

# Flamingo Gardens



## ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with American Orchid Society & Flamingo Gardens Botanical Gardens & Wildlife Sanctuary

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Meet the Guest Speaker...

## Alek Zaslowski from AWZ Orchids



**Happy New Year Orchid Growers!**  
**Sandi Block-Brezner, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Programs**

Alek Zaslowski from AWZ Orchids in Brazil will be our speaker on Monday night, January 13, 2020! Alek lives in Vitória, Espírito Santo State, which is located on the central part of the Brazilian coast. He never expected to work with orchids, although they had already started to catch his attention when he was very young, because of the trips to see them in nature with his father.

Their orchid collection started in 1953 by Alek's father who was a hobby grower. Now the collection is still growing and they estimate it to have around 20,000 plants from all over the world! It includes some of the best varieties found within many species, especially those belonging to the Cattleya alliance.

Around 1996, Alek's father was already retired and Alek quit his work as a mechanical engineer in order to start their orchid business: AWZ Orchids.

Although well-known in Brazil for many years, they began selling at orchid shows in the U.S. in 2013. Since then, numerous plants from their breeding program have received quality awards from the American Orchid Society, including two FCC's and a number of AM's and HCC's.

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## A Word From the President

# Happy New Year

Welcome to 2020! Let's get this year started!

I hope you all had a nice evening at the FGOS Holiday Party. Mike Vaupel was the Chairperson for the celebration. He had an amazing group of volunteers on the committee to make this happen. We all need to thank Mike, Mary Lathrop, Lucy Matos Lodato, Theresa DiRocco, Marissa Gittelman, Judy Goos and Sally Tastingier. They all helped by setting up Monday afternoon for this event, picked up the orchids, shopped for party supplies and cooked hams and turkeys. We are so fortunate to have such a great group of people who are willing to give their time and energy to FGOS.

This year FGOS will have a fabulous line up of presentations with a variety of speakers. Sandi Block-Brezner continues to do an amazing job bringing programs of interest to the society. We hope that your interest will be sparked to try something new, learning a new tip or trick or sharing an idea you have.

The Board has been working on a revision of the FGOS Bylaws. We have made some minor changes which have been voted on and accepted by the Board. You will be receiving them in another email and ask that you review them and be ready to vote on the revision at the January meeting.

In the Bylaws is a Section on the different Committees. Take a look at what you would be interested in taking part in. We need your help and this is always a great way to get to know the others in the society. The page with this information will be included in this newsletter. Antonio will be taking questions and helping with signing up. We always need volunteers for the Orchid Show! Your help will be greatly appreciated.

This is Orchid Show season, so get out there and enjoy yourselves. Visit the Vendors who have helped support FGOS. As Carol Holdren and Judy Bailey suggest – Be open to experimenting, buy two of the same orchid and grow them differently, mount one and pot one.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the first meeting for this new decade – let **2020** be the best BLOOMING year ever!

Jan

Everyone is welcome to bring in an orchid to show at our next meeting.  
Don't forget about our "Never Won A Ribbon" table as well.

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AWZ does their own seed propagation and they cultivate their orchids in two nurseries, including 5,600 square meters (over 60,000 square feet) of greenhouses. One is at 1100 m (3,660 feet) elevation for



cooler-growing species and one at 300 m (990 feet) for warm growers.

Although he is in the orchid business, Alek still considers himself to have a very strong hobby grower background and a huge passion for orchids and nature in general. Alek's program will be about orchids that grow in the beautiful Brazilian Habitat of the Amazon with an emphasis on **Cattleya violacea** and **Cattleya Eldorado**. Both species live close together in Amazonas State, but in rather distinct conditions. He will talk about the habitat, climate, tips for growing both species and existing color forms.

Alek will be providing bare root plants for our raffles that night. Also if you did a pre-order in November, he will bring them to the meeting for you to complete your purchase. He will not have plants for sale at the meeting but if you wish to purchase plants, he will have a booth at the Tamiami Orchid Festival in Miami, Friday-Sunday, January 17-19<sup>th</sup>!



## TAMIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL 2020

January 17-19, 2020

Miami-Dade County  
Fair Expo Center



Score discounted tickets to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival 2020.

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

More vendors, more orchids, more fun!

\$10 in advance  
\$12 at the door

Free admission for children under 12  
Venue Parking Fee (Entire Day): \$5

# Win a Blooming Orchid!

Bring something for the Refreshment Table  
**Get a Ticket!**

Bring a Blooming Orchid 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!**

NEW!! Show your AOS Membership Card  
**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!*



*We Welcome New Members to the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society. Thank you for Joining!  
Invite your fellow orchid enthusiasts to join our organization.*

### Our 2019- 2020 Board of Directors

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Support our Orchid Vendor Friends that provided discounted plants for our 2019 Auction. The links are provided.

