

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

MAY 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: Sandi Block-Brezner

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

Sandi Block-Brezner is an accredited Judge and Secretary with the West Palm Beach Judging Center. She is also a member of the American Orchid Society, the Royal Horticultural Orchid Society, the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, and the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society. Sandi has served many years on the FGOS board as Recording Secretary and 1st Vice President of Programs. Currently she is assisting Diane Rogers with the Newbie group.



Sandi began growing orchids in 2007, with a few Phalaenopsis but got her passion for Cattleyas soon after that and has grown them ever since. She also grows orchids in the Catasetinae Alliance. Sandi is a Master Gardener in Broward County and maintains a butterfly garden that is visited by six butterfly species!

Sandi's presentation will be on culture for orchids in the Cattleya alliance. We will discuss good growing habits so that you can grow Cattleyas and their relatives to the best of your ability. Much of the information in Sandi's presentation could apply to most genera grown outside in South Florida. We will focus on culture including light, water, fertilizer, pests, and diseases, growing mediums, preparation for cold weather, and preparation for storms. Sandi has received 11 AOS awards, four of which are for Cultural Merit, and one for Cultural Excellence.



President's Message

This year FGOS is celebrating its 35th anniversary.

Congratulations to us all! Party-time coming soon!

This anniversary has got me thinking. Formally our mission is “To motivate curiosity about orchids through education, exchanging of information, and association with other orchid enthusiasts” and we take all that seriously.

Formal mission statement aside, who are we?

For as long as I've known, FGOS has been the **“little orchid society that could”*. It doesn't have hundreds of members or hundreds of thousands in the bank, it has a heart. A lot of love and care has been given to it over many years. We are growing and are not so small anymore but we still have that heart! Lively, quirky, friendly and fun is the way we come together to learn about orchid growing and make new friends. New ideas? If you are willing to work on it, bring it on.

Our speakers can't say enough good things about us. We get congratulated and praised over and over. It's nice.

Running an orchid society takes love, care and work. We are so fortunate to have so many of us that have cared and contributed over the years and new faces with new ideas to add richness and interest to our little society that does.

That's all for now!

Lucy

*Credit to Jan Amador, Past President!

2024 ORCHID EVENTS

MAY 13	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents Guest Speaker: Sandi Block-Brezner - "Cattleya Alliance"
MAY 17-19	REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave, Homestead Information about the Redlands Show
MAY 25	WPB JUDGING CENTER Mary N Porter Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens 3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL Information about the WPB Judging Center
JUNE 10	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents Guest Speaker: Tony Millet: "Preparing & Protecting our Orchids for the Summers in South Florida"
JULY 8	BINGO!! FGOS Birthday Celebration 🎉
AUGUST 12	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents Guest Speakers Keith and Diana Emig: Vandaceous But Not Vandas FGOS Birthday Celebration 🎂
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	CALENDAR OF WORLD WIDE ORCHID EVENTS

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

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.](#)

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

EJ Laviolette
Membership

WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

The Newbie Session 6:45-7:15 pm

The 30-minute Newbie Session starts at 6:45 pm, before the general FGOS meeting, and addresses a topic of interest to newer members of the Society. In May, we'll be doing a re-cap of our recent visit to Scott Peplin's Orchid Bar and Grill in Dania. While some members were able to attend, others did not have the opportunity to hear Scott's well-informed take on South Florida orchid care. [Link to the article about the Newbie field trip.](#)

Orchid tags are an integral part of growing orchids. Tags may provide basic as well as advanced information about the plant, which help the grower to understand its individual history, how to care for the orchid, and any current challenges the plant is facing. To learn more about Understanding Orchid Tags, [click here for the full article](#), a recap of a talk given by Sandi Block-Brezner, ASO Judge with the West Palm Beach Judging Center and noted orchid grower, at the April 2024 Meeting for the Newbie Session.

Come for the info, stay for the friendships.

Diane Rogers
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society
Trustee, Newbie Sessions



