

# Flamingo Gardens

## ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

January 2024

### Meeting Information

Monday, January 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: Alek Zaslowski

By Alice Walker, V. P. Programs



Our speaker for this month is Alek Zaslowski from AWZ Orchids in Brazil. Perhaps some of you had an opportunity to hear his presentation to our society in 2020. This month he'll be presenting "Beautiful Brazilian Habitat" – specifically *Cattleya granulosa*, *Cattleya guttata*, *Laelia praestens* and *Miltonia spectabile*.

Alek was born and still lives in Vitoria, a coastal city and capital of Espírito Santo State. He was always surrounded by orchids in his parents' home but seeing orchids in the wild on trips with his father is what attracted him the most. He simply enjoys taking photos of orchids in the wild, however it is getting harder and harder in Brazil, as well as in other countries, to see them in their natural habitat.

Around 1990, his father retired and Alek quit his job as a mechanical engineer to start an orchid business with him. They noticed that most of the plants that were collected in the past simply disappeared from collections. Over the years, Alek and his father have built a collection of about 20,000 plants from all over the world that now includes some of the best varieties found within many species, especially those belonging to the *Cattleya* alliance.

AWZ produces and cultivates their orchids in two nurseries in locations where one is in a cooler climate and the other in a warmer climate allowing them to grow almost any type of orchid. Combined, these two nurseries have about 62,000 square feet of greenhouses. You may visit their website at [awzorquideas.com.br](http://awzorquideas.com.br) to learn more about Alek and AWZ Orchids.

Alek will be providing orchids for our raffle table

## President's Message



Happy New Year! Goodbye 2023 Big Hello 2024

Wishing all of you health and happiness in the New Year. Thank you for being the wonderful friendly group of orchid friends that you are. May all your orchids be happy and your winter bloomers in bloom or spike, if in bloom, take a good look, could you have a winner? Clean it up and bring it to the FLOS show for judging this week.

Looking back at 2023 highlights: That crazy Alice and Lucy presentation "everything and the kitchen sink we know about orchids in 1 hour or less was memorable. The Bingo night was a lot of fun. I loved Olivier Turina's Catasetum talk and Phillip Hamilton's specialty Phal presentation. Who can forget his repotting demonstration? Our Holiday party was the best I can remember.

Thanks to Alice Walker and Mary Lathrop and their committee. The room looked beautiful, the slide show was fun, the orchids were amazing, the food was good, and the desserts were to die for! What a group of volunteers can accomplish is amazing.

It was an honor to give FGOS Crystal Awards for their dedication and leadership to Past President Jan Amador, and former Board Members Mary Lathrop, Mike Vaupel and Antonio Torres. They have a combined 43 years of service on our board and their contributions have made this society the successful, energetic and fun group that it is. We can't thank them enough.

American Orchid Society Appreciation Certificate recipients for 2023 were Alice Walker and Sally Taster for their service and commitment to FGOS. What can I say? Both of them love and care for our society above and beyond.

Looking forward to 2024, our Orchid Auction is next month! Time flies when you're having fun.

I couldn't stop myself from showing you the beautiful yellow and fuchsia giant flower Blc. Young Kong 'Sun #16' that we have for the auction from a private collection. We are searching high and low, looking for one of a kind, some specimen size beauties, small beginner orchids, bare root divisions, pretty ones and weird ones too. Orchids we've never heard of before. Something for everyone.

The Auction is our fundraiser for the year so it's all hands on. Let's go! Show up! Bring a friend and snacks so we can munch while bidding or just watch. It's exciting. If you have an orchid in good condition or a division of an orchid and can part with it, does it have a name? Donate it! Give us a heads up! We'll add it to the list. Thank you

There are volunteering opportunities for the Auction, sign up at Monday's meeting.

There's a lot more planned for 2024, Alice has been hard at work.

That's all for now!

Lucy



**WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!**

The Newbie Session 6:45-7:15 pm

The Newbie Sessions are specifically for orchid growers who have less than two years' experience, or for Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society members who have been a part of our group for less than two years.

In January, our discussion will center around implementing your cold weather orchid preservation plan. In October, we discussed what supplies to have on hand and how to determine which orchids will need extra care. Now we'll be looking at how to quickly put your plan into effect - cooler January temperatures are with us!

Join us at 6:45 pm before the general membership meeting begins, to hear some insightful tips on orchid care. Good fellowship and great information await you at Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.

Diane Rogers, Trustee,  
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

**2024 ORCHID EVENTS**

<p><b>JANUARY 5-7</b></p>	<p><b>The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society 64th Annual Show and Sale</b>                  Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, FL                  For more information: <a href="#">FLOS 64th Annual Orchid Show</a> <a href="#">Ft. Ldle Orchid Society</a></p>
<p><b>January 12-14</b></p>	<p><b>Tamiami International Orchid Festival, Miami-Dade County Fair &amp; Exposition</b>, 10901 SW 24th St. Miami, FL                  For more information: <a href="https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/">https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/</a></p>
<p><b>January 21</b></p>	<p><b>FGOS Cut Flower Arrangement Workshop</b> with Judy Bailey 1:00pm-2:30pm for those who have registered.                  If you did not register and are interested in attending, we'll place you on a waitlist in case of any cancellations: contact Alice Walker <a href="mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com">flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com</a>.                  Additional information has been sent to the registered attendees.                  Learning Center, Flamingo Gardens 3750 S Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL 33330</p>
<p><b>FEBRUARY 12</b></p>	<p><b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Auction</b>                  Mary N. Porter Learning Center                  Flamingo Gardens 3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie                  Preview 6:30 pm, Auction begins 7:00 pm      Cash/Credit/Zelle</p>
<p><b>MARCH 30-31</b></p>	<p><b>Flamingo Gardens 42nd International Orchid &amp; Bromeliad Show</b>                  Flamingo Gardens 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL                  For more info: <a href="#">Flamingo Gardens</a></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. Renewal \$30, new member \$35.

**For renewal only Zelle dues to [flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com) NOTE FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- [Link to Membership Application](#)

## 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!**



## REMINDER FOR COLD WEATHER

<https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/ColdToleranceofOrchidsbySueBottom.pdf>

<https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/Motes-Jan.pdf>

**["It's Rip van Winkle Time for our Orchids" Sandi Block-Brezner](#)**

**SOME PHOTOS FROM THE 2023 ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER (Gail Santini)**







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

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### 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

- ★ [Cattleyopsis \(kat-lee-OP-siss\)](#) A genus of eight species of dwarf epiphytes from the Antilles, especially Cuba, now considered to be synonymous with Broughtonia, it was described by Lemaire in 1853, the name indicating the resemblance of the flowers to those of the genus Cattleya.
- ★ 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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