

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

# **April 2023**

# Meet the Speaker: Dr. Romina Gazis

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

## **Meeting Information**

Monday, April 10th, 2023 Doors open - 7:00 p.m. Meeting Begins - 7:30 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens In the LEARNING CENTER 3750 S. Flamingo Rd. Davie, FL 33330

Parking is available at the Main Entrance parking area.

- Silent Auction
- Refreshments
- Show and Tell
- **Members Choice**
- And much more fun

For more information -FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@g mail.com

We are delighted to have Dr. Romina Gazis as our guest speaker this month. Dr. Gazis is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology, University of Florida. She is based at the Tropical Research and Education Center (TREC), where she directs the Plant Diagnostic Clinic.

Dr. Gazis will be speaking to us on DISEASES IN ORCHIDS: Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention. Dr. Gazis long-term research goal is to understand the biology behind plant

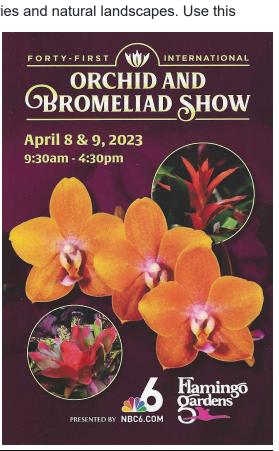
diseases affecting local industries and natural landscapes. Use this

knowledge to develop efficient and long-term disease management strategies therefore increasing the sustainability of tropical and subtropical fruit and ornamental crop

production. Develop a statewide educational program to improve disease management of tropical and subtropical fruit and ornamental crops.

Dr. Gazis received her PhD from the University of Maryland, College Park and her Masters from Texas Christian University. Additionally she did 2 post doctoral fellowships at Clark University and University of Tennessee

Please tell you orchid enthusiast friends about our Orchid Society, bring them to a meeting and invite them to join. Enthusiasts of all experience levels are welcome. We look forward to many more exciting speakers, presentations, field trips, workshops and friends.





# President's Message

This is a busy time of year for the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society! Show Time!

The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show is coming up. Friday, April 7th we will be registering orchids to be on display for judging by the West Palm Beach Judging Center, who are the American Orchid Society judges for our area. **Bring in your blooming beauties for display and you have the chance to win some \$\$ as well as a ribbon.** We will be in the Learning Center from 12pm-7pm on Friday.

The show opens on Saturday, April 8th at 9:30 am until 4:30 pm. If you are an AOS member or a member of Flamingo Gardens you get in at no charge. Bring your membership card! Sunday the show times are the same. The Society will have a Raffle Table to raise some money. We are still in need of helpers for Sunday afternoon to be in the Learning Center watching over the orchids, helping people who come in and asking them to vote for their favorite orchid, The People's Choice! (Cash Prize). This is a great way to get to know each other better. Come be a part of the fun!

Any questions- give me a call. 954-347-2738 Jan

## **WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!**

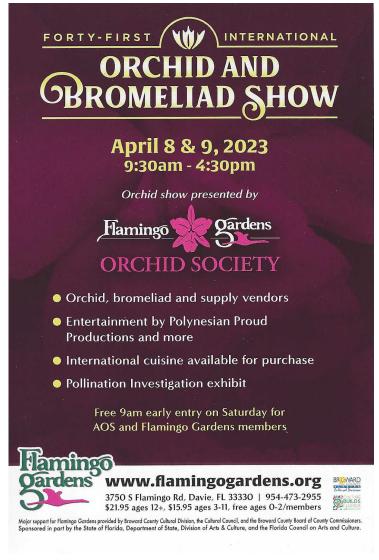
The Newbie Session 6:45-7:15 pm

If you are new to Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, new to growing orchids, or both, we welcome you to join us for pre-meeting sessions where you can learn more about the basics of orchid growing and share the experience with others who are beginners, as well. The FGOS NEWBIES group meets just prior to the start of the monthly meeting. Plan to arrive at 6:45 for a 30-minute session before the formal meeting convenes at 7:30 pm.

In April, we'll be looking at preserved leaves infected by pests or diseases. We'll also be identifying various preparations available to use in the control of these pests or diseases.

Good fellowship and great information await you.

Diane Rogers
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, Trustee
Newbie Coordinator



# Our Trip to R.F. Orchids

Photos and article by Alice Walker

Michael Coronado led our group of about eighteen on the Garden Tour - Spectacular!

As we walked through the gardens Michael regaled us with stories about Fuchs' orchids history and the operation of the nursery. He pointed out many of the orchids as well as other plants and trees in the gardens as we strolled along with our heads twisting from one side to another in amazement and joy. We met together in the pavilion for a Q & A session and then we shopped. A wonderful time was had by all.



https://www.rforchids.com and take a trip there soon. You'll be glad you did.



