

July 2016

# FLAMINGO GARDENS ORCHID SOCIETY

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& FLAMINGO GARDENS



## Enhance Your Orchid Growing with the Right Supplies!



Our speaker this month is Hyla Levine from Green Barn Orchid Supplies. As an orchid hobbyist, Hyla opened Green Barn in 2004, on the premises of Elegant Orchids in a charming 65-year-old green barn in Delray Beach. The intention was to provide a destination to buy every possible orchid supply available for all the orchid enthusiasts. The products are varied and appeal to the growing needs of all the customers both in Florida and throughout the world. Green Barn is not only a location to buy orchid supplies but one to come to with questions about your orchids, get your orchids repotted, and also just to get excited about upcoming shows and whatever is in bloom this week!



Hyla will speak about enhancing your orchid growing with the proper supplies and beginning orchid classes for orchid societies, garden clubs, as well as at Green Barn on basic orchid care and repotting techniques.

Silas Trevena, Hyla's assistant manager for six years, will do the second part of the presentation about repotting and mounting orchids.

Hyla will be bringing general supplies for sale after the presentation. However, if you would like to order something in advance, you can check out the supplies on the Green Barn web site, <http://www.greenbarnorchid.com/> . Then email Hyla your order at [greenbarn@gmail.com](mailto:greenbarn@gmail.com) or call the Barn at (561) 499-2810 and specify that Hyla is to bring the supplies to our meeting.

See you there!

*Sandi*



## President's Message

**Rain, Rain Go Away, Do Not Let My Orchids Rot Away!** This time of year we are concerned about our orchids being outside and staying wet. Keep your eyes open for any problems. Bring your questions to our next meeting. This is the first time we have had Hyla Levine, from Green Barn Orchid Supplies, speak to our Society. I am looking forward to this presentation. You know this is all about learning something new.

Election of Officers is coming up....so if you just can't stand not being on the board please let me or one of the board members know. We have a great group of people but really need a Corresponding Secretary. Mike Vaupel has been the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary this past year! The Corresponding Secretary notifies the publications of our upcoming meetings and events. It takes about an hour each month. This is your Society so why not take a turn on the board? Giving back always makes you feel good!

I hope you all had a Happy Fourth of July and enjoyed your family and friends!

*Jan*

## Are you interested in a Road Trip to Quest Orchids?

We are in the planning stages of a trip down to Homestead to Quest Orchids on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. We would leave at 9:00 a.m. from Flamingo Gardens and carpool down to Homestead. Give it some thought and mark your calendars! More details to follow.

## FGOS Social Opportunities

Our doors open at 7:00 p.m. for y'all to come in and socialize with fellow members who enjoy the same love of orchids as you do. It's time to drop off your goodie for the food table, purchase & distribute your raffle tickets. You can bid on Silent Auction items and it's time to register your plants for Member's Choice (Show & Tell). All plants must be registered and on display by 7:30 p.m.

During our mid-meeting break stroll by the Show & Tell table admiring the beautiful orchids our members have raised; then Vote for the Member's Choice orchid! Now it's time to enjoy a snack!

### Donation to Flamingo Gardens

At our last meeting we discussed FGOS making a donation to Flamingo Gardens. West Palm Beach Judging Center matched our donation. Below is a letter in response.



June 16, 2016

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society  
c/o Jan Amador  
630 Lake Boulevard  
Weston, FL 33326

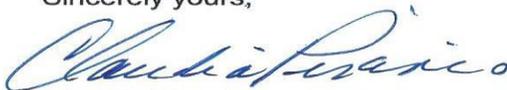
Dear Jan and Orchid Society Members:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Staff and Volunteers, we would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$500.00 (five-hundred dollars) to benefit Flamingo Gardens and help buy a projector for the Gallery.

Your support of our not-for-profit botanical gardens and wildlife sanctuary is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your gift.

Sincerely yours,



Claudia Piranio  
Director of Administrative Services

No goods or services have been provided for this gift.

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## July Birthday Blasts!

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| July 12 | Natasha Mullin |
| July 19 | Dave Schott    |
| July 25 | Vera Wongsam   |
| July 29 | Sid Schreidell |
| July 31 | Jan Lowenthal  |

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!*



## Tips & Tricks for Growing Better Orchids!

### Let Your Orchids See the Light!

By Keith Davis & Sandi Block-Brezner

Always try to give your orchids the most light that a plant can take without damage. In the greenhouse or home, use the different micro-environments to your advantage. Healthy plants that don't bloom well nearly always lack enough light. For most Cattleyas, your hand over a white sheet of paper should cast a distinct shadow that is fuzzy on the edges. You can Google different genera to see how much light (measured in foot-candles) that a plant needs and use the light meter on a manual camera to see what that light level is. There are also inexpensive light meters you can buy. You might need to take measurements at various times of the day to determine the light range in your growing areas. While this isn't the time of year to move your orchids to more light (I move mine in December), you can expose your orchids to more light by removing the dry sheaths covering the pseudobulbs. Wear rubber gloves (to prevent the transfer of disease from plant to plant) and spray the sheath with alcohol. Wait a few seconds and then you can carefully peel off the sheath thereby exposing the pseudobulb to more light! Change gloves between plants, or wash your hands with soap & water, or wipe them thoroughly with hand sanitizer. I keep a large bottle of hand sanitizer on my potting bench, though I still change gloves every two or three plants.

You can also find more information about light on the AOS webpage:

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/additional-resources/orchids-indoors.aspx>

## Our 2015 - 2016 Board of Directors

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### Notes from the past...

Last month our Speaker Mark Margolis gave an excellent presentation on Catasetums. Sandi Block-Brezner & Jan Amador put together this information from Mark's presentation. Thank you ladies.

To read these notes, click on [Growing Catasetums](#)

### Election Committee Chairperson Named

As within our country, it's Election time!! Whether you want Trump or Clinton, it doesn't matter! We need YOU on our Board of Directors!

The Chairperson of Elections this year is Marcy Schwartz. You can talk with her or any other board member about being on the board. It's a rewarding role to be on the board. Please come to a board meeting and see what it's all about.

### *Say Welcome*

Let's all Welcome the following new members who joined our society. Introduce yourself, show them around, and make them feel at home.

We're happy you're with us!

**Gigi Louis**

**Reneé Bahadosingh Ebanks**

## 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!**



## 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 and have fun doing it!



## At FGOS 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, Pat Hady or Sue Creech.

## Special Thanks

We have all sorts of people doing awesome things in our society, most go unnoticed. One person in particular is Edwin Maier. Edwin brought a plant in for the Silent Auction Table, where he sold it and instead of contributing 10 % to FGOS he donated his total profit to FGOS! Thanks Edwin, you're the best!

## THE MEMBER'S CHOICE WINNERS

### FIRST PLACE



Lucy Lodato-Matos  
Encyclia Tampensis Alba

### SECOND PLACE



Bill Hodnett  
Ascda Somsri Gold Van Pachara No. 1

PHOTO GALLERY

