

# East Everglades Orchid Society The Orchid Column



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April 2010



## Tuesday April 27, 2010

### Meeting Place and Time

Univ. of Florida  
Miami - Dade  
Extension Bldg.  
18710 SW 288 ST.  
Homestead, FL

Fourth Tuesday  
of each month,  
7:00 pm

### DONATE TO THE AUCTION!!

As you know our auction is this month's meeting. Please bring in divisions from your plants, when you re-pot, make a division for the auction. This is a great way to share orchids and keep them growing for years.



## *The East Everglades Orchid Society Welcomes you to the World of Orchids*

The goal of our society is to educate ourselves and the general public in the classification, evolution and propagation, culture, care, and development of the cultural and economic importance of orchids; and to support the conservation of this fascinating group of plants. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in the objectives, aims, and purposes of the E. E. O.S., Inc.

The East Everglades Orchid Society meeting begins with an educational mini-class at 7:30 pm followed by the general meeting and program at 8:00 pm on the **FOURTH TUESDAY** of each month. Our meetings are held at the

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Visitors are welcome.

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please join the East Everglades  
Orchid Society Facebook  
page for more fun!  
If you do not have FB, Please Join !**

### **Thank You! Thank You! Thank you!**

Diann McMillin, Donna Taylor,  
Harriet & George Carr, William Capps,  
Bob Watson, Johanne Clerie  
Janie Gorman, Buck & Karen Buckley,  
Don & Karen Ralston, Mildred Rodriguez,  
Susan Johnson, Michelle Gordon and  
Leila Werner

Thank you for your delicious  
refreshments last month



## Message from the President



*This month we will be having our annual auction and I am very excited. During all these years as a member of the EEOS, auction night is my favorite, as I have been able to get my best orchids at a great price during the auction. It is a lot of fun, great orchids, lots of laughter and eating, I just love it!! . I know some of us don't have many vandas anymore and even held a funeral to bury their vanda collection. Others lost many cattleyas due to the long lasting cold spell. This will be the best opportunity to replace your orchids damaged by the cold, and if you still can spare some cuttings and divisions to donate to the auction, they will be greatly appreciated. These are usually the best plants for members to add to their collections! And, as you already know, this is also our biggest fundraising event of the year. Credit cards, checks, and of course, cash are accepted at the auction. Please bring a friend to this great event!*

*We had our first Backyard Tour of the year; it took place at the amazing gardens of RF Orchids--thanks to Bob and Michael for making it available to our members. While waiting for the members to gather, we enjoyed a beautiful afternoon having tasty refreshments and admiring the Orchids at the nursery entrance. Then, the tour was just wonderful; we had a relaxing walk around the garden, while Gene Stevens, with RF Orchids, explained all about the many different plants and orchids adorning the gardens. We even got to see the alligator sunbathing on the deck of the sunken lake--it was just fabulous!! Pictures of the tour by Bill Capps are posted on the EEOS Facebook page. On May 22nd we will have the next backyard tour, this time we will visit the gardens of Eduardo Marcellini, Thanks to Mirta Russis for all the effort to make these tours possible.*

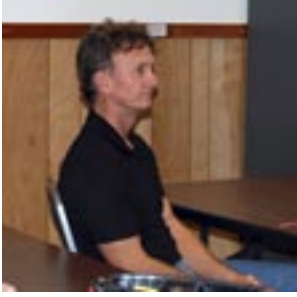
*Last meeting was another success, thanks again to Mirta for the great speaker and to the many members who attended the meeting, which was interesting, entertaining and instructional. We had fun, which is our ultimate goal! Michael Sinn graciously agreed to conduct the mini class and it was very interesting and useful, including tips on how to care for our beautiful orchids during and after the worrisome cold weather. Please give Valerie ideas for orchid topics you would like to know more about to help you keep your beautiful collection of orchids, take advantage of her knowledge and expertise. Our past president, Jim Davison, will also to help Valerie with the mini class, sharing his expertise on orchid growing.*

*We were fortunate to have two AOS judges present at the last meeting, and Erna Maxwell and Michael Sinn awarded Gilda Nolasco's amazing Epi. stamfordianum with the EEOS Award. Once again, this is one of the many reasons why the EEOS is a great club to belong to—if you bring your beautiful plants to our meetings, we have excellent judges for your convenience. Thanks to David Schaffter, judging chair, for all his efforts to keep this program lively!*

*See you all at the meeting!*

# The Meeting

## Welcome



## Guest Speaker Michael Sinn



## Taking notes



exhibit winners

How did you grow them ?

