4n)
Grown by: Karen Reynolds







2nd Place Phal. White Grown by: Jeanne Cook



2nd Place Psh. Cathleate Grown by:Robin Burfeinot



3rd Place Phal. amboinensis 'Tejas Giant AM/AOS Grown by: Alice Walker



3rd Place Phal. Spring Joy Canary 'Taipei' Grown by: Lucy Matos





# Beauty of Orchids March 19 - May 8, 2022

9:30am - 5:00pm Flamingo Gardens



Explore the beauty and diversity of orchids in this breathtaking exhibit of 10 floral displays comprising more than 1,000 blooming orchids set among the lush tropical gardens of Flamingo Gardens, and featuring the images of award-winning orchid photographer, Tom Kuligowski.

Throughout the gardens you'll come upon orchid displays extolling the beauty and virtues of various genus of orchids that can be grown here in South Florida. Orchid floral displays include Vandas, Oncidiums, Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, and more. Don't miss the new Aranda Orchid Garden in full bloom!

- Inside the Gallery you will enjoy the exhibit of beautiful orchid photographs selected from Flamingo Gardens' 11th Annual Photo Contest.
- Exit the Tram at the Wetlands Walkway to hear "Native Orchid Music" by Juraj Kojš each weekend based upon the DNA sequence of various Florida native orchids.
- Each weekend will include orchid classes, tours, and demonstrations, as well as orchids for sale from select vendors. Check the Flamingo Gardens website for a schedule of classes and special programming.

The Beauty of Orchids exhibit is included with admission to Flamingo Gardens and open to the public 7 days a week 9:30am to 5:00pm. Last tickets sold at 4:00pm.

### Flamingo Gardens Orchid and Bromeliad Show

The Flamingo Gardens Orchid and Bromeliad Show is Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, the 17th. There will be judging by the West Palm BeachJudging Center and bring in your blooming beauties for display.

We're excited to again be a part of the Flamingo Gardens Orchid and Bromeliad Show. It's always a wonderful experience with plenty of knowledge shared by the vendors at the show. There are also lots and lots of plants and supplies available for purchase.

The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society has several activities associated with the show. We could use your help and support. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and more importantly PLAN TO VOLUNTEER. Antonio Torres is coordinating the FGOS activities at the event. Talk to Antonio at our next meeting or reach out to Antonio to let him know that you can be added to the volunteer list... <a href="mailto:ajtorresp@gmail.com">ajtorresp@gmail.com</a>

### From the American Orchid Society

