

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

JUNE 2023

Meeting Information

Monday, June 12, 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
- Raffles
- And much more fun!

For more information -
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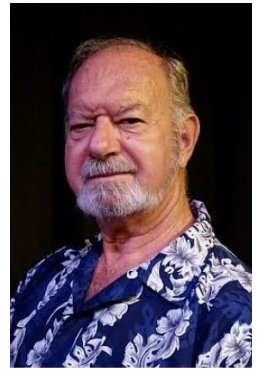
Meet the Guest Speaker: TJ Hartung

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

An author, playwright and retired computer systems specialist T.J. Hartung brings his Mexican orchid expertise to our meeting this month to present "Orchids of Mexico"

T. J. love for orchids began when he lived in Southern California and started growing Cymbidiums in his yard. Since retiring to Mexico T. J. has been rescuing orchids from downed trees and broken limbs before they are eaten by animals or washed down the streams and rivers into the sea. Much of what he knows about orchids he has learned in the laboratory of the great outdoors. The rest comes from online research and numerous books on the subject.

T. J. Has written two books on orchids as well as articles for the AOS Orchids Magazine. He is on the board of directors of the Vallarta Botanical Garden. In recent years he has given talks to orchid societies in the US, Canada, England and Scotland. He became a Mexican citizen about 18 years ago.



Orchid Bingo at FGOS July 10th
Orchid Prizes
Details in the July Newsletter





President's Message

FGOS has many members who have been part of this society for a long time. As time goes by things in our lives change. Our dedicated member, Marcy Schwartz, is making a big change. She and her husband are both retired now and want to be closer to their sons, who don't live in South Florida. They made the decision to move closer to their family so they can see them more often. Their home has sold very quickly and the packing has begun.

Marcy has been on the Board of Directors of FGOS since 2013 and she has held the office of Trustee, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary - that is quite an accomplishment. She is always willing to contribute to the society in any way she could help, whether it is selling raffle tickets, greeting or registering members and volunteering at the Orchid Show every year. Oh, she also grows beautiful orchids and makes it seem easy!

Marcy,

On behalf of the Board we all thank you for everything you have done for and with FGOS! You will be missed by all of us. A new adventure is beginning for you.

Sincerely,

Jan

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!

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.

Welcome Our New Members

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 **Jack Danberg, Anna-maria Douglas and Patricia Joseph**. Our membership has grown to nearly 150 members. Please continue to invite your fellow orchid enthusiasts to our meetings and events

WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

The Newbie Session 6:45 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 June, we'll be taking a deep dive into water quality issues, including learning how to use a pH meter to test your water at home. We'll discuss how to evaluate your local town's water quality and ways to amend it to provide your orchids with the highest quality water possible.

We look forward to seeing you then - Good fellowship and great information await you.

Diane Rogers
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society
Board Member, Trustee

2023 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Jan Amador	President
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Society Photographer	Gail Santini

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's Word of the Month from the AOS



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- ★ **lath house** (lath hous) A lattice-work structure that provides broken shade for orchids grown outdoors in warm or frost-free climates or seasons.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

News at a Glance

❖ Do you have Accounting or Auditing skills to share?

- The FGOS is looking for someone to assist with an audit of the organization.
- The person with accounting or auditing skills will be a part of a committee assembled to conduct an audit on the orchid society.
- If you or someone you know is interested and available to assist in this task, please reach out to Jan Amador either at our meeting or by sending an email to flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com
- Thanks for your consideration

❖ Members Choice Award Assistance Needed

- All of us enjoy viewing the beautiful blooms and plants brought in by our members each month.
- Voting for and recognizing the Members Choice Award winners can sometimes seem chaotic and time consuming.
- If you would like to assist the society in registering orchids, monitoring and counting votes, awarding ribbons and recognizing winners, we welcome your participation.
- Please speak to a board member to express your interest.
- We really, really need help.

❖ FGOS May meeting Notes

- We hope you enjoyed Judy Bailey's presentation and discussion last month. There was lots of great information shared about "Water-the most important ingredient."



➤ She provided us with valuable suggestions including water filters that enhance the quality of our water and subsequently our orchid collections.

➤ As a suggestion, Jan Amador is providing information regarding the water filter she uses: Hydro Life 52700 Inline Water Filter (with Flexible Hose Protector, Hydroponics C-85) <https://a.co/d/1E0NjiD>.



❖ Our July FGOS meeting will be an Orchid Bingo

- We will be awarding orchids as prizes for our bingo games.
- We will ask members to bring APPETIZERS instead of snacks to the meeting/bingo.
- Put your thinking cap on and decide which is your favorite appetizer and consider bringing it. We look forward to tasting your creation.
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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.

