

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

SEPTEMBER 2026

Meeting Information

Monday, September 14, 2026
Doors Open - 7:00 pm
NEWBIES Begin - 6:45 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:

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Website:

<https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com>

Meet our Guest Speaker:

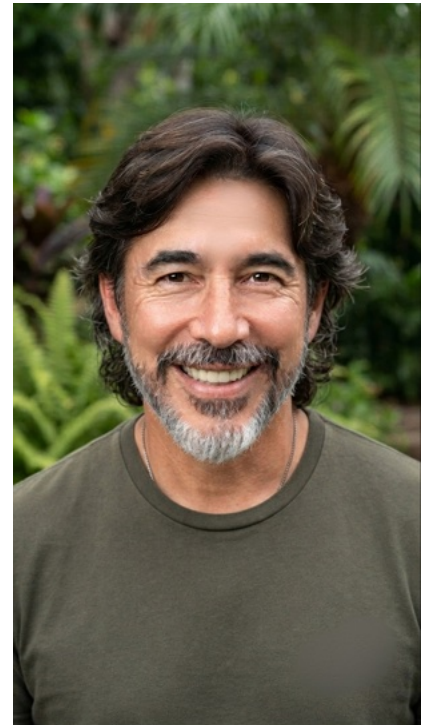
“How to Pick the Right Orchid at an Orchid Show”

Nelson Viera

By: Melissa Dolton, 1st V.P., Programs Chair

Nelson Viera is a South Florida orchid grower, educator, and content creator behind the popular YouTube channel Nature Nel, where more than 15,000 subscribers follow his orchid care tips, greenhouse tours, and orchid show adventures.

Passionate about making orchid growing approachable, Nelson enjoys helping hobbyists gain the confidence to grow healthier, more rewarding plants. At Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, Nelson will present “How to Pick the Right Orchid at an Orchid Show,” sharing practical tips for selecting healthy, vigorous orchids and making



confident purchasing decisions at orchid shows and nurseries.

Nelson has featured Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society a couple of times on his YouTube channel. Check out his videos here: <https://www.youtube.com/@naturenel/videos>.

President's Message



Celebrating 37 years of growing, learning, and blooming together.

For almost four decades, our members have shared knowledge, nurtured orchids, built friendships and created a community of orchid enthusiasts.

Many of you may not know Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society was established in 1989 and incorporated in 1991. Two of the founding members, Pat Hady and Sharon Nelson along with Mary Lathrop joining just a few years later, continue to support the society by volunteering, inviting others to join us and who continue to support our mission to motivate curiosity about orchids through education, conservation and the exchanging of information.

Cheers to you Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Members as we continue the legacy of our founders!

Let's Bloom and Grow Together,

Alice



Alice Walker,

President, Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

Blooms from Flamingo Gardens



→MEMBERSHIP

Membership runs from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.

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.
- ****New members who join May, June, or July, gain membership through August of the following year**

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. Dues can also be paid by cash, credit card*(+fee), or Zelle to flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com, note Membership in the Zelle memo. If you have any questions, reach out to Annette Scardina at annescar@hotmail.com (renewing as well as new members require an application to ensure up-to-date information.)

FGOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

→ *We are pleased to welcome three new members: Erik Colon, Renee McGehee, and Lana Nudel.* If you see them at one of our meetings, please take a moment to introduce yourself and make them feel at home

Annette Scardina, Membership Chair

→WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

Newbies meet before the FGOS meeting begins promptly at 6:45 to 7:15 pm.

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

"Understanding Orchid Tags and Nomenclature"

We'll help you find answers to your orchid care questions.

Come for the friendship, Leave with some great orchid tips!

Diane Rogers
Newbie Session Moderator
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Corresponding Secretary



*Newbies: From
buds to blooms*

2026 ORCHID EVENTS

September 14	FGOS presents: Nelson Viera: “How to Pick the Right Orchid at an Orchid Show”
October 7	Webinars - American Orchid Society AOS Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton 8:30-9:30PM Open to <i>Everyone</i> . Please send your questions and photos to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by October 5th
October 10-11	Southwest Florida Orchid Society - Orchids, Cacti, & Tillandsia Show Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd, Ft Myers, FL more info
October 12	FGOS presents: James Furst: “From the Wild to Your Collection: Growing Orchids with Nature”
November 9	FGOS presents: Gabriel Cuesta from Quest Orchids: “Standard Cattleya Hybrids”
December 14	FGOS HOLIDAY PARTY
	Ever wonder how many Orchid Societies are in Florida? https://www.aos.org/community-events/affiliated-society-lookup
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	Community Orchid Events



A few Board Members at Palmer Orchids Tent Sale

→ 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. The 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. The 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 2025-26 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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AUGUST MEETING PHOTOS



HAPPY RAFFLE WINNERS



AUGUST JUDGES' CHOICE AWARDS

First Place:
Coel Magna 'Bieleckis Ratter'
Carmen Teran



2nd Place:
C loddigesii 'Blue Sky'
Tom Nordman



3rd Place:
C Peckaviensis
Keryn Bober





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- ★ Are you a member of the American Orchid Society?
- ★ Use this link for exciting reasons to join AOS: [Learn about AOS.](#)

★ **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

- ★ *Brassolaeliocattleya* (brass-oh-LEE-lee-oh-KAT-lee-ah;
- ★ *A hybrid genus derived from Brassavola, Laelia and Cattleya created in 1897.*
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in the [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

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