

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

# November 2023

# **Meeting Information**

Monday, November 13, 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!

## Contact Us:

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# Meet our Guest Speaker: Phillip Hamilton

By Alice Walker, V. P. Programs

Phillip will be speaking to us about Novelty Phalaenopsis. You may have seen Phillip at the orchid shows helping his father Claude Hamilton of Hamlyn Orchids.

A very successful orchid breeder and grower,



Phillip has won many American Orchid Society awards including the first ever First Class Certificate (FCC) awarded to a Phalaenopsis violacea: 'Bredren's Sapphire'.



Phillip was born and raised in Jamaica in the orchid business. He earned his undergraduate

and graduate degrees in Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida. He is an American Orchid Society (AOS) Accredited Judge and is currently one of the seminar coordinators for the Florida North Central Judging Center of the AOS.

Phillip and his wife Liz formed Bredren Orchids in 2013, in Apopka, Florida. It is a small retail nursery that is currently mail-order only. They specialize in novelty Phalaenopsis and Broughtonia breeding. They also carry a broad selection from various orchid genera. https://www.bredrenorchids.com

Before founding Bredren Orchids, Phillip worked for two major orchid production nurseries in Central Florida as a grower and grower/manager.

Phillip will be providing the raffle orchids and have some for sale.

## **President's Message**



Luna Star has decided to continue volunteering so she joined an FGOS committee meeting. She was very attentive and graced us with her cuteness and shaggy dog looks. Fun was had by all.

I mentioned a workshop for orchid flower arrangements at our last meeting. Below are some photos from an orchid show. Yes, we can take beautiful flowers from our not so perfect plants, make arrangements and bring them in for judging to the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show. The wonderful and ever knowledgeable Judy Bailey, also senior AOS judge, is willing to get us started. We'll pick a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon in January or

February 2024. We are looking for 15 to 20 members max for this workshop. This is bound to be a treat for any of us interested in picking up some tips on arranging orchid flowers. Time with Judy is always time well spent in my book. She makes learning fun and I'm not missing this opportunity!

Let's get going! There could be ribbons or even a trophy and prize money to be won at the Orchid Show. If you are interested, email me at lucylodato@aol.com.







# NEWS AT A GLANCE: MEMBERSHIP

The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society fiscal year is September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024. We have over 100 new and renewed memberships to however, there are a few people who have not yet submitted their dues for this year.

As a reminder, the Society offers many benefits to you as an orchid enthusiast.

- Education programs from fabulous guest speakers with plant sales
- Raffles and Silent Auction Table
- Meeting with other orchid hobbyists and collectors
- Participating or learning from the Show and Tell
- A monthly newsletter to keep you informed of upcoming events for FGOS and other events in South Florida
- Orchid Auction, Orchid Workshops, and Field Trips
- The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show
- Opportunity to attend the FGOS Holiday Party and receive your gift of an orchid from the Society-see photo example.
- Our annual Bingo night where everyone has fun!



Please obtain and complete the Membership Form and return it along with your check or Credit Card to the Membership Table at the next meeting you attend. Renewal \$30, new member \$35.

For renewal only Zelle dues to flamingogardensorchidsociety@gmail.com NOTE FOR MEMBERSHIP

- ➤ <u>Link to Membership Application</u>
- > Remember: Membership is required to attend the Holiday Party, December 11th.

#### **ORCHID EVENTS:**

NOVEMBER 11-12 – Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 11th Annual Show & Sale 1790 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL For more info: deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org

JANUARY 5-7, 2024 – The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society 64th Annual Show and Sale. Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, FL For more information: FLOS 64th Annual Orchid Show Ft. Ldle Orchid Society

JANUARY 12-14, 2024 – Tamiami International Orchid Festival Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc., 10901 SW 24th St. Miami, FL For more information: <a href="https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/">https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/</a>

MARCH 30-31 – Flamingo Gardens 42nd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show Flamingo Gardens 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL For more info: Flamingo Gardens

#### FIELD TRIP to Lori Parrish - October 28, 2023

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society members enjoyed the visit to Lori Parrish's Garden. You can find and see orchids in almost every corner of Lori's Garden. Talk about incorporating orchids into your landscape - She certainly has done it. We had three AOS judges join us for the walk through Lori's Garden. It was a pleasure to have them join us - Judy Bailey, Carol Holdren and Jackie Wood. Thank you Lori. We had a wonderful morning.



### **WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!**

The Newbie Session 6:45-7:15 pm

The Newbie Sessions are designed specifically for orchid growers who have less than two years' experience, or for Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society members who have been a part of our group for less than two years. In November, we'll be discussing how to identify orchid plants that are due for early Spring re-potting and items to order to prepare for your re-potting session. If you have a favorite tip, you are invited to share that as well. Join us at 6:45 pm before the general membership meeting begins to get some insightful tips on orchid care. Good fellowship and great information await you at Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.

Diane Rogers, Trustee, Newbie Coordinator

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

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!

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

Get a Ticket!

Wear your name badge Get a Ticket



#### Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society - 2023-24 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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Gail Santini Trustee - 2 year - Newsletter Editor and Photographer

Ilene Shatkin Silent Auction Committee Chairperson

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## **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

- ★ <u>Telipogon (tel-i-POH-gon)</u> A genus of 100 species of tropical American dwarf epiphytic orchids found in the high cloud forests from Costa Rica to Peru. It was established by Humboldt, Bonpland and Kunth in 1815, the name descriptive of the bearded column.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this Orchidist's Glossary.

#### **ORCHID CLASSES**

In conjunction with the Pennsylvania Master Gardeners' Program, the AOS Education Committee is proud to present "Orchids for Everyone"

Register for each class separately @\$10.00 each; <u>free</u> for AOS members. All are 1.25 hrs in length. <u>https://extension.psu.edu/campaigns/orchids-for-everyone-workshops-webinars</u>

11/07/2023 Orchids for Everyone: The Most Popular Orchid Genera and How to Identify Them

11/15/2023 Orchids for Everyone: How to Repot, Divide, and Mount Orchids

11/21/2023 Orchids for Everyone: General Orchid Care

11/29/2023 Orchids for Everyone: Pests, Diseases, and Troubleshooting Problems

12/05/2023 Orchids for Everyone: Native Orchids of Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic Regio

#### Note:

- There are 6 classes, register for each one separately; click on Sort by 'Start Date'.
- Registration will close 2 hours before each class. All times are Eastern.
- When you click the "Register" button, you will come to a page that says the class cost is \$10.00. This will be waived later on in the registration process for AOS members. AOS members can register for these classes for free as part of your membership benefits.
- You will have to create an account with the PSU Extension group to register, however, you can use your Facebook, Google, or Twitter accounts to sign up.
- At the "Identity Confirmation" page, there is a drop down menu for "Registration Type". Click this and click on the "American Orchid Society Member". This is the designation that gets AOS members their free registration.
- These classes will run live and will be recorded. At the end of the series, they will be available
  to <u>AOS members on our Webinars page</u>. Contact the Education Committee at
  education\_committee@aos.org if you have any questions.

See these and other photos on our website:

https://www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com/

# **OCTOBER 2023 photos**

Photos by Gail Santini

# PEOPLE'S CHOICE AND SPEAKER'S CHOICE WINNERS



