

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

MAY 2025

Meeting Information

Monday, May 12, 2025
Doors Open - 7:00 pm
Meeting Begins - 7:30 pm

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!

Contact Us:
FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com
Website:
<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker:

**Sandi Jones-Hobbyist & proud owner of Broward Orchid Supply
Orchid Pests and Disease Management**

By Alice Walker, V.P. Program

Learn about pests and diseases that can affect your orchids; bacteria, fungus and insects. Sandi is very knowledgeable on growing orchids, identifying what is affecting your orchids and what to do to help rid your plants from these pests and diseases.

Some products will be available for purchase at the meeting such as fertilizer, fungicides and insecticides. Orders can be placed in advance by emailing her at browardorchidsupply@comcast.net. All orders need to be placed by Saturday May 10th. View the catalog online at <https://www.browardorchidsupply.com> for your orchid supply needs.

Sandi Jones, proud owner of Broward Orchid Supply & Service, Inc. and plant lover who started her business in 2006. "I have been growing plants of all kinds and orchids for as long as I can remember. Both my parents were plant people, so I like to think I got it naturally!" You can find Sandi at various shows in the Mobile Emporium or by appointment at her home in Hollywood. Check out her website for your orchid supplies and additional information. <https://www.browardorchidsupply.com>





President's Message

Hi There,

I have so much to say, so many to thank, it would take more than one page.

We had an amazing Orchid Show. Our first ever tabletop display elevated the Show. They were beautiful, a delight to the eyes. On behalf of the FGOS board of directors: Thank you, thank you, thank you! Quoting our AOS Judge Chairperson, Sandi Block-Brezner, "Every tabletop display deserved an award." Wendy Gonzalez, Jessica Pajares, Annette Scardina, Traci Slusher, and David Sweeten put their hearts into designing the beautiful tabletop displays. What is even more amazing is that they all work full time. I did a display, as well. There were times when I was ready to throw in the towel. But seeing the commitment of others to their projects was so inspiring, I had to keep going.

The container and cut flower displays added to the beauty and creativity. One container and one cut flower arrangement received AOS awards. For those that may not know how difficult it is to get an AOS award, it is a huge deal!

Thank you to everyone who worked on the setup of the learning center, plant registration, design assistants, plant watchers, FGOS recruiters and the plant pick up crew.

Everyone that loaned orchids to the displays deserves a huge thank you as well. Thad Bielecki, Keryn Bober, Laura Bratton, Tom Nordman, and Arlene Wallach, thank you, thank you! They took a risk. I hope I did not leave anyone out.

All who volunteered in the Gardens, welcoming vendors, making the baskets, selling tickets, and recruiting did an awesome job.

The Orchidteers cannot be overlooked. We did an amazing landscape display in the Gardens. Thank you, Bill Hodnett, for loaning so many beautiful orchids.

Last but not least, thanks to everyone who answered the call and brought in blooming orchids to show. Wow, you nailed it!

That is all, I think.

Lucy

MEMBERSHIP

Renew now as our membership 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.

- A benefit of membership is 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 Annette Scardina at annescar@hotmail.com (renewing as well as new members require an application.)

FGOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

→ We are pleased to welcome eleven new members to the society—Maria De Lourdes Behm, Stephanie Crissey, Vicki Hallock, Sandra Katulka, Kiara Melendez, Khrystel Melendez, Sara Singer, Herta Thomas, Cleo Villamarin, and Ginny & Chris Williams.

If you see them at one of our meetings, please take a minute to introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

Annette Scardina, Membership Chair

→ WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

Newbies meet before the FGOS meeting begins, 6:45 - 7:15 pm

Join the Newbies, open to all new orchid enthusiasts with less than two years' experience, or those who are new to FGOS.

The topic for May is "Preparing Your Orchids for the Rainy Season" featuring helpful tips to ensure your orchids stay healthy for the wet weather expected in the upcoming months. Come for the friendship and pick up some helpful orchid growing tips.

Diane Rogers
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Board Corresponding Secretary
Newbie Session Moderator

2025 ORCHID EVENTS

May 10-11	Volusia County Orchid Society: "Orchids in the Eye of the Beholder" Volusia County Fairgrounds, Townsend Pavillion, 3150 East New York Ave., DeLand, FL More Information
May 10	WPB Judging Center presents: Orchid Auction at 1:00 p.m. in the Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens
May 12	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Sandi Jones, Broward Orchid Supply, Pests and Disease Management
May 18	American Orchid Society presents: The 7th Orchid Culture Day: " <i>Orchids From Seed to Success</i> " Register here: https://www.aos.org/cultureday
May 31	Tentative Repotting Workshop: 10:00 a.m. at the Flamingo Gardens Chickee Hut: you MUST SIGN UP. There will be a fee for potting materials.
June 9	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Mounting Workshop by the Flamingo Gardens Orchidteers (bring your own or buy from the Orchidteers)
July 14	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Naoki Kawamura- Hobbyist- Coryanthes, Bucket orchids
August 11	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: FGOS Auction
September 8	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents: Christine Morales- AOS judge- Guarianthe aurantiaca and its role in Cattlianthe hybrids
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	Community Orchid Events

**WEST PALM BEACH JUDGING
CENTER ORCHID AUCTION
Saturday, May 10th @ 1 PM**

Flamingo Gardens
3750 S Flamingo Rd,
Davie, FL 33330
*In the Mary N. Porter
Learning Center*

Support your orchid judging
center while having fun and
growing your collection!

cash, credit cards and checks accepted

The selection of orchids available has been curated by Accredited Orchid Judges and
donated from the collections of Judges, awarded orchid exhibitors, orchid
influencers as well as some of your favorite commercial growers.