### Member News

*Get Well  
and  
Best Wishes  
to  
Robert Fuchs  
who took a bad fall*



*Glad to see you are  
getting around*



### Coming Events

## Auction Tuesday April 27

# COS BUS TRIP!



*On The Road Again!*

We have such great fun and get such good bargains on our bus trips that we are doing it again! Don't miss out!

**Saturday, June 12, 2010**  
**All Day West Coast Orchid Grower's Trip**

Fender Flora, Venice  
Venice Orchids, Venice  
Orchid Mania, Myakka City  
Palmer Orchids, Bradenton

Four fabulous growers showing us their nurseries and extending special offers to us.

**Leaving Miami at 6AM**  
**Returning by 11 PM**

Price includes: Round trip in air-conditioned bus  
Snacks, lunch, drinks  
Games and raffles

Price: **\$45.00** COS Member  
**\$50.00** Non-Member



The Auction

Needs

Lots Of Food

Please

bring a dish

April 27



## March Judging

Remember, **NO JUDGING** in April! That's when our **AUCTION** takes place!

With the warmer weather approaching, the orchids are beginning to produce more blooms. This reflects the increase in plants on our judging tables. You should see an increase in blooming orchids in your collection. Please bring them to the meeting and enter them in our judging program. Remember, have them on the tables by 7:30 so we can start judging. Plants brought in after the judging starts will not be judged. We don't want to keep our judges from missing the main program.

We were honored to present Gilda Ricarte with the prestigious EEOS Award for her *Epi. stamfordianum*. This well-grown orchid had unusually large, well-shaped flowers for the species. It received a Silver Award of 84 points. Congratulations, Gilda!



<b>Vandaceous Group:</b>	3 entries	
1st	Opst. Mem. Mary Natrass	Jim Lindberg
2nd	Opst. Mem. Mary Natrass	Bob Watson
2nd	Asctm. christensonianum	Jim Lindberg
<b>Cattleya Group:</b>	12 entries	
1st	Blc. Pamela Finney	Susan Johnson
1st	C. Gertrude Hausserman	Haydee Navas
1st	C. Fire Dance	George & Harriet
1st	C. Gold Digger	Haydee Navas
1st	C. aurantiaca	Haydee Navas
1st	C. skinnerii	Haydee Navas
2nd	Pot. Twenty-four Karat	Donna Taylor
2nd	C. intermedia	Cathy Drewke
3rd	Pot. Shengkong Little Love	George & Harriet
3rd	Blc. Fuchs Orange Nugget	George & Harriet
3rd	Blc. Fuchs Orange Nugget	Jim Lindberg
3rd	Iwanagara Apple Blossom	George & Harriet
<b>Dendrobium Group:</b>	6 entries	
1st	Den. farmeri	Jim Lindberg
1st	Den. Comet x King x Nagasaky	Cathy Drewke
2nd	Den. Christmas Chime	George & Harriet
3rd	Den. Burma Princess	Cathy Drewke
3rd	Den. Yellow Song	Bob Watson
3rd	Den. pierardii	Henk & Maribel

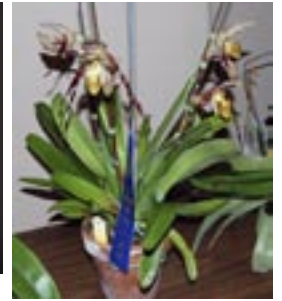
<b>Oncidiinae Group:</b> 5 entries		
1st	Wils. Red Pacific	Bob Watson
2nd	Toulumara Popoki	Henk & Maribel
2nd	Odtna. Pacific Paranoia	George & Harriet
2nd	Colm. Space Race	Bob Watson
3rd	Mtssa. Charles M. Fitch	Bob Watson
<b>Phalaenopsis Group:</b> 1 entry		
1st	Phal. mannii	Jim Lindberg
<b>Paphiopedilum Group:</b> 8 entries		
1st	Paph. Satin Smoke	Bob Watson
1st	Paph. Moustache	Bob Watson
2nd	Paph. Emerald Sea	Johanne Clerie
2nd	Paph. Satchel's Ledgend	Bob Watson
3rd	Paph. La Bachauderie	Bob Watson
3rd	Phrag. Les Diroeilles	Bob Watson
3rd	Paph. Lowii	Bob Watson
3rd	Paph. Susan Booth	Bob Watson
<b>Encyclia Group:</b> 1 entry		
1st	Epi. stamfordianum	Gilda Ricarte
<b>Miniatures Group:</b> 3 entries		
1st	Chamaeangis hariotiana	Jim Lindberg
2nd	Restrepia antennifera	Jim Lindberg
3rd	Platysteles Llot	Susan Johnson
<b>Species Group:</b> 5 entries		
1st	Max. picta	Javier Morejon
1st	Ludisia discolor	George & Harriet
3rd	Gastrochilus calceolaris	Jim Lindberg
3rd	Dendrochilum cobbianum	Susan Johnson
3rd	Maxillaria variabilis	Jim Lindberg
<b>Other Hybrids Group:</b> 3 entries		
1st	Aerangis Mire	Javier Morejon
2nd	Cirr. Sunshine Queen	Jim Lindberg
2nd	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite	George & Harriet



