

FLAMINGO GARDENS ORCHID SOCIETY

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President's Message

Where does the time go? We have now been meeting at Flamingo Gardens for a year! I think we are all grateful that Flamingo Gardens has welcomed us back. At every meeting we have new members joining FGOS. Please make our new members feel welcome to the group.

Have you renewed your membership? Our membership drive is September through October. Please renew. Remember, you must have an active membership to receive a plant at the Holiday Party. If you are interested in serving on a committee on the Board, you can let us know that too!

This month is the Election for the Board Members. We continue to have a great group of people who are working to make FGOS great. We do have a few changes in board positions this year. If you are interested in being the Corresponding Secretary or a Trustee for the Society let me know. We would love to have you join us. New people bring new ideas to the group. No experience necessary!

Shirley Decker is so busy with her 2nd home in Arcadia, on the Peace River, that she is ready to step down from her position as the 1st Vice President. Shirley has been a board member since January 2007.

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Chuck McCarthy to speak on "The 'New' Genus Cattleya" at the September Meeting

We are honored to have as Chuck McCarthy, a fourth-generation South Florida native. Chuck was raised in Homestead, where his family grew up with three generations of the orchid-growing Fuchs family. Orchids - including several of our native species, are the first flowers he remembers as a child, and he has been fascinated with them ever since. Chuck graduated from Florida State University in 1969 with a Bachelor's degree in English Education. After several jobs in the publishing industry, Chuck joined the staff of the American Orchid Society as assistant editor of the society's publications when the organization moved its national headquarters to West Palm Beach. He eventually became editor of the AOS Bulletin and the Awards Quarterly, where his journalistic skills and knowledge of orchids helped to improve the look and contents of those publications.

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For nearly 19 years, Chuck has worked as a copy editor with the Broward Edition of The Miami Herald For nearly 19 years, Chuck has worked as a copy editor with the Broward Edition of The Miami Herald Orchids), The Florida Orchidist, The Orchid Digest, England's Orchid Review, the Fairchild Tropical Garden Bulletin, and The Palmetto, the magazine of the Florida Native Plant Society. His most recent piece was a sidebar in the January issue of Orchids about Florida's native Galeandra.

Chuck speaks frequently to orchid societies, garden clubs, native plant societies, and natural history groups about the orchids and other wildflowers of South Florida and the Southern Appalachians, illustrating these programs with his color slides. Chuck has been a member of the American Orchid Society since 1976 and is a longtime member of the Florida Native Plant Society. This presentation on "The 'New' Genus Cattleya" will be exciting and one you won't want to miss!



Shirley's Corner

By Shirley Decker

Hi Folks!

Summer is dragging on and hotter than ever! We are back in Arcadia and there has been so much rain over here that the river is at flood level (over 11 feet) and rising every day with additional afternoon rainstorms.

We are still high and dry but the back roads of this development are flooded and some residents have parked their vehicles up on the road and parked canoes and boats along the road in order to reach their homes.

We just took Daisy Mae for a ride in the golf cart and we saw two deer and a big raccoon running down the high road (Girl Scout Road) The river outflow is tremendous but can't keep up with all the water draining from creeks and farmlands to the north.

On the other hand all the orchids I brought over from Davie are flourishing and putting out new roots, pseudobulbs, and flowers. I have a basket full of bromeliads in different colors to put in my cabbage palms and a couple of cattleyas and a grammataphyllum to repot and place around the yard. Several orchids that I bought at the Homestead show this year are doing very well on cypress mounts—I have those hanging on the fence. Most of those are bulbophyllums. I have decided to only buy species from now on; they are better adapted to living in the wild!

Tomorrow afternoon Nelson and I are taking the Jon boat on a trip up the swollen river and look for driftwood and any orchids that are in reaching distance of the boat in oak trees. We had a 4 ft. alligator swimming around our deck on the lower bank yesterday. The deck itself has almost a foot of water covering it and the steps to the river are completely covered.

We'll take care and I will see you at the next meeting!

Shirley

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She started out as a Trustee and by the fall she was the new 1st VP and Program Chairperson. Bringing different speakers to our meetings was her goal and she has done a magnificent job at that. Proudly hanging in the Decker family room are the plaques that Shirley received for being the winner of the Blue Ribbon Award several times. Along the way Shirley was asked if she would be interested in writing an article for our newsletter and she has faithfully done so every month for many years.

