

Flamingo Gardens ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

March 2024

Meet our Guest Speaker: Yolanda Cuesta

By Alice Walker, V.P. Programs

Yolanda Cuesta from Quest Orchids in Miami will present her “No Frills” Repotting Demonstration and Workshop at our meeting on Monday, March 11th. She will also show us how they prepare an orchid for a show. As a professional grower, Yolanda has many years of experience repotting orchids quickly. So come and see how the pros do this fast and efficiently.



Meeting Information

Monday, March 11, 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**

- **Newbie Session***
- **Silent Auction***
- **Refreshments**
- **Show and Tell**
- **Members Choice**
- **Raffles**
- **And much more fun!**

No Newbie or Silent Auction

Contact Us:

FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com

What you need to bring:

1. One healthy Cattleya or Dendrobium to re-pot that is in active growth or not. If it needs repotting this is the time, OR bring a piece of an orchid that needs to be potted in a fast-draining mix.
2. The orchid you bring for repotting cannot be larger than 8-inch diameter due to time constraints.
3. A clean or new pot for your orchid to accommodate 2 years growth.
4. Your own clippers, gloves if you wish and a tool you use to remove your plant. For example, a butter knife.
5. The Society is providing the media to re-pot up to 45 orchids – Cattleya or Dendrobium.
6. If you don't have an orchid to re-pot, come to help others and watch and learn Yolanda's techniques, the secrets of an expert!

Yolanda and Segundo Cuesta opened Quest Orchids 30 years ago. They specialize in Art Shade Cattleyas which are atypical flower colors, and cloning old standards. They are hybridizers, and grow Vandas and some Dendrobiums species. Quest is one of the premier orchid growers in Florida and has earned many AOS awards for their beautiful well grown orchids. Located in Miami: 12110 SW 43rd St., (305) 219-2883. questorchids.net
Quest will provide the raffle plants and will have orchids for sale.
Sandi Jones from Broward Orchid Supply will also be here with mixes and other supplies for purchase.

Note: NO Silent Auction and NO Newbie Session due to the Workshop

President's Message



Our Auction was an AMAZING, EXCITING and VERY SUCCESSFUL fundraiser for our society thanks to many of you. Everyone who donated orchids deserves an award for letting go of some unbelievably awesome and beautifully grown orchids! So here is a giant **"THANK YOU!"** to the following: *Thad Bialecki, Sandi Block-Brezner, Keryn Bober, Ovetta Chalmers, Don Fields, Bill Hodnett, Kevin Horgan, Kris Horgan, EJ Laviolette, Tom Nordman, Amanda Norton, Karen Reynoldson, Annette Scardina, Carmen Teran, Antonio Torres, Christine Viscovich, Alice Walker* and from the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, *Carol Holdren, Lou Lodyga* and *Tony Millet*. And, last but not least, our auctioneer *Mac Rivenbark* and the *Flamingo Gardens Orchidteers*.

Thank you to those who attended the Auction. They got to see an outstanding offering of incredible orchids, what an exciting treat! There were bargains and some highly contested beauties. We also learned about culture from our Auctioneer Mac Rivenbark. The hard work of putting it all together was worth it. **Thank You Auction Committee and Volunteers!**

On to our next adventures, see you at **Repotting on Monday**. It's more fun when we do it together than home alone looking at an orchid desperately needing new media or a larger pot. It's even better with a coach like Yolanda and Sandy Jones with supplies.

We are getting ready for **the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show**. There will be a signup sheet to volunteer for the Show at the re-potting meeting at the Membership table.

Let's make this show amazing by helping out and bringing in your blooming orchids and or a cut orchid flower arrangement or even a small orchid display. I hear someone is interested in having a small cut flower design get together on Friday Morning March 29, then bringing them in for the show. I love the idea and hope it can happen. Any interest, see me at the repotting.

All entries must be in by Friday March 29, from 12:00pm to 7:00pm. The FGOS REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITING at the Orchid show will be emailed to you all.

That's all for now,

Lucy

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March 30 & 31, 2024
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- Orchid, bromeliad and supply vendors
- Entertainment by Polynesian Proud Productions and more
- International cuisine available for purchase
- Garden and Gallery exhibit *Microsculpture: The Insect Portraits of Levon Biss*

Free 9am early entry on Saturday for
American Orchid Society and Flamingo Gardens members

Flamingo Gardens www.flamingogardens.org
3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL 33330 | 954-473-2955
\$24 ages 12+, \$17 ages 3-11, free ages 0-2/members

Major support for Flamingo Gardens provided by Broward County Cultural Division, the Cultural Council, and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida through the Division of Arts and Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts.




We need your help with this event.
You don't need to be an orchid or bromeliad expert
You will be matched to tasks that you feel comfortable completing.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

The Volunteer sign up sheet will be at the Membership Table at our
next meeting.

2024 ORCHID EVENTS

MARCH 9-10	Orchids in Bloom Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables For more info: Orchids in Bloom
MARCH 23	American Orchid Society Judging 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Mary N Porter Learning Center 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL For more info: AOS Judging
MARCH 30-31	Flamingo Gardens 42nd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show Flamingo Gardens 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL For more info: Flamingo Gardens
APRIL 3-6	American Orchid Society Members' Meeting Apopka, Florida For more info: 2024 Members' Meeting
APRIL 8	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents Guest Speaker: Javier Morejon - Bulbophyllums
APRIL 13-14	Flamingo Gardens Exotic Plant Festival & Bonsai Show Flamingo Gardens 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL For more info: Flamingo Gardens Plant Festival
MAY 13	Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Presents Guest Speaker: Ben Oliveros - Cattleyas

MEMBERSHIP

To join FGOS, please complete the Membership Form and return it 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

➤ [Link to Membership Application](#)

WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

The Newbie Session 6:45-7:15 pm

NO NEWBIE SESSION FOR MARCH DUE TO THE REPOTTING WORKSHOP

Diane Rogers, Trustee,
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society

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!

Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets

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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- ★ 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](#). Some are for Members Only, others open to the public. Webinars are recorded so you have access to older ones.

★ **Orchidist's Word of the Month** from the AOS

- ★ **ramulose** (RAM-yuh-lohs) Having many branches.
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary](#).

- **AOS Annual Members' Meeting - April 3-6 Apopka, FL** [2024 Members' Meeting](#)

