

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

March 2022

Meeting Information

Monday, March 14th, 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 -
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Meet the Guest Speaker: Naoki Kowamura

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

Naoki Kawamura will speak to us on "How to Grow Award Winning Vandas." His orchids have received 24 American Orchid Society awards including culture awards that recognized the grower. His enthusiasm for Vandas inspired Motes orchids to name one of their hybrids Papilionanda Naoki Kawamura. Naoki is a hobbyist grower taking time from work and driving from Venice to speak to us about vandas as a favor. We are forever grateful for his efforts.



Naoki has been growing orchids for a little over 20 years. His orchid growing journey began "After my friend bought a house, I asked her what she wanted for a housewarming gift. She said a white Phalaenopsis and mentioned a boutique orchid store in Portland, Oregon. I visited the store, and was overwhelmed with the variety of orchids, especially multi-growths Paphiopedilum micranthum, whose price tag was \$800. I just walked away with a white Phalaenopsis. A couple days later, I went back to the store and got myself a Dendrobium. As I tried to learn how to take care of it, I read a couple books. I also joined the Oregon Orchid Society to learn more from other growers."

Although he could not buy the Paphiopedilum micranthum, he acquired his first Paph at a society meeting. His collection grew quickly and soon his dining table became an orchid growing table. Due to the cold weather, all the orchids had to be grown indoors under lights in the winter. "They responded to the environment well, and I was able to rebloom them"

When he moved to a new house, the garage was converted to an orchid growing area. Over 100 Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums grew under metal halide lights. The orchids were grown indoors year long but they didn't flower well. "What I didn't understand was the effect of the light spectrum". While struggling to get his orchids to bloom, he read on a blog about a lady in Michigan growing Vandas under lights successfully. He designed a pvc pipe structure "That was the beginning of my Vanda growing in Oregon." As his Vanda Collection grew he started selling his Paphs and Phrags. Then he met orchid growing friends from Florida on Facebook and later annual vacations became trips to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival and Redland International Orchid shows.

In 2003 Naoki accepted a National Sales Support Manager position in Florida and moved to Venice, "we managed to purchase the house without walking through it." His Orchid collection was shipped to a friend in Orlando and "he had helped them get acclimated to Florida sun". All of Naoki's orchids now grow inside the pool cage of his Venice home, a completely different environment than he was used to in Portland Oregon. "Little did I know that it gets cold here for Vandas". And so the journey continues.

Win a Blooming Orchid!



Bring something for the Refreshment Table

Get a Ticket!

Bring 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!

NEW!! Show your AOS Membership Card

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!

New Member

Please welcome our new member: Sabra Karanian

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 new to it, as well. The FGOS NEWBIES group will meet just prior to the start of our monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month. Plan to arrive at 6:45 pm for a short session before the formal meeting convenes at 7:30 pm.

One of the first questions that new growers ask is what to look for when purchasing an orchid. During the Monday March 14 Newbie Session, we'll be discussing how to identify the right plant for your collection and which questions to ask of the grower before you take your new plant home. Come join us as we all learn more about orchid basics. See you at 6:45 pm!

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 comprised of 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.

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- 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.



FGOS Website: HELP WANTED!



The FGOS website was developed using WordPress. We need someone who is familiar with WordPress to help us update the site. 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 flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com. Please provide your name and phone number so she can contact you. Note in the subject line "Website". Thank you for your support.

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 Beach Judging 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...
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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.

Orchidist's Word of the Month

scale (skayl) (1) A name given to many kinds of small, modified leaves or bracts. (2) One of a number of kinds of minute sucking insects which attack the stems and leaves of orchid and other plants, the adult scales being flattened, disk-like and immobile.

If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

Remembering our Field Trip to Mac's...



We hope you had a good time on our field trip and lunch. Please share your thoughts and ideas about future FGOS experiences with Lucy or another board member.



AOS Corner

The AOS Centennial Celebration is April 6-9, 2022. You can still register for this four-day event that will include an exclusive Meet & Greet reception and Goodie Bag on Wed. 4/6 (5pm), complimentary entry and transportation to and from Fairchild Botanical Garden on Thursday afternoon on 4/7, access to all lectures and preferred seating at the Auction. The Banquet on 4/9 will be held at the beautiful Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables with live music and dancing, dinner and drinks. Get details at AOS.org.

https://www.aos.org/News-and-Events/Members-Meetings/schedule.aspx?utm_source=ONTRAPORT-email-broadcast&utm_medium=ONTRAPORT-email-broadcast&utm_term=Active+Members&utm_content=Your+March+AOS+Orchid-gram&utm_campaign=03042022

AOS Webinars

Do you want to learn more about your orchids through Webinars?

Check out the upcoming webinars [here](#).

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	March 16, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	March 22, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	April 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	April 27, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday
Topic	The Story of Jewel Orchids Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	More on Modern LED Lighting Answering Your Questions	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Nicholas Rust Orchid hybridizer with a passion for terrestrials	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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