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# Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

The purpose of the Society is to stimulate interest, provide education, and enable the exchange of information among those interested in all aspects of orchid culture.

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## President's Message

# Appreciation for all your help on 'Orchid Jungle'



Thank you to all our members, volunteers, and committees for participating in our stunning "Orchid Jungle," the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society's 64<sup>th</sup> annual orchid show.

Some history: The first show was held in February 1957 at the Atlantic Federal Savings and Loan building with only a few members displaying their orchids

(and no, I was not there!). As interest in orchids grew and especially in our near tropical South Florida climate, growers were encouraged to participate, lectures were added. Exhibits were judged by the American Orchid Society judges. Our 2020 "Orchid Vision" show marked the unfortunate demise of the traditional large floor displays. At that time, we were one of only two orchid societies in the United States continuing with the tradition. They just became too expensive and time consuming for our vendors, so we started tabletop displays.

The past few years, shows struggled with the pandemic and venue challenges. Times change, but the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society continues in its long tradition of staging beautiful orchid shows with national and international vendors. In the future, who knows if we will continue this tradition in different incarnations. One thing I know is it can't be accomplished without your help, and I feel confident we will do it together. Again, thank you.

*-Vicki Hallock*

## The giant world of mini orchids with Tomas Bajza

The first time Tomas Bajza saw a miniature orchid, he had no clue that such a thing even existed! He fell in love immediately and ordered a few. When they arrived, they were even smaller than he imagined. That was it, he was bitten by a huge miniature orchid bug.

Tomas, who will be speaking at our 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 meeting, is a very stubborn grower and likes the word "impossible." He likes all orchids, but has a huge amount of love for cold- to intermediate-growing species. He was told by many growers that due to the hot climate, these



types of orchids could not be grown in Florida.

Through extended research and being active on orchid boards and in orchid groups, he learned and became an advanced grower



of miniature orchids.

He has been very fortunate becoming



friends with many international orchid growers and nursery owners. In the beginning, he bought only plants sold by American nurseries. Now, nearly all of his orchids come from abroad. Buying orchids from U.S. growers is safe, and the majority of the plants come nicely established. Unfortunately, there are no species Tomas was looking for offered by the U.S. vendors. He was pushed to start

his own importing because he could not find any of the plants he wanted to own. Tarzane Group was born.

Tomas loves photography. With a growing collection, there were endless opportunities for taking pictures of these amazing, sometimes microscopic blooms. Posting pictures online caused quite a buzz, leading to invitations from various orchid societies to share his knowledge about growing miniature orchids and cold growing species in hot environments. He also has had articles on miniature orchids published in orchid magazines across the globe. What used to be a "hobby" slowly grew to into a small business that is expanding.

Tomas is happy to share his babies with the orchid world via [Tarzanorchids.com](http://Tarzanorchids.com), and is offering FLOS members an exclusive 18% discount through Feb. 10 with coupon code FLL2024. Order now and pick up your plants at the meeting on Feb. 12.

*- Luanne Betz  
Program Chair*



# Keiki Club News

## A stunning welcome display and more fun on the way

The Keikis kicked off the new year in grand style with their stunning display welcoming everyone to our “Orchid Jungle” show. About 15 creative Keikis were at the Dodge Center in Pembroke Pines carting supplies, bringing ideas and willing hands.

The result was an exhibit they could be very proud of, fast friendships were forged and they should be congratulated for a job well done. Kudos to the Keikis! And a big thank you to all those who loaned us plants and other supplies. Your support of the Keikis is so appreciated.

Many Keikis also volunteered their services during the show by clerking, passing out programs, securing entrances and exits and other activities that ensure that the show runs smoothly. We are always grateful for your willingness to help FLOS out.

In the final hours of the show we presented several Keikis with their diplomas, signifying that they had completed the two-year program with active participation in FLOS activities and dedication to the society. Graduates are: Richard Aronson, Maribel Beas, Marc Brouillet, Carolyn Cray, Kate and Peter Doolin, Bob Mays, Mago Sosa, Michele Owens, Pat Rodgers, Dr. Ken Salzsieder, Janet Chrystie Wargula and Kevin Wargula. Congratulations to all!

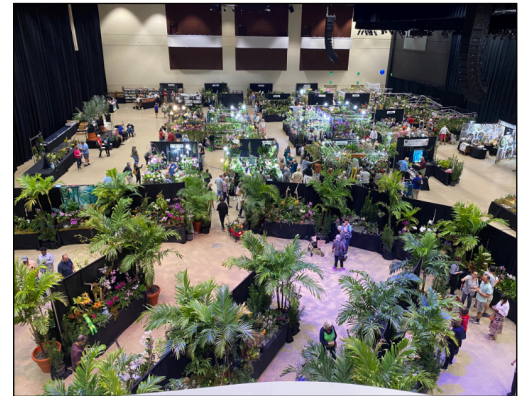


### Upcoming meetings

Our year will continue with terrific meetings planned for the months ahead. On Feb. 3, we'll be gathering at Scott and Donna Peplin's and in March, Olivier Turina has invited us to his beautiful patio and growing area. More information will be provided via email and we hope to welcome the new Keikis to our educational, fun and super friendly group.