When the opportunity to participate at “The Flamingo Garden Orchid Show” came our way it was Shirley who said, “We are going to do this!” And so it goes. Having the show sponsored by our society makes it possible for the American Orchid Society to have judging at the show. Our relationship with Flamingo Gardens continued to grow and I give credit to Shirley that we are meeting in the Gallery today! Thank you Shirley for everything you have done for FGOS, from judging plants, making centerpieces, cooking a Turkey, (complete with mashed potatoes and gravy), to handling the raffle table and pronouncing all the names of the orchids! Nine years of dedicated service Shirley has put into this society, and that is just when she was on the Board! Thank you Shirley for doing so much for FGOS!

Debbie Brown has officially made the move to the Orlando area with her 100+ orchids! Debbie has served on the board since 2010 as a Trustee and in 2012 became the 2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson. She also took on the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster roles. Debbie has put in many hours to get our website running and updated regularly. She is a computer wiz when it comes to the newsletter she creates and we all enjoy every month. Debbie has agreed to continue putting the newsletter together and managing the website for us because she loves us! She is planning to continue to visit our meetings whenever possible. Debbie is always smiling and joking with everyone and willing to help with whatever needs to be done! Thank you Debbie for doing such a fantastic job!

I feel blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people that I have met at FGOS!

Jan

Flamingo Gardens Board Members 2015-2016

The following members have been nominated to fill the Board positions:

President - Jan Amador

First Vice President and Program Chairperson - Sandi Block-Brezner

Second Vice President and Membership Chairperson - Mary Lathrop

Recording Secretary - Lucy Matos-Lodato

Corresponding Secretary - Open

Treasurer - Mike Vaupel

Trustee - Gerhard Conrad

Trustee - Yeni Logan

Trustee - Peter Stevens

Trustee - Marcy Schwartz

There is one position open. Please speak with a current Board member if you are interested, and what the position requires.



The First FGOS Photography Challenge

Entry Guidelines

- You must be a member in good standing
- Photo must include an orchid
- Image size can range from 3 ½" X 5" to 11" X 14"
- Photo can be mounted, matted and/or framed
- Maximum number of entries per member is 3

An entry form must be completed with:

- What kind of camera was used
- Where was photo taken
- When was it taken – if you know

Photos will only be identified by a number given at time of registering your photo

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- Judging will be by the Members of FGOS. People's Choice Awards will be:
 - 1st place - \$50.00 cash prize**
 - 2nd place - \$40.00 cash prize**
 - 3rd place - \$30.00 cash prize**
 - The display and voting of the photos will take place at the November 9th FGOS meeting
 - Winners will be announced at the December Holiday Party

This is another way to share the natural beauty of orchids and have a forever orchid. We want everyone to have fun with this and hope that you will participate in our **First Photo Challenge**.

Now is the time to get *focused* on snapping pictures!

2014 - 2015 Board of Directors

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Jan Amador
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Mary Lathrop

Gerhard Conrad

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Trustee – Two Year

Yeni Logan

Peter Stevens

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Sandi Speaks Sense

Sandi Block-Brezner recently attended the Cattleya Symposium at Odom' Orchids. She heard many well-known speakers from the orchid world. Sandi wants to share this information with our society. Maybe not every month, but anytime is great when it's all something new we can learn.

Thanks for sharing Sandi.

One of the tips I learned from Keith Davis, a hobbyist who spoke at the Cattleya Symposium, was about protecting rot-sensitive new growths. This is helpful whether you grow your plants outside or under cover where either way they may need protection from rain or when you water. He says that some plants that have *C. bowringiana*, *aurantiaca* or *skinneri* in them are sensitive to new growths rotting because they trap water in their new tips. So he places a clear cover over the top till the growth gets fairly mature.

Sure enough, when I checked some of my plants I found that some of the new leads or tips that were under 1" had a leaf with black rot. So far, I've been able to save it by carefully removing the bad leaf with a tweezer, dosed the lead with hydrogen peroxide and cinnamon and setting the plant aside to be carefully watched. We'll see how they do! But with some of the others with tiny new growth, I have covered them with a clear plastic cap like those that may come on a cosmetic spray bottle. So far it's working! You just have to watch that the lead doesn't grow up and touch the inside top of the cap or it will bend. If necessary, replace with a bigger cap until the lead is a little bigger!

