

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

SEPTEMBER 2024

Meeting Information

Monday, September 9, 2024
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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<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker: Olivier Turina

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

“The Phalaenopsis Genus: How to Care for Them, Some Popular Species and Classifications of the Species”

Olivier moved to Ft. Lauderdale from his hometown of Brussels, Belgium in 2005 to join his husband, Tommy. He started growing orchids in 2013 after attending the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show where he discovered “Paradise” and got the “orchid bug.” It has since become a true passion and really a downright obsession of his.

Olivier is a hobbyist with a collection of 450+ orchids. He focuses on species and primary hybrids and grows many different genera with Catasetums and Stanhopeas being his top favorites. You’ve got to know though there are very few orchids he does not like. He has received seven awards from the American Orchid Society, one FCC, four AM, one CCM and one HCC.

He has been a board member of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society since 2020 and contributes to the monthly newsletter since 2018. He

gives lectures on various subjects and also started a YouTube channel in 2019 called “Orchid House, Fort Lauderdale, Florida” featuring growing tips for all sorts of orchids. He now has over 3,200 subscribers and close to 300,000 views.

Olivier speaks seven languages, has a Bachelor of Science in finance and economics and spent the first part of his professional life in the corporate world in finance as a banking and financial analyst. He has been a Fort Lauderdale-based realtor since 2013.



FIELD TRIP - October 19th to Olivier Turina’s growing area. Those who have volunteered for the society in 2024 have first choice to sign up. There is limited parking so carpooling is a must.



President's Message

Hi Everyone,

While we are renewing our membership to FGOS for our new membership year, let's do a Membership Survey. It helps our Programs Chair, Alice and committee greatly. Just so you know, it may take months to snare a speaker and specific presentation we're looking for. At the extreme it has taken three years to schedule our November 2024 speaker; he's very busy!

We want our programs, workshops and field trips to be what you want, so tell us by completing the survey. It's that simple.

I'm looking for at least 50 of you to take this survey. By completing the survey, you will be entered into a drawing to win an orchid. We are searching for one really nice orchid or a small collection to be the prize!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Lucy

→ MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

- Please take a minute to respond to this quick membership survey.
- [Link to Survey Click Here](#)

The deadline for submitting your survey and being entered into the drawing is the end of the day on Monday, September 30, 2024.

If you need it, this is the link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/uMkJrFVLrwJfgEcr6>

→ MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive is in full swing and renewals are now due. A link to the renewal and membership application is attached for your convenience. We will also have blank copies at the membership table at this month's meeting.

Renew now as our fiscal year runs from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues.

Renewing member dues are \$30.

New member dues are \$35 which includes a name badge.

Look forward to participating in....

- Education programs from fabulous guest speakers.
- Raffle table and Silent Auction table
- Meeting with other orchid hobbyists and collectors
- Participating or learning from the Show and Tell table
- A monthly newsletter to keep you informed of upcoming events for FGOS and other events in South Florida
- Orchid Auction
- Orchid Workshops and field trips
- The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show
- The FGOS Holiday Party with your gift of an orchid from the Society. ***Please note that you must be a paid member to attend and receive your gift of an orchid at the holiday party.***

Please print and complete the attached membership form and bring it, along with your check, to the membership table at the next meeting you attend. If you have any questions, reach out to EJ Laviolette at ejlaviolette@gmail.com (renewing as well as new members require an application.)

[Link to Membership Application](#) or copy/paste:

<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-25-FGOS-Membership-Application.pdf>

This month we are pleased to welcome two new members to the society-- Carolyn Duke and Bill Rouleau. If you see them at one of our meetings, please take a minute to introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

EJ Laviolette, Membership

→ ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP

- The election of the Board of Directors is set for the September general membership meeting; the slate of candidates for 2024-25 was introduced at the August general membership meeting:

President: Lucy Matos Lodato
1st Vice President, Programs Chair: Alice Walker
2nd Vice President, Membership Chair: Annette Scardina
Recording Secretary: EJ Laviolette
Corresponding Secretary: Diane Rogers, Newbies
Treasurer: Theresa DiRocco
Trustee 2 Years: Mayra Martinez
Trustee 1 Year: Melissa Dolton
Trustee 1 Year: Kevin Horgan, Facebook Admin.

- Newly elected Board Members begin their terms October 1st.

→ WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

Newbie Session - 6:45 pm- 7:15 pm on Monday September 9, 2024

If you are new to Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society or new to growing orchids, join us as we delve into the many aspects of orchid growing that help you to be more successful.

Monday September 9, 2024 Topic:

Pests and How to Control Them in your Garden

In August we discussed: [Introducing New Plants into Your Orchid Collection](#), learn how to help them become one healthy family of orchids. The link is for an article written by Sandi Block-Brezner and Diane Rogers for you to review.

Come for the information, enjoy the new friendships you'll build.

Diane Rogers, Trustee

2024 ORCHID EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9	ELECTION OF THE FGOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 9	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Guest Speaker Olivier Turina: Phalaenopsis "The Phalaenopsis Genus: How to care for them, some popular species and classifications of the species"
OCTOBER 14	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Larry Cox - Paphiopedilums "A South Florida Collection"
OCTOBER 19	Field Trip to Olivier Turina's - Those who have volunteered for the society in 2024 have first choice to sign up. Limited parking- must carpool.
OCTOBER 19-20	Delray Beach Orchid Show & Sale "Orchids on the Square" Sat.10-5, Sun.10-4 Old School Square Fieldhouse 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray
NOVEMBER 11	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Jason Downing, Fairchild Botanical Gardens: Growing Native Florida Orchids
NOVEMBER 13	Flamingo Gardens presents: Orchid Basics 101, 2pm-5pm More information....
DECEMBER 9	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Holiday Party for members only
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	Community Orchid Events

→ MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Learning what others do to care for their orchids helps us all become better growers.

If you have a blooming orchid please bring it to the meeting to show for this month's Members Choice Award. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.

Winning plants are chosen from meeting attendees who cast a ballot.

Selected plants are eligible for first, second, third and Speaker's Choice ribbons.

At our Holiday Party, whoever has won the most ribbons, gets a monetary prize.

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. We will have a special section of our Show and Tell table specifically for growers who have never won a ribbon. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.

Win an Orchid! The more things you do, the more raffle tickets you get!

Bring something for the Refreshment Table

Get a Raffle Ticket!

Bring a Blooming Orchid for "Members Choice"

Get a Raffle Ticket!

Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets

Get a Raffle Ticket!

Wear your name badge

Get a Raffle Ticket!



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

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
Alice Walker	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
EJ Laviolette	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Lori Edens	Recording Secretary
Annette Scardina	Corresponding Secretary
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
Jan Amador	Trustee - 1 year, Past President
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
Mary Lathrop	Refreshments Chairperson
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

AUGUST MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS AND MEETING PHOTOS:



1st Place (tie)
Bc. Yellow Bird
Karen Reynoldson



1st Place (tie)
Blc. Copper Queen
Ann Douglas



2nd Place (tie)
Ctsm. Ito-Oty
Christine Viscovich



2nd Place (tie)
C. aelandiae ('Orchid Eros' AM/AOS X 'Kate')
Sandi Block-Brezner



3rd Place (tie)
Rlc. Amazing Thailand 'Rainbow'
Germen Teran



3rd Place (tie) & Speaker's Choice
Pda. Naoki Kawamura
Thad Bielecki



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

- ★ **vandaceous** (van-DAY-shuss) An adjective referring to any large monopodial orchid, usually restricted to Asiatic genera with the parallel term angraecoid applying to African plants.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).