*– Jill Smith, Chair  
– Karen Fleisher, Co-chair*

## There's no business like show business!





# A final note on our 'Orchid Jungle' Show

After a lot of hard work, sweat, and even tears, our "Orchid Jungle" show is now over. What remains is the memory of a truly beautiful, elegant show produced by our society. The show may be gone, but it will never be forgotten. We need to begin looking forward to our 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, "Orchid Renaissance."

Together we can make this show truly exceptional! It is our hope that the entire membership of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society will come together to plan the show, and distribute materials around town. We hope to appeal to a larger audience.

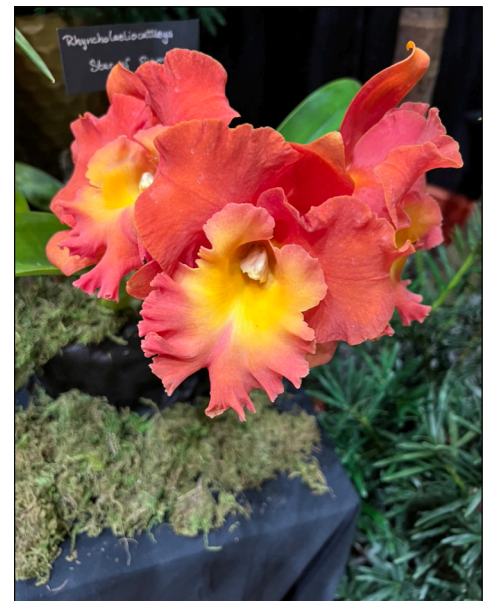
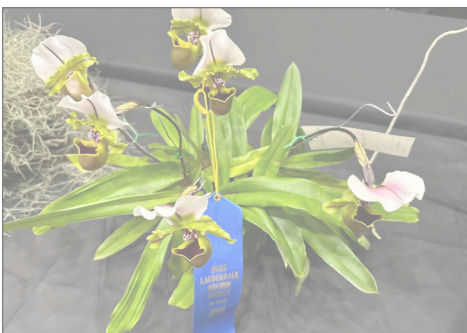
As we begin planning for this show, we will ask for your help and involvement.

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all that volunteered at "Orchid Jungle." Here's to a great show in 2025!

*– Sara Singer  
Show Chair*



**Ribbon winners and beautiful orchids from our January show.**





# Growing Orchids With Olivier

## Orchid names: Nothogenera and genus abbreviations



Orchid names use a binomial system with genus + species name (for species) or genus + grex (for a hybrid name). Genus comes

either the beginning or the end of their original name:

Example: *Oncidesa* is a cross between an *Oncidium* and a *Gomesa*. *Cattlianthe* is a cross between *Cattleya* and *Guarianthe*.

first. Consider the genus our family names and the species' name or grex our first or given name.

Also, many orchid names have a latin origin and that does not help with pronunciation and some grammatical rules. E.g. one genus but two genera.

Since orchid names can be quite long, especially when you give the parentage behind a hybrid, often times the genus name is abbreviated.

Among the most commonly encountered genera and abbreviations thereof in South Florida, you will find:

*Phal.* for *Phalaenopsis*

*C.* for *Cattleya*

*V.* for *Vanda*

*Rhy.* for *Rhyncostylis*

*Den.* for *Dendrobium*

*Onc.* for *Oncidium*

*Bulb.* for *Bulbophyllum*

*Ctsm.* for *Catasetum*

*Phrag.* for *Phragmipedium*

*Paph.* for *Paphiopedilum*

*Stan.* for *Stanhopea*

### Genus vs. Nothogenus

A genus is a naturally occurring family of orchids with similar features. *Cattleya* is a genus. A nothogenus is a man-made genus created by hybridizing and crossing two or more genera. A nothogenus can never be used for a species.

### Nothogenus names

If there are only two genera in the background, the name of the nothogenus is normally a combination of both, and both lose

It gets a lot more exotic when there are more than two genera in the background. Names ending in "ara" indicate hybrids with at least three genera in their background. The suffix ara is usually preceded by a last name (*Potinara*, named after one Mr. Potin) or sometimes a full first and last name (*Fredclarkeara*, named after Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in San Diego).

### Common nothogenera

*Cattleya* alliance:

*Ctt.* for *Cattlianthe*

*Rlc.* for *Rhyncholaeliocattleya*

*Blc.* for *Brassolaeliocattleya*

*Bl.* for *Brassolaelia*

*Vanda* alliance:

*Van.* for *Vandachostylis*

*Catasetum* alliance:

*Clo.* for *Clowesetum*

*Cycd.* for *Cycnodes*

*Mo.* for *Mormodia*

*Fdk.* for *Fredclarkeara*

You can find a list of most orchid names' abbreviations at:

[www.rhs.org.uk/plants/pdfs/plant-registration-forms/orchid-name-abbreviations-list.pdf](http://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/pdfs/plant-registration-forms/orchid-name-abbreviations-list.pdf).

*Olivier Turina became a FLOS member in 2014 and a board member in 2020. Find Olivier's tips on growing orchids at Orchid House - Fort Lauderdale, Florida on YouTube.com.*

## Welcome Wagon

Louise Appelman  
and Miguel  
Sanchez Portales  
Daniel Bates  
Gabrielle Cudlipp  
Leonard Cohen  
Jannette Conde  
Yamyzyr Malcolm  
Dobson  
Jennifer Greenfield  
Marcy Kravis  
Angela Leavell  
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Anne Markovich  
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John Soto  
Traci Slusher  
David Sweeten  
Ashok Verma  
Kathleen and Elling  
Williams  
Stephen Wahl  
Ernesto Zapata

– *Olivier Turina*  
*Membership Chair*

## In appreciation

Thank you for the Phal planter, the sympathy card, and notices on email and the newsletter of Bill's passing and contributions to FLOS. There were also a number of representatives of the society who attended the wake and funeral. Their presence was much appreciated.

– *Chris Crepage*

### Orchid Classes 2024

- **Sunday, Feb. 11th, 1-4pm**  
**Orchid Basics 101**  
*Carol Holdren, Judy Bailey, and Jackie Wood*  
\$55.00 For Non-Members (includes 1 orchid)  
\$35.00 For Flamingo Gardens members (includes 1 orchid)  
(Handbook Purchase is Optional for \$30.00)
- **Sundays, Feb. 18th – Mar. 24th, 1-4pm**  
**Growing Orchids Master Class Series**  
6-class session in the Learning Center  
\$179.00 For Non-Members (includes handbook & 2 orchids)  
\$159.00 For Flamingo Gardens Members (includes handbook & 2 orchids)

- 1. Feb. 18:** What makes an orchid/general orchid care - *Carol Holdren & Jackie Wood*
- 2. Feb. 25:** Vanda Alliance - *Patricia Schillereff*
- 3. Mar. 3:** Phalaenopsis & Paphiopedilums - *Judy Bailey*
- 4. Mar. 10:** Oncidiums & Dendrobiums - *John Romano*
- 5. Mar. 17:** Cattleya Alliance - *Sandi Block-Brezner*
- 6. Mar. 24:** Collectors Orchids/Pest & Diseases - *Carol Holdren & Sandi Jones from Broward Orchid Supply*

Register at  
[www.flamingogardens.org/orchidclasses](http://www.flamingogardens.org/orchidclasses)

**Flamingo Gardens**  
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# January Ribbon Awards

Orchid	Grower	Ribbon
<i>Angcm. Crestwood</i>	Francisco/Paul	Blue
<i>B. Little Stars</i>	Les Corbin	Blue
<i>Bllra. Snowblind</i>	Gretchen Denton	Blue
<i>Cll. Mizoguchi</i>	Francisco/Paul	Blue
<i>Ctt. Naranja en Flor*</i>	Elly Meisler	Blue
<i>Onc. Sweet Sixteen</i>	Justine Vihnesky	Blue
<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	Debbie Alley	Blue
<i>Rth. Haw Yuan Glory</i>	Judy Tkacs	Blue
<i>Trt. nanum</i>	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
<i>V. ampullacea</i>	Elly Meisler	Blue
<i>V. miniatum</i>	Mark/Sherrie Smith	Blue
<i>Den. Banana Royal</i>	Claire Garrett	Cultural
<i>Den. Banana Royal</i>	Les Corbin	Red
<i>Pot. Edith North Danry</i>	Bob Brach	Red
<i>Rhy. coelestis</i>	Mark/Sherrie Smith	Red

\*Denotes registered hybrid

Photos: Gretchen Denton



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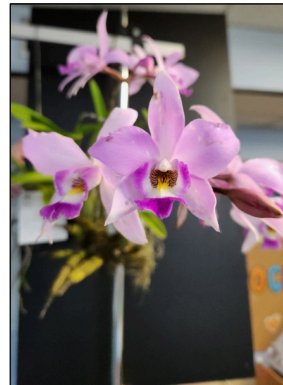
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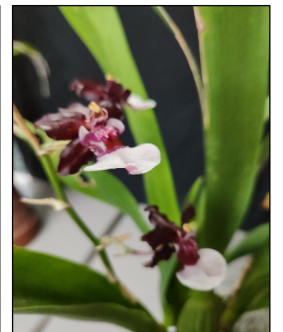
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Directions: From I-95 take East Oakland Park Blvd., go  
2.4 miles, turn left on NE 20th Ave. Or take US-1 (Federal  
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