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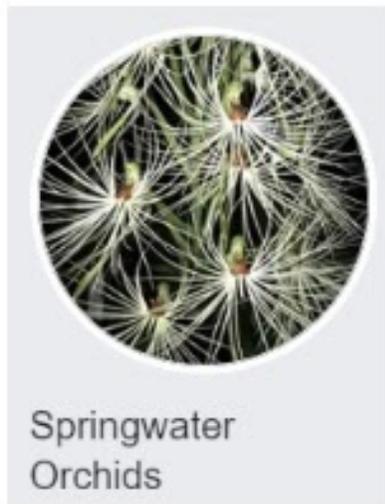
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International  
**Orchid & Bromeliad Show**



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
 Easter Weekend  
 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

Flamingo Gardens Members Preview Sale Starts at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday

**HOSTED BY**



**ORCHID SOCIETY**

Show Admission includes general admission to  
 Flamingo Gardens Botanical  
 Gardens & Everglades  
 Wildlife Sanctuary



**Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society**  
**Show Sponsors**  
**PRESENTING**



**SUPPORTING**




**Happy Birthday**  
 to our  
**December Members**

- Leticia Gunn -- Jan. 23
- Patricia Hady -- Jan. 29
- Terri Justice -- Jan. 7
- E.J. Laviolette -- Jan. 10
- Carol Matthews -- Jan. 3
- Gregg Milu -- Jan. 10
- Laura Spofford -- Jan. 19
- Mildred Stanco -- Jan. 27
- Frank Tastinger -- Jan. 14



## Join a Committee

Please review this information on the opportunities that you have to volunteer for your Society by giving a few hours of your time. Giving back can be very rewarding! If you have any questions you can reach out to Antonio Torres via email [ajtorresP@gmail.com](mailto:ajtorresP@gmail.com)

Sign up will begin at the January General Meeting

Many thanks,

Your Board of Directors

### Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Bylaws

#### Article VIII - Committees and Duties

Summarized from the Bylaws for 2020

**Section 1: Membership** – A volunteer to assist the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mary Lathrop, at the general meeting. Examples: Welcome and show guests and new members around and/or help with registration.

**Section 2: Program and Raffle Table Committee** – A volunteer or volunteers to assist the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sandi Block-Brezner, at the meeting with the Raffle table. Examples: to set up and/or help get raffle plants when needed.

**Section 3: Newsletter Committee** – A volunteer to assist the Newsletter Editor, EJ Laviolette, with publishing or editing the newsletter. Examples: to assist with upcoming FGOS events and other orchid event information such as Orchid show information.

**Section 4: Host Committee** – Volunteers to take charge of the set up and cleanup of the refreshments at the general meeting.

**Section 5: Publicity Committee** – A volunteer to assist the Corresponding Secretary, Lucy Matos-Lodato, to help with marketing materials and signage.

**A Webmaster**, to maintain the FGOS webpage, placing and removing information pictures and information as needed. The webmaster does not need to be an FGOS member.

**Section 6: Silent Auction Committee** – A few volunteers to assist the Treasurer, Theresa DiRocco, with the Silent Auction Table. Examples: Registration of Plants and other Orchid related items and collection of the money due to FGOS.

**Section 7: Show & Tell Committee** – A few volunteers to help with registration of the orchids, counting members votes, photos of awarded plants and ribbon distribution.

**Section 8: American Orchid Society Representative** – This volunteer will be the liaison between the Society and the AOS. Alfred Papa is the AOS Representative.

### **Special Committees**

**Section 1: Annual Orchid Auction Committee** – A Committee to be formed of several members who will be responsible for getting the plants, either purchasing or donated and picking up the orchids for the Auction and all the necessary things needed for the Auction. Auction date is March 9, 2020.

**Section 2: Annual Orchid Show** – Show Chairperson, Jan Amador. Volunteers are needed for set up of orchids on display, gathering donations from the vendors, selling raffle tickets, helping visitors in the Gallery and at the tent in the Gardens. This is a 2 day event and we need the membership to help cover both days. Show Dates are April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Set up and Registration date is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Section 3: The Bylaws Committee** – Annually the Bylaws need to be reviewed by the Chairperson and 3 members of the Society to make recommendations for edits or changes to the Board of Directors.

**Section 4: Finance Committee** – This committee will be chaired by a Board member and two other fiscally knowledgeable members of the Board or General membership. The Treasurers records shall be audited annually at the end of the FGOS fiscal year. The FGOS Fiscal Year is September 1 – August 31.

**Section 5: Holiday Party Committee** – A Chairperson and 4-6 members to make all the plans for this celebration. This includes making arrangements to purchase the orchids for the members, the food, drinks, paper good, etc. and set up and clean up.

**Section 6: Sponsorship and Branding Committee** – The Chairperson and a member to assist in obtaining sponsors for the Society and the Annual Orchid Show.

**Section 7: Sunshine Committee** – A volunteer to send cards or flowers to the sick or grieving members, or recommending a donation to the American Orchid Society.

### **Nominations and Elections**

**Section 1: Nomination and Election Committee** – this committee must be made up of at least one Board Member and one member from the General membership. The Committee must consist of at least 3 members.



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## Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	<b>January 09, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Thursday	<b>January 16, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Thursday	<b>February 11, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>February 18, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday
<b>Topic</b>	Orchid Travels in Peru	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Large Flowered Cattleyas	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ken Jacobsen</b> Accredited AOS Judge	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Art Chadwick</b> Founder Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc.	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer

To view **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED:** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyway!

We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage.