

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

January 2022

Meeting Information

Monday, January 10th, 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

Masks are mandatory.

Bring your own refreshments

For more information -
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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](https://www.instagram.com/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

Good Bye 2021 and Hello 2022!

Just a quick look back at 2021 to say thank goodness it is over! FGOS was able to finally start meeting in person mid-year. Sandi Block- Brezner was able to line up speakers for virtual meetings. This gave us an opportunity to hear from growers/vendors from far away. That is the Silver lining to all this! Once we were meeting in person, I am happy to say that we had a great turn out and new members.

It is always good to see new faces because they bring new ideas.

We got to have an Election of Officers in November. Time brings change which meant that our wonderful 1st Vice President, Sandi Block Brezner was stepping down. Sandi has served on the board of directors for 7 years. She stepped right up to be the Recording Secretary in October 2014. The next year when a long time member moved away Sandi stepped up to be the 1st VP. That position is a very important one as it requires lining up the speakers and the programs they will present, along with raffle plants. The more Sandi learned she decided to join the American Orchid Society Judging program. She has become a great resource to many of us. The devotion that she has given our society over these 7 years is commendable. If you attended the FGOS Holiday Dinner you saw the award that was presented to her. We are all thankful for her dedication to FGOS and for doing a fabulous job as 1st VP.

The next change was that Lucy Matos-Lodato has taken on the 1st VP position. Lucy has been instrumental in making sure that the Orchid Display table is an educational experience. She has served as the Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary. You can always find Lucy at Flamingo Gardens on Thursday mornings and other days as she is the Orchidteers Queen overseeing the orchids that are mounted in the Gardens. Lucy will do a great job as the new 1st VP. Thanks Lucy for taking this on!

We heard great reviews on the Holiday Party. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate together! Alice Walker and Marcy Schwartz organized the dinners and the decorations. Lucy and I were able to get the orchids for those who attended. All the board members helped with setting up the Barbecue House. Special thanks goes to you all who helped support the Society by getting raffle tickets for the center pieces.

There were 4 American Orchid Society Certificates of Appreciation given for Outstanding Service and Commitment to the Society. The recipients were – Antonio Torres, Theresa DiRocco, EJ Laviolette and Bill Hodnett. We know it takes a team to make a successful society and we are fortunate to have these people as part of it. Thanks for all you do!

On to 2022! I am looking forward to another great year with you all. If you have not filled out your survey please do so. Lucy will use this information to line up speakers or topics you are interested in. Happy New Year to you all! Wishing you happiness, good health and beautiful blooms!

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FGOS Holiday Celebration... A great time was had by all!



Orchidist's Word of the Month

Flasking: The process of sowing orchid seed or transplanting seedlings or other tissue into a flask.

FGOS Membership Drive

Please print out a copy of the application and complete it accordingly. Once it is completed, please return the application and your membership dues either in-person or by mailing the completed application and your dues to Mary Lathrop. Membership for the 2021-2022 years will be extended to run from May 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. Dues for those 16 months will remain \$25.00. With membership renewal in the future, the membership year will return to 12 months. Your membership dues are used to cover the cost of room rental, speaker fees, raffle plants and other expenses associated with meeting in person. Feel free to share the membership application with your own orchid community and friends. We are open to all new members. [Membership Application](#)

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WHEN, WHY AND HOW

FERTILIZERS, SUPPLEMENTS, FUNGICIDES AND PESTICIDES

FERTILIZERS – most importantly – be consistent

A well fertilized plant will resist pest and disease problems, give you more new growth which means more new roots and flowers.

Southern Ag. 16-3-16 with calcium and magnesium: use weekly or use one of the below products in replacement. Spring and summer 1 – 2 tsp. per gallon of water. Fall and winter ½ tsp. – 1 tsp. per gallon of water. Low phosphorus (middle number) allows the orchid to absorb trace elements easier and calcium and magnesium are the most important trace elements for orchids. Calcium deficiency shows as brown tips on the leaves and magnesium deficiency shows as reddening/purple on the leaves during cold weather.

Southern Ag. 20-20-20; well balanced fertilizer, used at the same rate as set forth above.

Southern Ag. Bloom 10-30-20; use after the first cold front and again in spring. 1 tbs. per gallon of water. The high phosphorus gives the plant a little shock getting it ready for winter and waking it up in spring. Many people like to use it 1 time per month.

Southern Ag. Max Acid 30-10-10: Use on plants that like higher nitrogen.

Potassium Nitrate 13-0-46: mixed with Epsom salts, which is magnesium; used in fall and winter. 1 tbs. (of each) per gallon of water. Greens the plant back up. The reddening/purple on the leaves is a magnesium deficiency.

Time Release Fertilizer 18-5-12 with minor elements, 4-5 month formulation; use throughout the year. Amount depends on the plant's size. See label. Can be used in conjunction with water soluble fertilizers. There are many types of time release fertilizer. Be sure to check the label for how many months it will last.

Superthrive: Vitamin and hormone supplement. Use ¼ tsp. per gallon of water monthly mixed with your favorite fertilizer or as a bare root soak on plants that can use a little boost.

Keiki Pro: is essentially a dormancy breaker. It utilizes synthetic as well as naturally occurring phyto-hormones to accomplish this. It is simple and effective when utilized at the proper times. The liquid concentrate is added to water and then applied to the plant either by spray (preferred) or by direct application to dormant nodes (a cotton swab dipped in solution works well). Mixture rates will vary depending on the genera of plants being treated.

Kelp Green, Seaweed/Fish Blend: 2 oz. per gallon of water. Can be used weekly. Can be used in conjunction with your regular fertilizing. Great for promoting roots.

