

Flamingo Gardens

ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

August 2022

Meeting Information

Monday, August 8th, 2022
Doors open - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Begins - 7:30 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens
In the LEARNING CENTER
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

Parking is available at the Main
Entrance parking area.

- Refreshments
- Show and Tell
- Members Choice
- Raffles
- And much more fun

Masks will not be required.

For more information -
FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com

Repotting Workshop with Yolanda

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

Yolanda Cuesta from Quest Orchids will present a No Frills Repotting Demonstration and Workshop at our next meeting on Monday, August 8th. She will also talk to us about culture and coach us as we repot our own orchids.

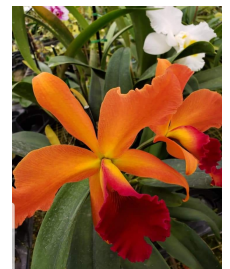


Yolanda and Segundo Cuesta opened Quest Orchids 30 years ago. Located at 12110 SW 43 St., Miami 33175 (305-219-2883), they are hybridizers and specialize in art Shade Cattleyas. Quest is one of the premier orchid growers in Florida and has earned many AOS awards for their lovely well grown orchids. As a professional grower Yolanda has many years of experience in repotting orchids quickly. So come and see how the pros do this fast and efficiently.

YOU WILL GET AN EXTRA WHITE RAFFLE TICKET IF YOU BRING AN ORCHID TO REPOT!

- ❖ Bring one healthy orchid to repot: A Dendrobium, Oncidium, Phalaenopsis or a Cattleya that is in active growth (green tips on roots) OR a piece of an orchid that needs to be potted.
- ❖ The orchid you bring for repotting cannot be larger than 8 inch diameter due to time constraints.
- ❖ Bring a clean or new pot for your orchid.
- ❖ Bring your own clippers.
- ❖ The Society is providing the supplies to repot 15 Phalaenopsis and 30 Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, and Cattleyas.

Please let us know via email, FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com, what Genera (type) of orchid you will be bringing to make sure we have enough potting mix or if we need more. If you don't have an orchid to repot come to help others who do and to watch and learn Yolanda's techniques. The secrets of an expert!



Please respond by Wednesday August 3rd!



President's Message

I am so happy that we are meeting in the NEW Mary Porter Learning Center! It has been a long process but the time has come and we are all enjoying this new space. Can we all agree that this is a big improvement? Easy parking, good lighting inside, smells new, great AC and lots of space. There will be lighting in the parking lot but that is another process.

This is a busy time of year for the Society. It's time for the Membership Drive. Our fiscal year runs from September 1 st - August 31 st . The membership dues will still be \$25.00 for the year. There will be a form attached in the newsletter or in this email for you to fill out. If you forget we always have forms at the meeting. Your support of the Society is greatly appreciated.

Next up is Election for the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the board please reach out to Mary Lathrop or email FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com. She will be presenting the Slate of Officers at the August meeting. You can be nominated from the floor. Like they say - Try it, you'll like it! The voting will be held in September.

We are asking for Committee members to help us. Lucy needs someone who can set up the Raffle table and help with the actual raffle part of the evening. The Silent Auction table is another place we could use additional help.

Come and wish the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society a Happy 33rd Birthday! The society was established in 1989. So let's celebrate with a cake!

Jan

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 beginners, as well. The FGOS NEWBIES group meets just prior to the start of the monthly meeting. Plan to arrive at 6:45 for a short session before the formal meeting convenes at 7:30 pm.

In August The Newbies will go 'hands on'! Bring your gardening gloves and learn how to prepare plant potting mixes for our Orchid Repotting Workshop, which follows. Get knowledge you can use today.

Come join us at 6:45 on Monday, August 8th. Good fellowship and great information await you.