East Everglades Orchid Society thanks Bob Watson, David Schaffter, Eduardo Marcellini, Valerie Foster, Jim Lindberg, and Erna Maxwell, for judging our orchids at the meeting. We also like to thank our AOS judges Erna Maxwell and Guest Speaker, Michael Sinn, for judging Gilda Ricarte's orchid for the EEOS Award.



# Blue Ribbons Winners



Many thanks to Bob and Mike for letting us sell food and recruit members during the RF Orchids sale.



As usual, their great support to the club is really appreciated. Many thanks to Henk, who spent his entire weekend cooking during the sale and was able to make money for our club. Henk was extremely organized and prepared to cater to RF Orchids customers. We also made some new members thanks to the recruiting tent and the members that attended it. Again, we would like to tell our members how much we appreciate their hard work and dedication volunteering their time to our club.



# Garden/Home Tours



and we're off



Grandmother's Lily pond



Our guide Gene, he ws great.



Don't forget to stop and smell the orchids



A Vanilia Orchid took 4 pictures to get it all; impressive



What out for Wanda!  
Thank heavens that is not Wanda!



*The next Garden/Home Tour will be at  
**Eduardo Marcellini's**  
on May 22, 2010  
at 4:00 pm.  
Members interested should let us know.*

## The Costa Rica Experience

Our trip to this “Coast of Riches” was a beautiful experience for us poor city dwellers who live surrounded by cars in traffic jams, paved streets, and concrete houses. We were enriched by our week of contact with nature - just the way the good Lord created it.

We had the opportunity to see oodles of orchids dripping from trees - a tremendous variety of the little beauties, many of which we had never seen before. We were surrounded by beautiful mountainsides, waterfalls, coffee plantations, and innumerable other gifts of nature. I so enjoy pristine beauty.

The people in Costa Rica were most charming and helpful: very courteous, friendly and always ready to help. They are very proud of their country and its rich beauties.

The thing that impressed me the most in Costa Rica is how the public in general is so conscious of re-cycling and conservation.

In the parks that we visited we could always see a container to collect trash and next to it a bin to collect re-cycle

material. In our each of our hotel rooms they had a container to collect reusable materials. They re-process paper for many uses.

In conservation they benefit by converting falling water into hydro-energy. For that reason the cost per kilowatt is very small for their people. They are very careful to not contaminate the soil and water, and to



use natural fertilizers. For example, in their coffee plantations the coffee trees absorb much potassium from the soil. They counter this by locating plantain plants among the coffee trees. The plantains contain lots of potassium. They are now building a plant to produce natural fertilizer that will

employ many rural people to produce a totally organic fertilizer with no chemicals added.

In the area of water conservation we could see that many farms around San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, employ water barrels to collect rainwater for drip irrigation.

We visited many other places, such as a Butterfly Garden, the Orchid Botanical Garden, the Lankaster Gardens, the volcano Poas, the San Jose Orchid Show and the private collection of Ileana Teran, a member of one of the most influential families in Costa Rica. She owns an extensive collection of orchids - with emphasis in C. skinneris

The bonding that was intensified among our own people who went on the trip was impressive. We were already united by our common love for orchids.

All in all, our entire trip was a memorable learning experience. Next time, when we plan a trip, make every effort not miss to it.



Do you have questions about your orchids?

