

# Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

October 2023

## Meeting Information

Monday, October 9, 2023  
Doors Open - 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Begins - 7:30 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens  
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!

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## Meet our Guest Speaker: Luis Manuel Ortiz Jordan

By Alice Walker, V. P. Programs

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society is pleased to have Luis Manuel Ortiz Jordan as our speaker for this month. Miniature Orchids? Yes, They exist! For those of us with limited space, miniatures are a great choice. Luis will be sharing with us about "***Growing Miniature Orchids Outside in South Florida***".

Luis has been growing orchids for over 20 years since the age of 11. He first discovered his love for orchids when his grandfather gifted him his first Cattleya, a C. dowiana, and when it bloomed he was struck with orchid fever! He has a mixed collection of orchids and is currently specializing in growing Pleurothallids and other cool growing miniatures.

Luis has multiple AOS awards, eleven so far, and in April 2021 published a paper on an orchid he discovered in Puerto Rico which is named after him: ***Eurystyles luisortizii***. To see pictures and read more about this orchid [here is the link to the article](#).

Outside of the orchid world, Luis works as a Research Scientist at Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute & Technology where he currently does research in Cancer and Drug Discovery and was a past Molecular Biology Lecturer at Ana G. Mendez University in Puerto Rico. We are thrilled to have Luis here with us to tell us about growing miniature orchids.





## President's Message

I knew FGOS was the orchid society for me at my first meeting.

To begin with there was Jan, opening the meeting with a smile and positive energy. Right away I felt comfortable; there was a friendly, lively vibe amongst the members. More than a few years have passed since then and I still feel the same way. We come together, learn something new about orchid growing, chat up a storm and hopefully go home with a ribbon or a raffle orchid!

I'll be the one opening the meetings now. The faces with the microphone may be different but the spirit is the same. FGOS is a great orchid society, we are known as the fun and active group. Let's continue our growth, reach out to guests and new members and welcome them.

As we begin a new membership year it's time to thank our volunteer board members past and present for their dedication and love for our society.

Just to name a few:

Thanks to the amazing Jan Amador for her leadership and passion for our society. As President she worked tirelessly and before that, Jan was already working behind the scenes for FGOS. Her enthusiasm has been inspiring! We know she will continue to help and advise us as Past President.

Thanks to Mary Lathrop for her many years as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Membership Chair, and of course for making all those name tags.

Thanks to Marcy Schwartz for her thoughtful common sense advice at every turn and for her many other contributions as a board member.

Thanks to Mike Vaupel, our AOS Representative, he may be leaving the board but he will continue to be as active in our group as ever.

We have exciting activities planned for the coming year and new speakers. You will not want to miss any of them and make new orchid friends along the way.

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## NEWS AT A GLANCE:

### Field Trip

- We are planning a trip to Lori Parrish's Garden for Saturday, October 28th at 10am. According to Lori, October is when everything blooms.
- Sign up to attend the field trip at the General Meeting.

### 2023 Delray Beach Orchid Show – October 21 and 22, 2023

- Old School Square Field House  
51 N. Swinton Ave  
Delray Beach, FL  
(N. Swinton Ave and NE 1st Street)
- Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4
- \$1 coupon located at: [www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.org](http://www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.org)

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**Fundraiser: Flamingo Gardens' 2023 5k Walk in the Wild - Sunday, November 5th**

Join our 5k Walk in the Wild on Sunday, November 5, 2023, 7am to 10:30am, to raise funds for much-needed animal habitat repair and reconstruction at Flamingo Gardens. Enjoy an early morning walk through the scenic gardens while helping to reach the walk goal of \$25,000

Register to walk yourself: <https://go.rallyup.com/walk-in-the-wild-2023/>

Note: there is a drop down menu to choose FGOS as your team.

A \$20 fee covers event costs only.

Donate to Team FGOS: <https://go.rallyup.com/walk-in-the-wild-2023/fgos/Teams/Details>

For more information visit [\*\*5K Walk in the Wild\*\*](#)

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**A rare wild flower is the star of the Florida swamp. But can the ghost orchid survive?**

- A dwindling population of ghost orchids faces threats from climate change and poachers. Environmental groups are pressing for federal protections.
- Read about it in Miami Herald: <https://apple.news/AwcSQGuXCTVOWJvCi55fLcA>

## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH FGOS DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>!