News at a Glance

❖ This month's meeting

- Will be held in the Flamingo Gardens LEARNING CENTER!
- Due to space constraints, there will be **NO SILENT AUCTION** this month

❖ Membership Drive kicks off in August

- Dues for the 2022-2023 will remain the same, a bargain at \$25.00
- Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues. Membership for this application cycle will conclude on August 31, 2023.
- Please print off the membership Application included with this newsletter. You can bring your application and membership dues to a meeting or follow the instructions for mailing it to Mary Lathrop.

❖ We're having a BINGO in October

- We are in serious need of volunteers to assist in planning for our October General Membership Meeting—It's going to be a BINGO.
- Please chat with Lucy if you are able to assist in any way. There are tons of things to be done and all assistance is greatly appreciated..

❖ Election Time

- Slate of officers will be presented at the August meeting. If you would like to be a part of the Board of Directors, there's still time to raise a hand and be considered for election. Nominations will be taken from the floor.
- The election will be held at the October meeting.

❖ FGOS turns 33

- We'll be celebrating the 33 anniversary of the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society at our August Meeting. Please be sure to join us for a slice of cake and refreshments in honor of our sustainability.

❖ The Holiday Party Committee is being formed

- We really, really need a team of people willing to help us plan and facilitate this event. Look for Alice Walker or Mary Lathrop at an upcoming event. Introduce yourself and offer your support. They will surely be appreciative.

❖ Martin Motes Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month

- Copies will be on sale at this month's society meeting for \$20.00 each. If you are interested, please ask for a copy at the registration table.

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Board of Directors through August 2022

Jan Amador	President
Lucy Matos-Lodato	First Vice President and Program Chairperson
Mary Lathrop	Second Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Marcy Schwartz	Recording Secretary
Alice Walker	Corresponding Secretary
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
EJ Laviolette	Trustee - 2 year & Newsletter Editor
Diane Rogers	Trustee - 2 year
Antonio Torres	Trustee - 1 year
Mike Vaupel	Trustee - 1 year
Open	Past President or Trustee- 1 year

Member Choice Award Winners

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who brought in a blooming orchid from their collection. We are excited to share your selections as Members Choice Award recipients during last month's contest. In case you weren't able to attend, here are photos of the selected winners. Bring in your blooming orchid to be considered in next month's display.



1st Place
Speaker's Choice
Cattlianthe Bacti 'Grape Wax'
A hybrid
Grown by: Sandi Block-Brezner



2nd Place and Speaker's Choice Award
Brassavola tuberculata,
A species
Grown by Mike Vaupel



3rd Place
Phalaenopsis Valentini
A hybrid
Grown by: Judy Goos

AOS Corner

★ Orchidist's Word of the Month

- ★ **inflorescence** (in-floor-ESS-ents) The general arrangement and disposition of the flowers on an axis; the mode of flowering; the flowering part of a plant.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

★ 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](#).

★ Home Remedies

- ★ These HOME REMEDIES were included in a recent edition of the AOS Magazine. For these and other insightful tips, consider becoming a member of the American Orchid Society.
 - Rather than expensive and potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full-strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers and on greenhouse floors. (Do not spray on orchids.)
 - Aspirin (just $\frac{3}{4}$ of one 325 mg tablet per gallon of water) helps protect plants from fungal and viral pathogens when used as a spray. More is NOT better. Do not exceed this amount.
 - Homemade insecticide (mix in 1 gal jug: 1 pint rubbing alcohol, 1 pint spray cleaner, and 3 quarts water. Apply as spray.
 - Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol can be put into an empty spray bottle and used to treat scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, spider mites and perhaps other pests. It works only while wet and must contact the insect.
 - Neosporin has been reportedly used to treat orchid crown rot; remove rotted area of plant before treatment.

Missed the last one or two meetings?

Our speakers for our monthly meetings were Judy Bailey in June and in July Carol Holdren. If you have ever attended one of their presentations you know how passionate about orchids both women are. Below you will find a brief summary of what you missed.