# Ask the Doctor!

Submit your questions and we will have them answered in the newsletter or maybe even a mini class at the meeting.

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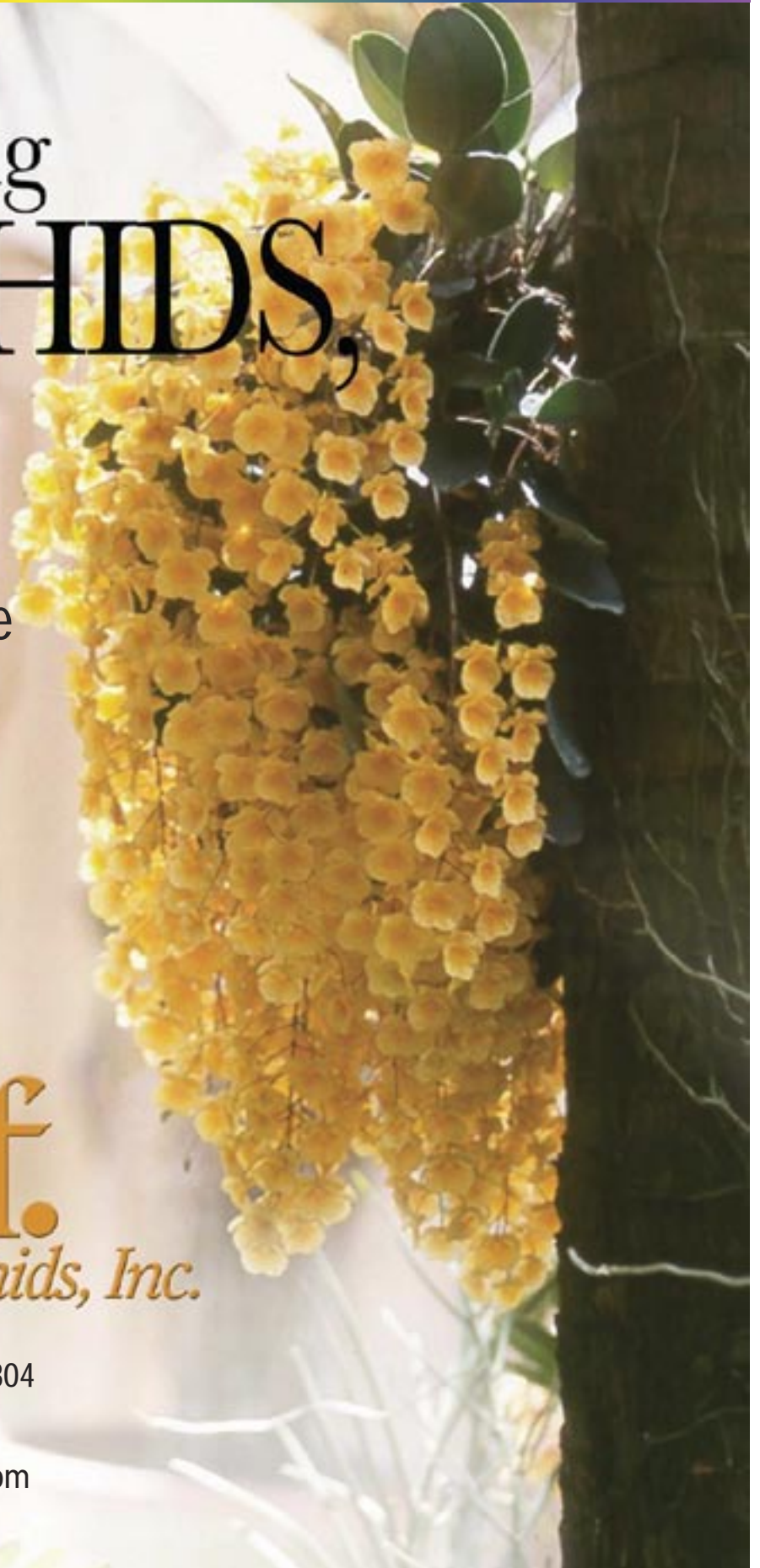
Sunday, 9am to 5pm  
(closed Monday).

Garden tours on  
Saturday and Sunday,  
11am and 3pm.



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## ***MAY SPEAKER-***

*will be **Craig Morrel**, from Pinecrest Gardens. Craig is the horticulturist for Pinecrest Gardens. The topic will be announced at a later date.*



*At our regular meeting place*

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