

Flamingo  Gardens
ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

JULY 2024

FGOS PRESENTS
BINGO NIGHT
Celebrating 35 years



JULY 8th 6:45pm

***BRING APPETIZERS* – BEVERAGES PROVIDED**

THERE WILL BE ***NO*** SILENT AUCTION, ***NO*** NEWBIE SESSION, ***NO*** PEOPLES' CHOICE

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM - FIRST GAME AT 7:30PM

ORCHID PRIZES

BINGO CARDS \$5 EACH – MAX 4 CARDS

COVER ALL CARD \$10 – MAX 1 CARD

RAFFLE FOR CENTERPIECES



President’s Message

A 35th Year Celebration and Orchid Bingo Time!

As you all probably know by now this is FGOS 35th year. Back in 1989 a group of orchid lovers founded our Orchid Society. Among that original group was Mary Lathrop, Sharon Nelson and Pat Hady. And here we are today, a wonderful group of orchid aficionados, going strong. Congratulations to all of us!

Bring those appetizers! We’ll bring a cake! and drinks.



As for the Bingo part of the party, here we go again, going places close and far looking for prizes and raffle centerpieces you are going to love, and even consolation prizes if we can find them. It’s kind of crazy fun.

We think you’ll be happy with our finds and have a wonderful evening celebrating with your orchid friends.

See you Monday, meantime have a wonderful Independence Day celebrating our nation’s Birthday!

Lucy

WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

Newbie Session - **will not be held in July, but will resume at 6:45 at our August 12th meeting!**

The Newbie Group meets before the start of the regular Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Meeting, at 6:45 pm. In our 30-minute session, we discuss a hot topic for orchid growers who are new to the hobby or who are new to the Society. Each month's subject provides you with the opportunity to find answers to typical questions that a new orchid grower may have.

Join us for the Newbie Sessions - Good fellowship and helpful information await you.

Diane Rogers, Trustee,
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

MEMBERSHIP

To join FGOS, please complete the Membership Form and return it with your check or Credit Card to the Membership Table at the next meeting you attend: new \$35; renewal \$30.

For renewal only dues can be sent via Zelle to flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com, Please add note: "FOR MEMBERSHIP**"**

➤ [Link to Membership Application](#)

EJ Laviolette
Membership

2024 ORCHID EVENTS

JULY 8	BINGO!!! FGOS 35th BIRTHDAY Celebration!
JULY 20	Flamingo Gardens Presents: Orchid Basics 101 Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie
AUGUST 12	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Guest Speakers Keith and Dina Emig: Vandaceous, but not Vandas
SEPTEMBER 9	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Guest Speaker Olivier Turina: Phalaenopsis
OCTOBER 14	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents: Larry Cox - Growing Paphiopedilums
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS	Community Orchid Events

Effective immediately there will be a 4% service charge added to credit card purchases. This is to offset service charges made by our bank.

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

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
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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
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

Did you know?

YouTube has become a visual media library for learning about all kinds of ways to care for orchids. Many orchid aficionados are here in South Florida. We have world-renowned orchid nurseries right in our backyard! It's a great resource to find out how other people in South Florida have success in growing beautiful and healthy orchid plants. Get ideas on where to go for the best plants! Type in the search bar: Growing orchids in South Florida and hear from professionals and hobbyists alike!

June 2024 - Speaker Tony Millet

HURRICANE PREP NOTES FROM TONY MILLET

BEFORE THE EVENT:

Preparation should start 7 days before the arrival of the hurricane, be prepared for a 3 day stay.

Indoors: Prepare a space and divide for

- 1- Healthy plants
- 2- Sick or borderline plants

Check for shade cloth to return orchids outside to replace damaged cloth.

Refresh your fungicides and bactericides.

The indoor space should have a closed door to keep insects from spreading

Provide fan(s). Try not to stack plants one on top of the other.

PLANTS TO BRING IN:

All irreplaceable plants

All AOS Awarded plants

All sensitive, finicky, valued plants

All plants in bud and bloom

All specialty stud plants

All seedlings under 2 years old

All very expensive one of a kind

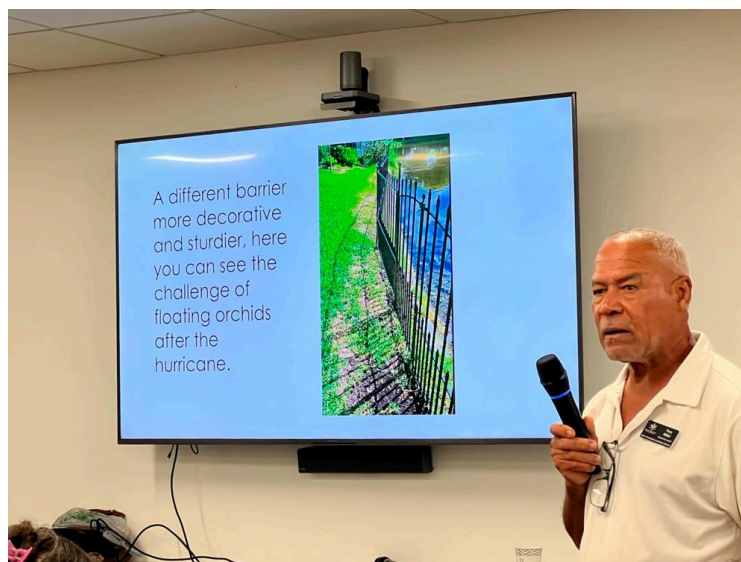
OUTDOORS

Wrap orchid bench in orange safety mesh.

Tie tags to the bulbs so they stay with the plant.

Under the bench provides some protection from rolling around, and from the sun if shade cloth damaged.

Learn from your plans if changes must be made.



The **BLUE SOAP** insecticide recipe Tony Millet told us about at our June 10th FGOS meeting.

Step 1: Fill a 3 Liter (water) bottle 2/3 full. (3 liters = .66 gallons). The amount of water equates to about 2 quarts.

Step 2: Cut about 1/3 of the soap, then cut into four pieces – it may crumble a bit.



Step 3: Drop the cut up 1/3 bar of soap into the bottle, close the top, and shake.



Step 4: Decant some into a smaller bottle, then pour the top 2-3 inches of the blue slurry into a spray bottle. Add water to the top of the spray bottle.



Now you're ready to spray the plant roots and leaves and never worry about inhaling toxins.

Good for months. You can spray it anytime, anywhere, however not on open flowers. You can spray on buds, even on 2-year old seedlings!

SOME PHOTOS FROM THE JUNE 10TH MEETING more will be posted on the website**SPOTS ON YOUR ORCHIDS?**

It's imperative to check your orchids after wet weather, especially hurricanes when the plants can be stressed and more receptive to infection.

How do you recognize a fungal or bacterial infection, and when is it nothing at all?

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/troubleshooter>

Check also the American Orchid Society for magazine issues November and December 2018, April and October 2022.

Also check the St. Augustine Orchid Society website for an all inclusive study in orchid pests and diseases. <https://staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests-diseases.htm>

MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS from our June 10th meeting



1st Place
Encyclia Tuity Fruity
 Thad Bielecki



2nd Place
 Blc. *Akiko Sato 'Volcano Queen'*
 Carmen Teran



3rd Place and Speaker's Choice
L. purpurata 'Rubra'
 Wendy Gonzalez



Never Won a Ribbon
B nodosa
 Maribel Beas



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

- ★ **halophyte** (HAL-uh-fayt) Plants growing in saline soil.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

- ★ *The American Orchid Society has been in existence for over a 100 years!*