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FLAMINGO GARDENS ORCHID SOCIETY

AFFILIATED WITH AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY



Guillermo A. Salazar to Speak

Guillermo A. Salazar grew up as a child of a nursery owner father and an interior and floral designer mother, Guillermo was able to develop his natural creative and professional talents even before attending college. Later he followed his dream of becoming a professional landscape designer, receiving his degree in Landscape Design & Management. Guillermo received a Master's in Science in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Florida. As a 9-year old boy living in El Salvador, Guillermo decided that orchids were the most attractive plants in this tropical environment and he started collecting them. He became the youngest



President's Message

I want to *wrap up* 2013 by thanking all of you for making this year a great one for Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society. We finished the year with our traditional Holiday Dinner. The attendance was great and the food supply ran short. Sorry about that. The Orchid display table was beautiful with an assortment of plants sure to please us all. The Holiday Spirit was certainly present that evening. I enjoyed the party and hope you did too.

The special raffle that Joan Viggiani held with the plants that she and Tony purchased from RF Orchids, and added a few of her own, was to benefit the Flamingo Gardens Floor-a & Fauna Gallery Upgrade. This is the building where we have the Orchid Show and the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center meets. The Community Foundation of Broward was offering to match every donation of one dollar with two dollars. The board made a decision to donate the funds from the entire raffle to this project. FGOS made a donation of \$500.00 which becomes \$1500.00 to Flamingo Gardens with the match. We received a letter of Thanks from Keith Clark, the Managing Director at the Gardens. Kudos to Joan for coming up with the idea.

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

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The American Orchid Society

Meeting 2nd Monday of the Month

At 7:30pm

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member of the Asociación de Orquideología de El Salvador the capitals largest orchid society. During his college years in Florida, he learned the importance of protecting natural resources especially orchids here in Florida. He is an AOS student judge and a Florida Master Gardener, Guillermo has worked for several years as a professional Landscape Designer in private, municipal and governmental capacities in the South Florida area. He currently works as faculty for University of Florida Miami Dade County Extension IFAS and he is an Adjunct faculty professor for the Landscape Technology Department for Miami Dade College. His work entails teaching people how to use Florida friendly principles, as well as appropriate plants and orchids to design successful and environmentally conscious gardens. He has published several articles on home gardening, design and orchid articles for South Florida design magazines. His credentials include: ISA certified Arborist, Certified Landscape Inspector and Certified Horticulturist. His specialty in orchids is Angraecoids, Bulbophyllums, rare and miniature tropical species. In his spare time, Guillermo is a professional breeder of Persian and Himalayan cats, enjoys gardening, traveling and works as a landscape designer & consultant.



Shirley's Corner

By Shirley Decker
Hi Folks!

Well here we go again with a new year! Happy 2014 New Year to you all!

I was very pleased with our Holiday dinner party and the member plants were beautiful. There is only one little glitch and that was that there didn't seem to be enough food to go around when the last table came up to eat. I propose that in the future we do not collect money for dinners from the members or guests and instead everyone must bring a side dish to pass. The money does us no good and cannot replace the food missing! I know we have good cooks in our membership and everyone can whip up a dish of something. This is how it is done with every church dinner; also the board will be providing more meat at our next Holiday party. So keep this in mind next year and let's all participate in providing dishes for our hungry members.

In your orchid collection this month you should be fertilizing with a combination of magnesium and potassium nitrate. The quantities are one tablespoon of each to each gallon of water. The magnesium is supplied with Epsom salts available at your local supermarket or drugstore. The potassium nitrate can be bought in small quantities from Broward Orchid Supply in

Hollywood or in large quantities from Universal Enterprises Supply Corp. in Pompano Beach. This combination used in the winter will aid in hardening off your orchids to withstand the cooler temperatures and also will turn any reddish coloring back to green! I have been using this for at least 5 years with very good results. In fact, the experts are now saying that this combination of magnesium and potassium nitrate should be used alternatively with your regular fertilizer all year long. Also look at your collection and see if you can start repotting some of the orchids that have already bloomed and are growing out of their pots. Consider putting some on mounts instead of in pots. If they are blooming out of their pots, as some of mine are doing, they probably are begging to be free and would be happy, happy, happy to be mounted. Remember my trick of using tie straps and a screw gun to secure your orchids to whatever mount you determine would be best. Consider a plan to protect your most delicate orchids in case we should get a very cold spell. I use plastic tarps hung on the north and west side of my pergolas to protect from the cold wind. You can find very inexpensive tarps at Harbor Freight in Hollywood. I connect them together with small bungee cords.