We are excited to celebrate the Holidays together as an Orchid Society on Monday,  
**December 11, 2023.**

This year we will be offering a “Mediterranean Encounter” Buffet featuring Greek Style Grilled Chicken with Garlic, Lemon, and Oregano, Rice Pilaf, and Grilled Vegetables. Served with Greek Salad and Pita Bread, Beverages, and Dessert. Vegetarian or Vegan? Please advise Alice Walker.

***The cost for the FGOS Members Only Holiday Dinner will be \$25 per member.***

Payment may be made in person by cash, check (made out to FGOS), charge or through Zelle at our October and November Meetings or Mailed to: Mary Lathrop, 11515 SW 51<sup>st</sup> Ct., Cooper City, FL 33330. If payment is made through the mail, it must be postmarked by Thursday November 16th (NO EXCEPTIONS).

**Reminder** – You must be a current 2023-2024 FGOS member to attend the Holiday Party. If you have not renewed your membership please do so and join us for the Holiday Party.

FGOS can now accept payments through **Zelle**  
[flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com)





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**Membership Drive is in full swing for the term of September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024**

- Dues for 2023-2024 are as follows:
  - Returning membership dues are \$30.00
  - New member dues will be \$35.00 which includes a name badge.
- Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues.
- Membership for this application cycle will conclude on August 31, 2024.
- Please print the membership Application included with this newsletter and return it along with your dues at a General Membership Meeting.
- [Link to Membership Application](#)
- Remember: Membership is required to attend the Holiday Party, December 11th.

**Welcome to our new members**

- Join me in welcoming **Jacqueline Davis** and **Melissa Schultze** joined in September.
- Prospective new members are always welcome to attend our monthly general membership meetings.

**Members Choice Awards**

- If you have a blooming orchid you are welcome to bring it to the meeting to compete in this month's Members Choice Award competition.
- Winning blooms are selected from meeting attendees who choose to cast a ballot in the competition.
- Selected blooms are eligible for first, second, third and Speaker's Choice ribbons.
- Meeting winners compete in an annual contest for monetary prizes.

**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. Owner must have had the orchid for a minimum of **6 months**.

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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 "Members Choice"**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Wear your name badge**

**Get a Ticket**



## 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. 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 October, we'll be discussing how and when to switch from a Florida summer care program to a winter care routine for your orchids. We'll talk about how fertilizing and watering routines should change to best meet your plants' seasonal needs.

Good fellowship and great information await you!

Diane Rogers, Trustee, Newbie Coordinator  
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

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### Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

#### 2023-24 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Lucy Matos-Lodato	President
Alice Walker	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
EJ Laviolette	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Lori Edens	Recording Secretary
Annette Scardina	Corresponding Secretary
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Amanda Norton	Trustee - 1 year
Mayra Martinez	Trustee - 1 year
Diane Rogers	Trustee - 2 year - Newbie Group
Gail Santini	Trustee - 2 year - Newsletter Editor and Photographer
Ilene Shatkin	Silent Auction Committee Chairperson
Mike Vaupel	AOS Representative

### 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

- ★ **halophyte** (HAL-uh-fayt) Plants growing in saline soil.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).



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## September 2023 photos

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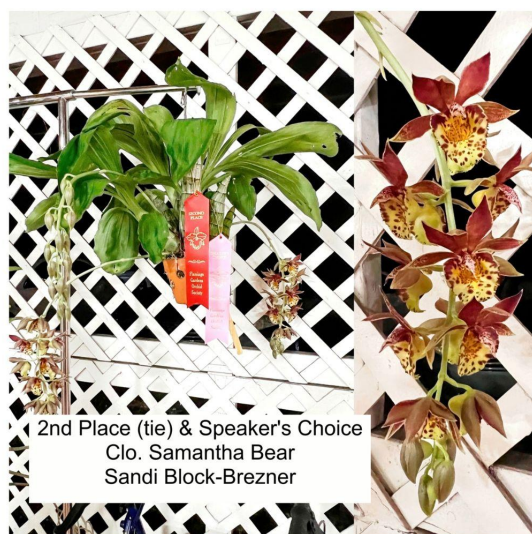
### PEOPLE'S CHOICE AND SPEAKER'S CHOICE WINNERS



1st Place (tie)  
Blc Keowee Mendenhall  
Lucy Matos Lodato



1st Place (tie)  
Den biggibum 'Zeschia Lynn'  
Gail Santini



2nd Place (tie) & Speaker's Choice  
Clo. Samantha Bear  
Sandi Block-Brezner



2nd Place (tie)  
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Wendy Gonzalez