Dyna-Gro KLN Rooting Concentrate: 1 tsp. per gallon of water. Use it for every watering for one month to help boost root growth. Use in a spray bottle for mounted plants. Use the same day that it is mixed. It is best to store concentrate in the refrigerator.

Dyna-Gro Pro-Tekt 0-0-3, The Silicon Solution: Supplies silicon and potassium to build stronger plant cell walls. Helps to protect plants from insect and fungal infection. Makes plants more tolerant to drought, heat, and cold stresses. Use ½ to 1 tsp. per gallon of water. Does not mix well with non-Dyna-Gro products.

FUNGICIDES – best when use preventively

Thiomyl (systemic): use for leaf spotting fungus. 1 ½ tsp. per gallon of water. If left untreated the fungus will spread as the fungal spores encounter other plants via water or air.

Dithane-M45 (topical): use for soft rots, 1 ½ tbs. per gallon of water. Watch for soft rot on new growths. New growths act like little cups and hold water. Plants with soft rot should be moved into a controlled watering situation and the soft rot cut out to prevent it from spreading further. Make sure to sterilize your pruners between cuts and before using on another plant as to not spread it further. These can be mixed together. Initially must be used 2 times 7-10 days apart, then monthly. Should be used within 24 hours of mixing.

Physan 20 (Southern Ag. 20): use for crown rot. This can be used when plants are wet. Used monthly it will prevent snow mold in our potting media and algae build up on our pots, baskets, and mounts. Also, if it is time to use Thiomyl and Dithane but we are having days of rain use the Physan 20 (Southern Ag. 20) until the plants dry enough to use the Thiomyl and Dithane.

Spreader Sticker: Helps products spread more easily over surface and stay on surface longer.

PESTICIDES – most common are thrips, scale, spider mites, snails, and ants.

Orthene (systemic): use for control of thrips. Thrips attack our flowers and roots. 1 tsp. per gallon of water. This can be mixed with the Thiomyl and Dithane.

Safer Soap (topical): most commonly used on orchids for scale, spider mites, mealy bugs, aphids, and thrips. 2 ½ oz. per gallon of water. Does not contain ammonia that can possibly burn our plants and will not strip off the plant's natural waxes. This can be mixed with the Thiomyl, Dithane & Orthene. It can also be mixed with fertilizer.

Sluggo (remember it is a bait): use for control of snails during the rainy season. Snail damage most commonly appears as holes in our leaves and flowers. The snails come out at night, so we usually do not see them. Spread a few pellets in the problem area. Use sparingly but frequently. It breaks down when it gets wet and turns into fertilizer.

Orange Guard (topical, organic): used to control ants. Spray the base of the plant avoiding any flowers. It is oil based and if used in the heat of the day can burn the foliage. If using the concentrate, mix 1part Orange Guard to 4 parts of water.

Conserve Naturalyte (topical): used to control thrips and caterpillars. Mix 2 oz. per gallon of water. Shake well before mixing, and during application. Thoroughly spray buds, blooms, and all plant parts. Remains effective for one to two weeks.

Southern Ag. Triple Action Neem Oil (topical) - Broad Spectrum Fungicide/Pesticide/Miticide: use 2 tbs. per gallon of water. Shake well before mixing, and during application. Thoroughly spray all plant surfaces. Remains effective for one to two weeks.

NOTE: Fungicides and Pesticides are best applied using a pump sprayer. When using a pump sprayer, you know exactly how much water and chemicals are used. Hose end sprayers are not as accurate.

There is no one pesticide that will control all problems. Avoid spraying during the middle of the day when the sun is hottest and on windy days. If you cannot spray early in the morning, wait until early evening. If plants are severely dehydrated water the day before spraying chemicals.

For more growing advice you can contact:

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Your Orchid Society is on Facebook!

Here's the link to our Facebook Group: [Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society](#). Please stay in touch and update us throughout the growing seasons. Join the page and post photos of your blooming orchids there.

Become an AOS Judge

The American Orchid Society Judging Program is willing to teach you to become an AOS Judge and is actively seeking orchid enthusiasts. If you have a love of orchids, want to learn more about them, are willing to contribute to the long-term health of the AOS and its Affiliated Societies, and have a desire to teach the public about orchids, then contact the AOS Judging Program at judges@aos.org for more information about how to become an AOS Judge!

Join the American Orchid Society

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Orchid Marketplace

Brought to you by the American Orchid Society, the [Orchid Marketplace](#) is a curated collection of the world's top orchid vendors. The Orchid Marketplace launched August 1, 2021 to give you easy access to everything you need to grow and care for your orchids in one convenient location. You'll find everything from thousands of orchid species and hybrids to rich nutrients, the latest orchid supplies, books, equipment, handmade orchid pots, greenhouses, and even orchid jewelry. Those of you who are AOS members will save a minimum of 5% from every Orchid Marketplace vendor. AOS members that renew for a 2 year term will receive a \$30 coupon from EACH Elite Marketplace Partner upon renewal on purchases of \$100 or more - that's hundreds of dollars in savings. If you aren't an AOS member yet, this would be a great time to join the AOS and enjoy all the benefits including the exclusive savings from Orchid Marketplace vendors.

West Palm Beach Judging Center--Scheduled Shows 2022

February 12, 2022, 8:30 AM

Boca Raton Orchid Society- "In Love With...Orchids"

February 12, 2022, 9:00 AM

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society - "Orchid Village"

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show

Mike Vaupel will be selling discount tickets (\$5.00 off regular price of \$15.00 at the door) to the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show at our meeting on January 10, 2022. The show dates are Jan. 12 to 23. Contact Mike for more information, 954-651-5036.

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

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