

# Flamingo Gardens

## ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

JUNE 2024

### Meeting Information

Monday, June 10, 2023  
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

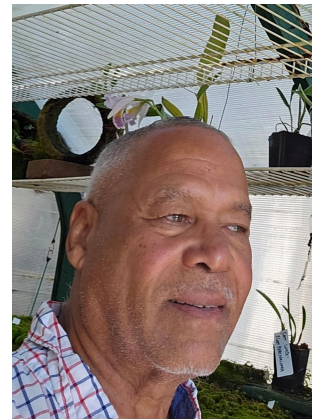
- Newbie Session
- Silent Auction
- Refreshments
- Show and Tell
- Members Choice
- Raffles
- And much more fun!

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### Meet our Guest Speaker: Anthony 'Tony' Millet

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

Tony Millet's mom started his growing career at a very young age, growing everything from seed. Growing up in Brooklyn, NYC, his orchid growing career began delving into cool, intermediate, and warm growing types. Having the experience of growing in underground cold frames to an above ground greenhouse set the tone for his new semi-retirement growing style.



Presently he is growing under plastic covered lathe houses South Florida style, open on all sides, which includes a small greenhouse for early seedlings. His early childhood experience of growing from seed set the tone for his orchid hybridizing program today.

Tony breeds and grows unusual hybrids in the large *cattleya* alliance and performs all flasking activities. He lectures and teaches and is an accredited AOS judge. Many of his hybrids have been AOS awarded and are one of a kind, meaning not cloned or meristemed. His present growing goal is to impart warm tolerance to some of the cooler growing colorful *hadro laelias* now *cattleyas*.

His presentation will be on "Preparing Our Orchids for the Summer". With all the rain, high temperatures, high humidity and potential high winds and hurricanes what can we do to prepare our orchids in our growing area?

"Let's Enjoy Nature's Best – Orchids".

**mericlone** (MAIR-i-klohn) A clonal orchid plantlet produced through the technique of meristem propagation.

**meristem** (MAIR-i-stem) The growing tissue made up of actively dividing cells, particularly at the tips of roots and at the apex of the vegetative or floral shoot.



## President's Message

### My take on growing orchids

I grow them because the flowers make me happy. From every speaker we've had I've learned at least one new thing. From the excellent orchid growers in our Society I've learned a lot as well. From my experience growing orchids at Flamingo Gardens as an Orchidteer and at home, I've learned through heartbreaks and success how I should be growing them. In a not so small nut shell here is part of my current declaration on orchid growing:

1. Epiphytic orchids need light, water and air. Air around their leaves and roots, not wind, air. They need something to grab on to securely. A loose orchid can't attach, it will die eventually. Broken down media, choking the air away from the roots, that's a recipe for disaster.
2. A regular weekly schedule works magic. Bill Hodnett fertilizes and works on his orchids every Monday. That's on his schedule. When I spend 1 hour a week fertilizing, my plants are stronger, more resistant to pests and diseases and I get flowers. I hate to spray for bugs and diseases so I need to grow strong orchids. When I can't or won't fertilize regularly, it shows. There is always an exception to that somewhere.
3. The best kind of fertilizer really is the one that gets used. I change around. Sometimes 20-20-20, sometimes a CalMag formula then maybe a bloom Booster type formula here and there. Epsom salts is important, Maxicrop is great. Slow release fertilizer is very good in moderation.
4. Growing orchids is growing roots. Sick roots mean sick and dying orchids. Roots need water and air. So how dry should the roots be allowed to get before watering again for that genera/species/hybrid? Dry? almost dry? keep moist but not sopping wet? Whatever it is, that's the happy place for those roots/that orchid!
5. Preventing problems is much, much, easier than bringing back a deteriorated orchid.

That's all for now. There's more to it all of course and always exceptions. May black rot and other uglies stay away from your orchids this summer and forever.

Lucy

**WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!**

Newbie Session - 6:45 pm - 7:15 pm Monday June 10, 2024

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.

For June's meeting, the topic is Hurricane Preparedness for Your Orchid Collection. The best time to make a plan is now, before the hurricane season becomes active.

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](mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com),***  
Please add note: "**FOR MEMBERSHIP**"

➤ [Link to Membership Application](#)

EJ Laviolette  
Membership

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

## 2024 ORCHID EVENTS

<b>JUNE 10</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society</b> Presents Guest Speaker: Tony Millet - "Preparing & Protecting our Orchids for the Summers in South Florida"
<b>JUNE 22</b>	<b>West Palm Beach Judging Center - Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens</b> 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie <a href="#">For more info</a>
<b>JULY 8</b>	<b>BINGO!!</b> FGOS Birthday Celebration 🎉
<b>JULY 20</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Presents: Orchid Basics 101</b> Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie <a href="#">For more info</a>
<b>AUGUST 12</b>	<b>Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society</b> Presents Guest Speakers Keith and Diana Emig: Vandaceous But Not Vandas
<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AOS</b>	<a href="#">Community Orchid Events</a>

To celebrate our 35th year as an orchid society, we'd like to have some photos from the past that you may have. Please email digital or scanned photos, or take a picture of it with your mobile phone (max res.) and send to Gail Santini at [gsantini@bellsouth.net](mailto:gsantini@bellsouth.net). Please send by June 30th.