**We love our Snacks!**

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.

Thank you all for bringing our snacks. If you have any questions, see Pilar Schreidell, Sue Creech, or Pat Hady.

*The August 2014 Winners Are...**By Sandi Block-Brezner*

Brassovola nodosa 'Godzilla' x self	Edwin Maier
Cattleya Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Sandi Block-Brezner
Dendrobium wasuli	Marcy Schwartz
Lc. Hidden Gold	Shirley Decker
Potinara 'Elaine Taylor 'Krull Smith' FCC/AOS	Sandi Block-Brezner
Rhynchostylis coelestis 'Deep Blue' x Christensonia	Yeni Logan
Vanda Lada Gold	Yeni Logan
Vanda Gordon Dillon 'Lea'	Edwin Maier
Vanda Howard's Dream AM/AOS	Peter Stevens
Vanda Pamela Greer	Edwin Maier

Loved seeing all the beautiful blooming plants this last month!

Please remember, when you fill out a name tag for your plant:

- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!
- You must include the proper genus for your plant, i.e., Cattleya, Dendrobium, Vanda, etc.
- If you do not know the proper species, i.e., anceps, cucullata, walkeriana, as in Dendrobium anceps, Brassavola cucullata or Cattleya walkeriana, you can use NOID for "no ID". Or if you have lost the tag, you can also put NOID, i.e., Cattleya NOID, Dendrobium NOID, Vanda NOID.
- If your plant is a hybrid, i.e., Brassolaeliocattleya, Epicattleya, Sophrolaeliocattleya, either spell out the name or use the proper abbreviation, i.e., Blc., Epc., Slc. You can find on the Internet PDF's of "Orchid Genera Abbreviations Sorted by Name" or "Orchid Genera Alphabetized by Abbreviation."
- If your hybrid has been registered, it will usually have a grex name or a hybrid name which sometimes is written with single quotation marks, i.e., Ascocentrum miniatum 'Naranja' or Dendrobium spectabile 'Miami'. See also those hybrids in this month's ribbon list with names or single quotations.
- If your plant has been awarded (and not necessarily to you), it is nice to include the award abbreviations after the name of the orchid, i.e., HCC/AOS, AM/AOS, BM/TOGA.
- You can find out all of this information about your plant by using the Internet or orchid books before you come to the meeting. Or if you forget, please ask another member of the society for assistance. We are all here to help and learn from each other.

Show off your blooming orchid and you get a raffle ticket. Click here for the [Show & Tell Form](#).

September Birthday Brats!

Mark Niles	September 3
Sandi Block-Brezner	September 15
Ellie Kelleher	September 18
Lorraine Martikes	September 20
Mike Vaupel	September 22
Lucy Matos-Lodato	September 24
Leona Will	September 24
Penny Burkhardt	September 29
Karen Parkerson	September 29

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



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

MEMBERS

Free Chances to Win a Blooming Orchid

If you want to increase your chance of winning the Membership Orchid plant then:

Bring something to share on the Refreshment Table

Get a Ticket!



Bring your Blooming Orchids 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.

The more things you do the more tickets you get!

**And, you're helping Support
YOUR Orchid Society!**

THE TIME IS NOW!

Yes, it's time to renew your Society membership. Old & New Members are \$20.00.

Please complete the [Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society 2015-2016 Membership Form](#)

online, print it, and then:

- **Bring it** with you to the next meeting with Cash or Check
- **Mail it to:**
Mary Lathrop, 11515 SW 51th Ct., Cooper City, FL 33330 with your Check

Our membership drive runs **September 1 - October 31, 2015**. If you haven't renewed by **November 1**, you will not be entitled to an orchid at our Holiday Party.

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Meeting 2nd Monday of the Month

At 7:30pm

at Flamingo Gardens

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Tasks for September

Dr. Martin Motes

- ✂ Space plants to permit more air circulation
- ✂ Trim trees to permit more light and lessen the wind load on them
- ✂ Clean up growing area removing any dead leaves or other organic matter
- ✂ Tidy up old pots or other objects on the ground
- ✂ Spray quaternary ammonium chloride

Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held

September 28 at 7:30 p.m.

It will be held at Jan Amador's house

630 Lake Blvd, Weston, FL

954 347-2738

Members are welcome to come and observe and get a feel of what it's like to volunteer as a Board Member.

Come join us!