Our society continues to grow and we are more than pleased to welcome the new members to our organization. This month we are excited to welcome **Bibiana Magnan** to the organization.

If you see an unfamiliar face, please take a minute to introduce yourself and answer any questions that our new members may have. Many of us have been attending meetings for years and think that everyone else knows everything that we do.





Unfortunately, they don't know everything we do and can be intimidated by our numbers and experiences. Please remember what it was like when you were new, help them out, introduce them around and make them feel welcomed.

### News at a Glance

#### This month's meeting

- ➤ Will be held in the Flamingo Gardens LEARNING CENTER!
- > Bring your orchids for the Members Choice Awards.
- > Bring your orchid related items (maximum of 3 from each person) for the silent auction.

#### **❖** Greeters Needed

- > We are in need of several people to greet new members and visitors to our society and show them around, giving them an overview of our meeting with a speaker, break for refreshments, raffle, show and tell and silent auction.
- ➤ If you are interested please see any board member at the membership table at the next meeting.

#### I have never won a ribbon!

- > We want to encourage you to bring in your blooming orchid to share with us. Seeing your success is gratifying to us all. Learning what others do to care for their orchids helps us all become better growers.
- > We aren't doing this for pretty green plants. We want flowers! Blooming is what this is all about!
- > We will have a special section of our Show and Tell table specifically for growers who have never won a ribbon.
- > Never Won a Ribbon growers and plants will be recognized amongst themselves.



## 41ST INTERNATIONAL ORCHID & BROMELIAD SHOW

April 8th & 9th, 2023 – 9:30am - 4:30pm

Experience the beauty and diversity of orchids and bromeliads at the 41st International Orchid and Bromeliad Show at Flamingo Gardens. Rare and exotic orchids and bromeliads will be on display and for sale, along with an American Orchid Society judged orchid show hosted by the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.

Shop from a variety of orchid/bromeliad and supply vendors, enjoy live music featuring the Island sounds and dances of Polynesian Proud Productions, Sat & Sun 11:00 & 12:00, and Bob Lyons Steel Drums on Sat & Sun 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Multi-cultural food available for purchase from local food vendors Inspir-Asian, Simply Perfect Java and Flamingo Gardens' own Flamingo Pond Café & Grill. Enjoy the beautiful watercolors of pollinators on display in the Gallery. Children can learn in the Kids' Gardening Zone and will discover all about pollinators in the "Pollination Investigation" exhibit throughout the arboretum. Orchid enthusiasts may also register for classes and presentations, for an additional fee. Limited seating will be available for classes.

Plant and Supply Vendors that will be attending the event: Bredren Orchids, Broward Orchid Supply, Dan & Margie Orchids, Florida Orchid House, Greenhouse Orchids, H&H Bamboo, Hoya Plants, J&J Unique

Orchids, Jim-n-I Orchids, Joe's Bromeliads, Krull Smith, Lots of Orchids, Mac's Orchids, Orchids in Bloom, Red Hawk Nursery, Ritter Tropical Orchids, Smiley Orchids, So Orchids, Spring Water Orchids.

The Orchid & Bromeliad Show is included with admission to Flamingo Gardens. Tickets may be purchased on-site, or in advance online. Admission: \$21.95 ages 12+ and \$15.95 ages 3-11. Free for ages 2 and under, as well as Flamingo Gardens members, FGOS and AOS members. Weekend event schedules are subject to change. Please check the website at www.FlamingoGardens.org for more detailed information.

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Win an Orchid! The more things you do, the more tickets you get!

Bring something for the Refreshment Table Get a Ticket!

Bring a Blooming Orchid for "Show and Tell" Get a Ticket!

<u>Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets</u>

Get a Ticket!

Wear your FGOS Name Badge Get a Ticket!

These tickets are only for the "Membership Plant" and cannot be purchased.

# **AOS Corner**

- ★ Join the American Orchid Society
  - ★ Are you a member of the American Orchid Society? Click here to join today.
- **★** AOS Webinars
  - ★ Do you want to learn more about your orchids through Webinars? Check out the upcoming webinars here.
- ★ Orchidist'sWord of the Month from the AOS
  - ★ mealybug (MEE-lee-bug) A group of sucking insects commonly found in the leaf axils and along the inflorescences of orchids, characterized by white elliptic bodies.
  - ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this Orchidist's Glossary.





## Member Choice Award Winners

Photos by Gail Santini

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who brought in a blooming orchid from their collection. We are excited to share your selections as Members Choice Award recipients during last month's contest. In case you weren't able to attend, here are photos of the selected winners. Bring in your blooming orchid to be considered in next month's display.