Clarifications & Corrections

In last month's Shirley's Corner we mistakenly referenced Robert Palmer as the person Shirley initially contacted at Sun Bulb. That was incorrect; she contacted the owner of Sun Bulb, Mr. Hollingsworth. We forgot to mention that while Shirley was touring Sun Bulb, she ran into Jerry Meola of Orchids Amore who also conducts business with Sun Bulb.

We also mentioned that the centerpieces came from Sun Bulb. The *orchids* in the centerpieces were purchased from Sun Bulb. The Bromeliads were donated by Kristi Davis and Shirley and the actual arrangements were created by Shirley, Kristi, and Jan A. Thank you ladies, they were very beautiful and we appreciate your talent and time!



A photo was omitted too of the Epi "Magnoliae" growing in Shirley's yard.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY BABIES

Isabel Ortiz	4-Jan
Steve Hurst	5-Jan
Frank Tastinger	14-Jan
Cricket Bradshaw	16-Jan
Laura Spofford	19-Jan
Jim Pino	20-Jan
Pat Hady	29-Jan
Debbie Brown	29-Jan



*Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear FGOS member
Happy Birthday to YOU!*



Oh No! We missed someone's birthday in December!

*Happy Belated Birthday Cecelia Mich -
December 17*

If we missed your birthday, we wish you a very Happy Birthday! Please let us know so we can update our information.



It is time to think about volunteering for the **Flamingo Gardens 18th Annual Garden Festival & Bonsai Show**. Mark your calendars for February 22nd and 23rd, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm. Our focus this year is on education and membership. On Saturday the AOS W Palm Beach Judging Center will be there & we will be working with them. On Sunday we'll be on our own. This is a great way to give back to our society and get to know more members. Hopefully the weather will be nice... we were very cold last year, but we had a good time! There will be a signup sheet at the meeting.

Show Us Your Orchids

We invite all of you to bring in your beautiful blooming orchids to 'Show & Tell' your fellow members about your orchid; what you know about it, how long you've had it, and how you care for it. This helps old and new members alike learn more and then everyone is able to share more knowledge about orchids with other orchid lovers.

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To add something extra to our Raffle table this month we will have two tickets to the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show. The Raffle is how we hope to cover our monthly costs of paying our wonderful speakers and covering the rental fee for the use of the meeting room. Every chance you take with the purchase of a ticket helps the society!

We have Guillermo Salazar as our speaker this month - someone new to us. Read his bio so you will learn about him before you meet him. He is a regular contributor on Facebook for Coalition for Orchid Species (COS) and Florida Orchid Growing (FOG). I know you will enjoy him and learn something new!

I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year! May all of your orchids bloom for you! See you at the meeting.

Jan

Mark Your Calendar for FGOS Events at Flamingo Gardens

**The 18th Annual Garden Festival & Bonsai Show
February 22 & 23**

**The 33rd Annual International Orchid & Bromeliad Show
April 19 & 20**

**We need volunteers for both events!
Sign up at our January meeting.**

Thank You!

A special *Thanks* goes out to all the vendors and members for procuring the beautiful orchids for our Holiday Party.

- 🌸 Odom Orchids
- 🌸 Mac Orchids
- 🌸 Sun Bulb Company / Better-Gro
- 🌸 Joan Viggiani
- 🌸 Kristi Davis
- 🌸 Susan Play
- 🌸 Shirley Decker
- 🌸 Jan Amador
- 🌸 Debbie Brown

Upcoming Orchid Events

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show

January 17 – 19
War Memorial Auditorium
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tamiami International Orchid Festival

January 25 – 26
Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com for more info
& directions

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show

February 8 – 9
Safe Schools Institute
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens 18th Annual Garden Festival & Bonsai Show

February 22 – 23
Flamingo Gardens
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Here are a few pictures taken at our Holiday Party last month. Everyone and everything was so festive and it looks like everyone was having a good time!



HOLIDAY MEMORIES CONTINUED