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

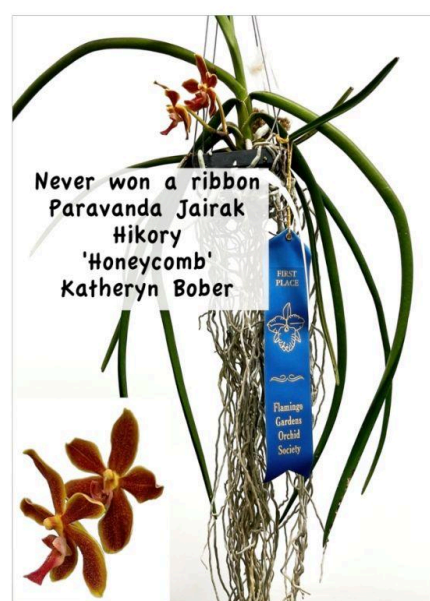
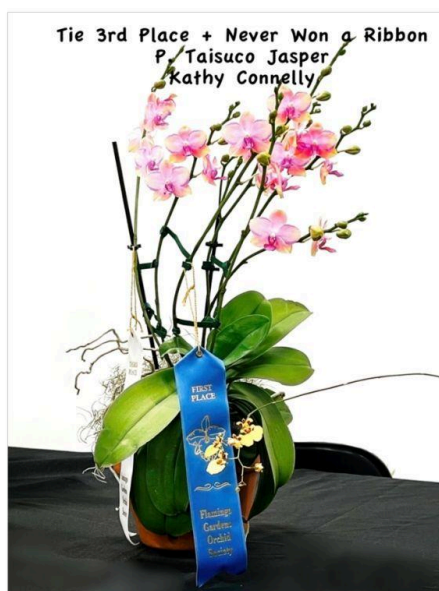
Get a Ticket!



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

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
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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



Is your orchid not blooming? What does it look like? [check this site](#)

MEETING PHOTOS: JORGE MOREJON, BULBOPHYLLUMS



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BULBOPHYLLUMS [CLICK HERE](#)

SPECIAL REQUEST



We have had several members request Bill Hodnett's Combo recipe. We sat down with Bill last week and went over this recipe, he's fine tuned it over the many years he's been growing orchids. So here it is,

Every time Bill fertilizes with either 20 20 20, or CalMag, or a type of Bloom Booster fertilizer he adds the following COMBO:

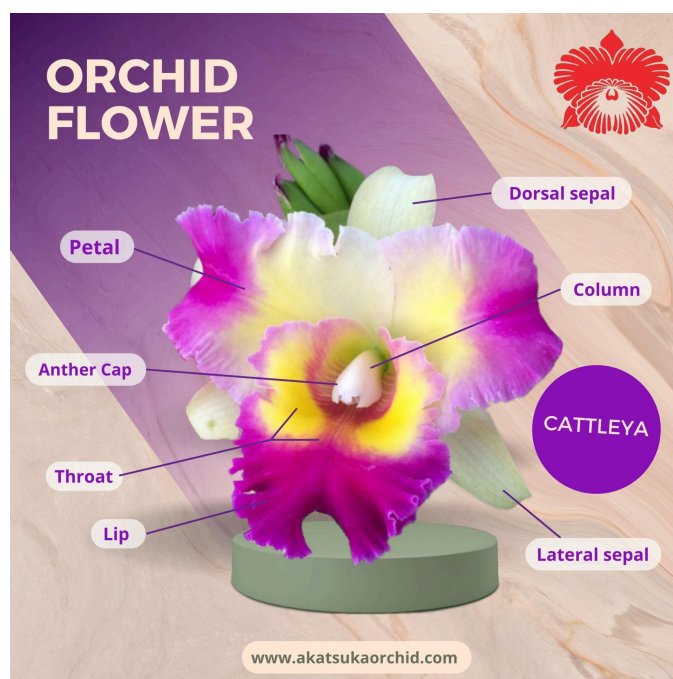
1 oz of Maxicrop (seaweed) per gallon of water

1 oz of horticultural molasses per gallon of water

¼ teaspoon of ProTekt per gallon of water, added after all other ingredients including fertilizer and all the water have been added. ProTekt is a silicone and will turn to gel and be useless if other ingredients are not diluted completely.

Bill NO longer adds soap to his fertilizer mix.

ORCHID REVIEW



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

- ★ **raceme** (ray-SEEM) A simple inflorescence of stalked flowers on a common, more or less elongated axis.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

From Mike Vaupel, FGOS Representative:
AOS Members' Meeting April 6-7, Apopka, Florida

Naya Marcano, Director, Administration and Member Services, AOS:

"We had a great turnout, wonderfully productive meetings and enlightening speaker sessions, great camaraderie all around! It was so good to see each other and share in our love of orchids and experiences.

The Town Hall & Meeting of the Members was a memorable event with AOS elections, the presentation of the Special Annual (Orchid) awards, and other recognition awards.

Congratulations to Frank Smith on receiving the AOS' highest honor, the Gold Medal of Achievement for his decades of service as a leader, donor, and benefactor. The President's award was granted to Bill and Deb Bodei for their tireless two-year effort and outstanding contributions to the new AOS website.

The Apopka Spring International Orchid festival provided superb vendors, and created a gold-winning orchid display. AOS judging granted 30 awards! Thanks also to the Florida North Central Judging Center and its Chair, Joe Bryson for their help throughout the meeting!

Our fundraising auction, led by auctioneer extraordinaire, Alan Koch, was a successful one! We closed the meeting with a beautiful evening at the Orchid Splendor gala, hosted by Frank Smith."