### What happened in 1989?

January 22nd: The San Francisco 49ers defeat the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII

February 14th: The first of 24 GPS satellites placed into orbit.

May 1st: Disney MGM Studio at Walt Disney World opens to the public.

August 10th\*: Formation of the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

October 28th: The Oakland Athletics beat the San Francisco Giants to win the 1989 World Series.

December 17th: The Simpsons premiers on TV.

## MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS

- If you have a blooming orchid you are welcome to bring it to the meeting to compete in this month’s Members Choice Award competition. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.
- Winning blooms are selected from meeting attendees who choose to cast a ballot in the competition.
- Selected blooms are eligible for first, second, third and Speaker’s Choice ribbons.
- Meeting winners compete in an annual contest for monetary prizes.

**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. Learning what others do to care for their orchids helps us all become better growers.
- We aren’t doing this for pretty green plants. We want flowers! Blooming is what this is all about!
- We will have a special section of our Show and Tell table specifically for growers who have never won a ribbon. Never Won a Ribbon growers and plants will be recognized amongst themselves. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.

**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 “Members Choice”**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Wear your name badge**

**Get a Ticket!**



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

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Gail Santini	Trustee - 2 year - Newsletter Editor and Photographer
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS



May 13th Meeting - Speaker Sandi Block-Brezner



**The Cattleya Alliance**  
about 45 Traditional Genera  
8 well-known

- **Cattleya** \*
- **Barkeria**
- **Brassavola** \*
- **Broughtonia**
- **Cattleytonia**
- **Encyclia**
- **Epidendrum**
- **Guarianthe**
- **Laelia** \*
- **Myrmecophila** (was Schomburgkia)
- **Rhynchoaelia**
- **Sophronitis** \*  
(now Cattleya)
- and their many hybrids.

**The Cattleya Alliance - Easily Cross with One Another to Produce Many Primary & Intergeneric Hybrids**

- **Brassocattleya** (Bc.) = (Brassavola x Cattleya)
- **Brassolaeliocattleya** (Blc.)=(Brassavola x Laelia x Cattleya)  
now **Rhynchoaeliocattleya** (Rlc.)
- **Guarianthe** (Gur.) Natural genus
- **Sophracattleya** (Sc.) = (Sophronitis x Cattleya)  
now **Cattleya**
- **Sophrolaeliocattleya** (Slc.) = (Sophronitis x Laelia x Cattleya)  
now **mostly Cattleya**
- **Cattleytonia** (Ctna.) = (Broughtonia x Cattleya)
- **Epicattleya** (Epc.) = (Epidendrum x Cattleya)
- **Epilaeliocattleya** (Eplc.)=(Epidendrum x Laelia x Cattleya)
- **Brassoepidendrum** (Bepi.) = (Brassavola x Epidendrum)
- **Potinara** (Pot.) = (Brassavola x Cattleya x Laelia x Sophronitis)  
now **Rhynchoaeliocattleya** (Rlc.) or **Rhyncattleanthe** (Rth.)



## SUMMARY OF SANDI'S PRESENTATION ON THE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

1. **LIGHT:** Prefer very bright light 3,000 to 5,000 foot-candles. Light is important for healthy growth and flower production. Seasonal turning may be needed but not when in bud if plant is phototropic.
2. **AIR:** Must have good air circulation to prevent fungal infections, spaced far enough apart for "a cat to walk between them". Fans should run 24/7.
3. **WATER:** Water thoroughly but allow to dry out between waterings, once or twice a week depending up the season and the planting media which should be open/porous.
4. **FERTILIZER:** well-balanced with micronutrients about once a week 'weakly' at ½ strength or full strength less often. **ADDITIVES:** seaweed extract eg. Maxicrop soluble powder; micronutrients eg. NilocG Aquatics, Millers Microplex; calcium/magnesium eg Technaflora TFMC4L Mag; silicone eg Dyna-Gro Pro-TeKt (this should be added after any other items are mixed).
5. **POTTING MEDIUM:** FAST DRAINING! Eg: sponge rock, clay pebble eg Hydroton or Aliflor, tree fern fiber.

## INTERNET RESOURCES

St. Augustine Orchid Society: [www.staugorchidsociety.org/](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/)

American Orchid Society: [www.AOS.org](http://www.AOS.org)

International Orchid Foundaton: <https://orchids.org> Articles, Q&A, Sell/Buy plants  
<https://orchidroots.com> or [bluenanta.com](http://bluenanta.com)

Photo Encyclopedia: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

Longon Orchid Society: <http://londonorchidsociety.com>

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## 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](#).