For more information or to support with a donation, please email Judge Lou at llodyga@comcast.net

→ 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 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!

→ **NEW** Show your A.O.S. membership (phone OK)

Get a Raffle Ticket!



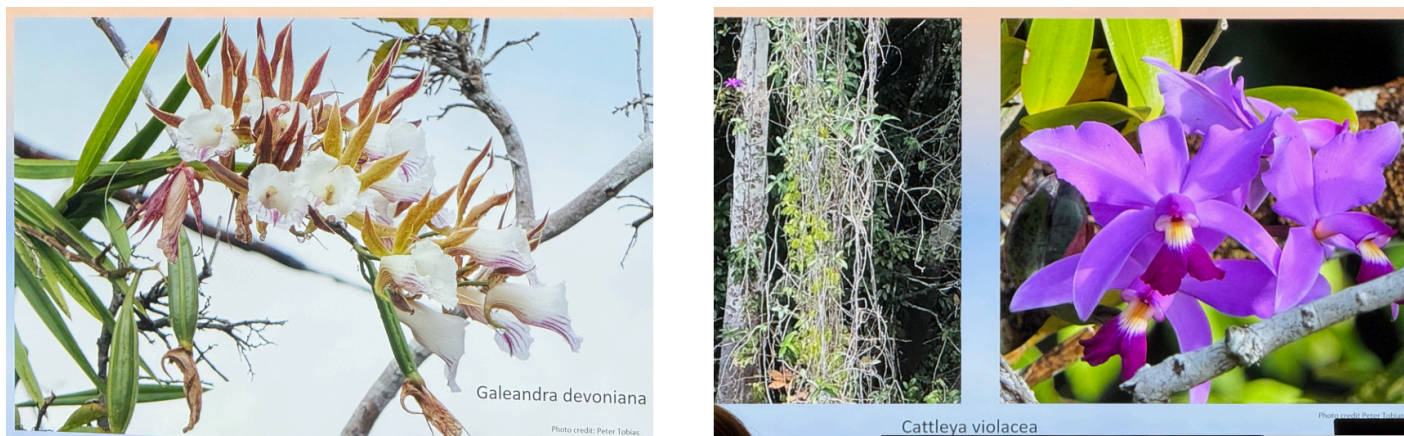
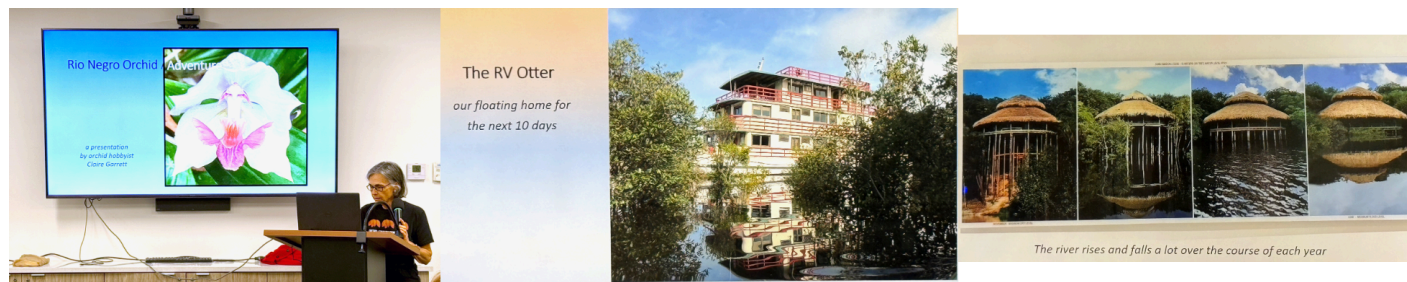
→ SILENT AUCTION

Any member may bring up to **THREE** orchid plants or related items to sell.

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society 2024-25 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
Alice Walker	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
Annette Scardina	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
EJ Laviolette	Recording Secretary
Diane Rogers	Corresponding Secretary, Newbie Group
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
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Gail Santini	Trustee - 1 year, Newsletter Editor and Photographer
Melissa Dolton	Trustee - 1 year, Newsletter Committee
Kevin Horgan	Trustee - 1 year, Facebook Administrator
Mary Lathrop	Refreshments Chairperson
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

APRIL MEETING PHOTOS: Claire Garrett and Sandi Block-Brezner



- The Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA), founded in 2004 as a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization, is focused on raising money to conserve land in orchid-rich regions of the world.
- The OCA has members from many different countries, including the USA, Canada, the UK, Australia, and Germany.
- Funds are raised by various means, such as direct donations, matching donations (through corporations and sometimes other non-profit organizations), sale of merchandise, and Orchids in the Wild™ trips.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS



FROM THE 2025 FGOS ORCHID SHOW: VOLUNTEERS



FROM THE 2025 FGOS ORCHID SHOW TABLE TOP DISPLAYS

TEA AMONG THE ORCHIDS



WISHING GARDEN



SWEET FANTASY



JARDIN DE COLORES



ALL MY FRIENDS





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

- ★ **Paphiopedilum** (paff-ee-oh-PED-i-lum) A genus of about 60 species of the lady's-slipper orchids from the Asiatic tropics, formerly included in the genus *Cypripedium*, the name having been proposed by Pfitzer in 1886 in allusion to the slipper-shaped lip.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).



FOR ALL TO READ

[AOS CORNER MAY 2025](#)