In June, Judy Bailey was our speaker and she wowed us with her presentation on Organic Growing. Judy is a delightful speaker keeping us engaged during the entire presentation. She spoke about her orchid experiments and encouraged us to try something else if what we are doing now is not working. I look forward to hearing about how some of her experiments have turned out. The following is a brief summary of her presentation. Do you know what mycorrhizae is? It's the mutual symbiotic relationship between a fungus and a plant. In other words, the fungus and the roots of the plant benefit one another providing root system growth, nutrient efficiency and water. What the plant doesn't use for growth is the mycorrhizae use which benefits the plant. Lower the phosphorus in fertilizer to help develop the mycorrhizae. Visit mycorrhizae.com to learn more. A healthy plant repels pests and so it goes: the right amount of water at the right time, appropriate light each season, great air flow, feed your plants and strive to repot before the media breaks down. In conclusion – find what works for you.

Judy provided us with some brands of organic fertilizer: Maxicrop and Dr. Earth (tomato) to name a couple. Additional resources suggested: Dirt to Soil by Gabe Brown, Carbon Cowboys – carboncowboys.org, Fantastic Fungi (a movie), and Kiss the Ground – a documentary with Woody Harrelson.

In July, Carol Holdren was enthusiastic to share with us stories of Flamingo Gardens and to suggest to us Orchids to Own 2022. Slides were shown and discussion had about each orchid on the list. Several of the orchids were on our raffle table! Carol kept us engaged throughout the entire presentation and provided us with a handout, “The ABC’s of Orchid Culture” courtesy of www.orchids.org.

- A. Every orchid has A name – that name tells where the orchid is from and what type of care it needs. The genus is the first word in the name. For example: Cattleya, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, and Vanda, Google the name for photos and culture information.
- B. Buy healthy plants – It is difficult to grow orchids back to health. Best to start out healthy. See Roy Tokunaga’s article on water quality and Ken Slump’s articles on beginning orchid growing. These free articles can be found at www.orchids.org.
- C. Orchid leaves are a Clue to how much light the plant needs.
 - a. Wide Leaf like Phalaenopsis and paphiopedilum – Low light
 - b. Medium leaf like Cattleya, Dendrobium and Oncidium - Medium light
 - c. Thin leaf like Vanda – high light

Check out these beauties to see what they look like and place them on your list of Orchids you’d like to own. ORCHIDS TO OWN 2022, courtesy of Carol Holdren.

Dendrobium Flamingo Gardens (Den. Norma Jackson X Den. stratiotes)
 Broughtonia sanguinea Hybrids
 Grt. Why Not (B sanguinea x Gur aurantiaca)
 Brassavola nodosa & Hybrids. Miniature clone ‘Minnie Mouse’
 B. Little Stars (B nodosa x B subulifolia)
 Bsn. Maikai (B nodosa x Gur bowringiana)
 Bc. Yellow Bird (B nodosa x Bc Richard Mueller)
 Vanda Pachara Delight (V. Karulea x V. Gordon Dillon)

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 “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!



These tickets are only for the “Membership Plant” and cannot be purchased.



Membership September 1st, 2022- August 31st, 2023

Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues. Membership for this application cycle will conclude on August 31, 2023. Membership Dues are \$25.00 and can be paid by cash, check or credit card.

Complete and return this form to a monthly meeting or mail application to:

Mary Lathrop
11515 SW 51st Ct.,
Cooper City, FL 33330

Membership Information			
First Name (required)			
Last Name (required)			
New	Renewal	(Complete the rest of the form only if a new member or changes are made to existing membership information.)	
Street Address			
City, State , Zip Code			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email address:			
Birth Month:		Birth Day:	
Can we publish your name, address, email address and phone number in a directory?		Yes	No
About You			
How did you hear about FGOS?			
Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS)?		Yes	No
Are you interested in volunteer activities with FGOS?		Yes	No

FGOS use:

- Cash
- Credit Card
- Check # _____ Date _____