January 2015

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

Affiliated with American Orchid Society

AOS Judge Judy Bailey shares "*Escape the Ordinary: Landscape with Orchids*"

Always obsessed with plants, retired chemist Judy Bailey was a Master Gardener in Northeast Ohio for many years and also grew orchids under lights in her unfinished basement.

Retiring to Delray Beach in 2006, it wasn't long before she became involved in Florida Master Gardner training, volunteering at the American Orchid Society and exploring all other things plant related in South Florida.

Currently a Probationary Orchid Judge with the West Palm Beach Judging Center of the American Orchid Society, you are sure to see her at many local plant and orchid events.

Judy's presentation includes many aspects of orchid culture and selection. Good information for all levels of orchid growers.

President's Message

Happy New Year to you all! I am looking forward to another great year with FGOS. Our goal is to present a variety of Orchid themed programs that with help you learn a little more about the flowers we admire, meet fellow orchid enthusiasts, and have a good time.

I hope you all had a nice evening at the Winter Wonderland Holiday Party. We all need to thank our volunteers who helped setup Monday afternoon for this event, those who took road trips to pick up the orchids, shop for party supplies and cook hams and turkeys. Those people are Debbie Brown, Mary Lathrop, Shirley Decker, Kristi Davis, Jan Lowenthal, Peter Stevens, Marcy Schwartz, Gerhard Conrad and Cori Glick. We are so fortunate to have such a great group of people who are willing to give their time and energy to FGOS. Special Thanks goes to the Mac's Orchids, Odom's Orchids and RF Orchids, who help support us with the beautiful plants we are able to purchase from them for our party. Thank you all!!

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President's Message continued

This year will have a fabulous line up of presentations with a variety of speakers and a workshop. Shirley Decker has done a great job for many years to bring programs of interest to you. We hope that your interest will be sparked to try a new tip or trick or even a different kind of orchid by what is presented at the meetings.

We will have a table at the **Flamingo Gardens Garden & Bonsai Festival** on the weekend of February 21st and 22nd. If you would like to volunteer for this event there will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. Our focus will be membership and education. I hope now that we meet at the Gardens our membership will continue to grow.

This is Orchid Show season, so get out there and enjoy yourselves. Try something new! Have any ideas to share or feedback… please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our first 2015 meeting!

Jan

DO YOU HAVE AN ORCHID THAT YOU WOULD DONATE TO OUR RAFFLE TABLE NEXT WEEK?

We must supply the raffle table for our January meeting. The way we fund FGOS is from our monthly raffles, Silent Auction and our annual Auction. Your help and support is appreciated.

The Holiday Centerpieces raffled off at the party raised $388 for our society. Go Team!

If you want to donate, please call Jan at 954-347-2738.

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Affiliated with
The American Orchid Society
&
Flamingo Gardens
Meeting 2nd Monday of the Month
At 7:30pm
at Flamingo Gardens
3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL

Email us at:
flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com

Find us on: Facebook

Visit our Web site at:
FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety.com

Upcoming Orchid Events

Tamiami International Orchid Festival

January 17 – 18
Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com for more info & directions

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show

January 23 – 25
War Memorial Auditorium
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show

February 14 – 15
Safe Schools Institute
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens 19th Annual Garden Festival & Bonsai Show

February 21 – 22
Flamingo Gardens
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Shirley's Corner

By Shirley Decker

Hi Folks!

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were as peaceful and happy as ours. We spent Christmas again in Arcadia, surrounded by nature and took a leisurely tour up and down the river in our newly refurbished jon boat. Hope to do some fishing before we leave for Davie, maybe on New Year's Eve. I would love to catch some big old butter catfish and have a fish fry with hush puppies, YUM!

My husband, Nelson, AKA Bob the Builder, is in the middle of enclosing our downstairs area and making a complete apartment. He has been watching all those renovation programs on TV. He is a retired carpenter foreman so he does a very good job but is taking this whole vacation home idea too seriously. I want to relax and he wants to work, work, work!

Sooner or later he is going to have to take some time and make me a new greenhouse here to put the orchids in when it is too cold for them to be outside. But if he waits long enough maybe global warming will take care of that problem.

Right now I have a miniature orchid that has just started blooming and my Momilani "Gypsy" cattleyas that were separated years ago and I put in the trees here, are all blooming just in time for Christmas and the New Year.

My little dog, Daisy Mae, has a girlfriend about three months older than her, a Jack Russell Terrier, that comes down to visit and play in the fenced in yard with her almost every day. Life is good in Arcadia.

Happy Gardening!

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SILENT AUCTION

Want to sell some of your orchids or other plant related items?

Bring them to the meeting and sell them on the **Silent Auction** table. Ten percent of your profit is donated to the society and the rest you keep!

Complete the **Silent Auction Form** and bring it with your plant. Blank forms will be available on the Silent Auction table.

Not Selling? Bidding on auction items is a great way to grow your orchid collection!

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

FGOS Events at Flamingo Gardens

February 21 & 22
The 19th Annual Garden Festival & Bonsai Show

April 4 & 5
The 35th International Orchid & Bromeliad Show

For these two shows, we will need volunteers. Please sign up at our January meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held
January 26th - 7:30 p.m.
It will be held at Marcy Schwartz's house
12470 SW 34 Pl, Davie, FL
954 693-9594
Members are welcome to come & observe & get a feel of what it's like to be a Board Member.
Come join us!

Want to win a couple of raffle tickets?

All you have to do is:

- Bring a Show & Tell plant
- Bring a dish to share
- Wear your name badge
- Buy $5 worth of tickets

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
Bob Gale	27-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!

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

Friends of FGOS

If you're not a member of FGOS and you want to become one, or if you've forgotten to renew your membership, pick up a membership form at our next meeting

Membership is $20.00 per person.

You can also complete the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Membership Form online, print it, and you can:

- **Bring it** with you to our next meeting with Cash or Check

Or

- **Mail it** to: Debbie Brown, 15101 Durham Ln, Davie, FL 33331

Blank forms are available at the meeting.

The New Year diet may have begun… but at FGOS there's always room food to enjoy!

We all enjoy the delicious appetizers and amazing desserts that are shared each month.

Bring in one of your favorite dishes and earn a raffle ticket!

Please remember to sign up (on the clipboard) when you're planning to bring a dish for the following month.

2014 Award Winners

2014 Most Blue Ribbon Awarded Orchids

Sandi Block-Brezner

2014 Culture Award

Bill Hodnett

2014 AOS Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service and Commitment

Jim Pino

For all the Holiday Party pictures, click Photos