

East Everglades Orchid Society The Orchid Column



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May 2010

Tuesday
May 25, 2010

Craig Morell,

*“Keeping Your Garden Green--
The Finer Points of Fertilizing”*

**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



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

University of Florida
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18710 SW 288 St
Homestead, Fl

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
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The Auction



Message from the President



May is a very special month--Mother's day, the Redland Show, and the beginning of the rainy season. The beginning of the growing season is time to care for our plants, repot them, and be ready to fertilize once a week. Congratulations to all our member mothers (and their mothers), I hope every one of you had a great Mother's day. Mine couldn't have been better! The Redland show was great fun for orchid lovers and our community in general; there were over 60 vendors from different places offering a variety of plants and other orchid-related merchandise. It was great to be outside during a cloudy and breezy weekend, enjoying the bargains and admiring the beautiful exhibits at the AOS tent.

Our annual auction was different from previous years--holding it in April turned out to be a very good move. Many new members and guests were able to attend and enjoy the night trying to get the beautiful orchids on auction and the fabulous food brought by our members. Moving the auction to April was a learning experience and the Board is planning improvements for next year. We are very pleased with the attendance and support the club got from you all and I would like to encourage everyone of you to continue to support your club as much as you can.

Our next Backyard Tour will take place on May 29th at 3:00 pm at the beautiful gardens of Eduardo Marcellini. You are all welcome to come and admire his amazing place, take pictures and enjoy a calming afternoon outdoors in his shady underground garden, designed and built by Eduardo himself. We will have refreshments to complete the occasion, please let us know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly. I would like to thank Eduardo for opening his gardens to us.

As promised, this year the club has a full calendar of activities--this is really the club to be in! The Bingo BBQ will be on Saturday June 5th at the gardens of RF Orchids, under the tiki hut. The club will provide the burgers and hot dogs, please bring a side dish. Look for more details later in this newsletter.

Last, but not least, come ready for a terrific talk by Craig Morel our next speaker and as always, come ready for a great fun night!!

See you all at the meeting!



May Speaker

Craig started growing plants somewhere around age 10, and can clearly remember getting his first orchid before he was 12. By 16 he was growing more orchids than he had window sill space in his parents' suburban Milwaukee home, and by 20 had built a solarium on the front porch. Losing what small fragment of sanity he had, he decided to pursue horticulture as a career, and left for UF-Gainesville in 1984. He interned at Fairchild Tropical Garden in 1985, an internship from which the staff may still be recovering...

After graduating with a B.S. degree in Horticulture in 1988, he went on to the Florida Agriculture Department in Miami as a nursery inspector. Ironically, his nursery inspection district included Parrot Jungle and Fairchild Garden. After working for the State, he went on to work at a large foliage plant produc-

tion nursery, and from there he fled Miami in 1991 to work at Eric's Exotics Orchid Company in West Palm Beach. After managing that firm for 3 years, Craig moved on to become horticulturist at the Boca Raton Resort for 10 years, and in 2004 signed on to the Village of Pinecrest as



horticulturist for Pinecrest Gardens, 2 years after the Village purchased the site from Parrot Jungle. After vowing never to return to Miami, he returned to Miami in August of 2004, where

the first of several hurricanes hit 6 days after he arrived, while still in the process of moving from West Palm Beach. Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma welcomed Craig to his new job in late 2005, and Craig admits he is rarely bored from lack of work. Moving his personal plant collection of 1800 plants to the Gardens took 17 truck / trailer trips over 4 months' time, and the plants have been donated to the Gardens. Currently the Gardens is undergoing several renovations, notably the mounting of almost 1000 epiphytes in large oak and cypress trees, as well as the planting of 130 native palms and trees.

His spare time is spent on visiting other gardens, other gardeners, garden centers, public gardens, reading garden magazines and watching garden shows. He lives in a "petite" apartment a few miles from work, and is occasionally seen in public appearing as a normal person.



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.

Back Yard Tours



*The next Garden/Home Tour will be at
Eduardo Marcellini's
on **May 29, 2010**
at **3:00 pm.***

*Members interested should let us know.
There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting
Refreshments will be provided*

Coming Events

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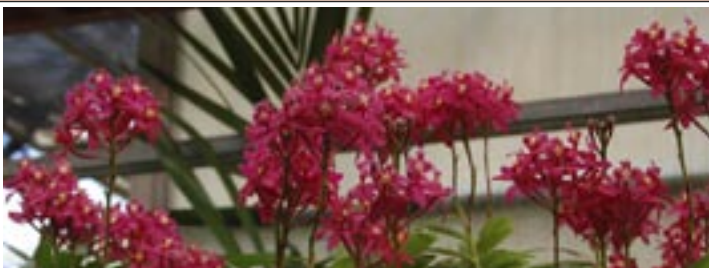
BINGO BBQ

Saturday June 5, 2010
2 PM till 5 PM

under the tiki hut. at the gardens of

RF Orchids,
28100 SW 182 Ave
Homestead 33030

**The club will provide the burgers and hot dogs,
please bring a side dish.
one carton will cost one dollar or
a cutting from your collections.**



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





Sunday
August 1, 2010
8 am to 4 pm

Coalition for Orchid Species **Symposium**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
In the Garden Room
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL

Four Fantastic Speakers:

- Linda Wilhelm, Woodland Orchids, AOS Judge -**
The Wonderful World of Oncidiums
- Paul Storm, Meke Aloha Orchids -**
Schombo Love - Schombolaelias and Myrmecophila
- Tom Mirenda, Smithsonian Institute, AOS Judge -**
Species Orchids, Their Pollinators & Symbionts:
A Conservationist's Approach
- Lynn O'Shaughnessy - AOS Judge -**
Those Strange Pleurothallid Species

Tickets:

\$45.00 for COS members
\$50.00 for non-COS members
Price includes lectures, raffles,
continental breakfast,
and buffet lunch.

Orchid sales will be available during the day,
as well as AOS judging.

Contact Erna Maxwell at 305-382-3055 or emaxwell6635@bellsouth.net to reserve your space now!

Thank you for working at the Redland show on behalf of the EEOS.

Tom Goodrum
David Schaffter
Eduardo Marcellini
George Carr
Harriet Carr
Jim Limberg
Donna Bosold
Idia Macfarlane

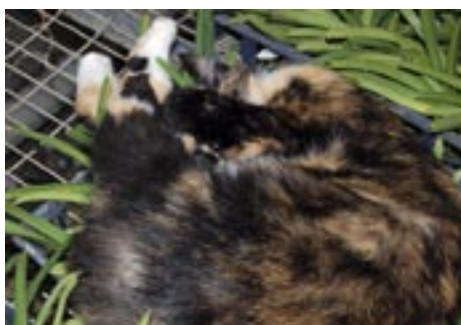
With your effort the club made money.
Thanks again!

New Members Recruitment at April Sale

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.



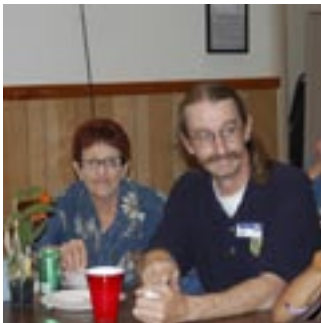
Now that is a true Cat- a- lay-in

Homestead Art Club also had a show with many of our members as exhibitors



The Auction







Cattleya of the Month -- *Cattleya percevilliana*

by Mirta Russis-Heineman

These are originally from Venezuela and Colombia.

The plants are found in the narrow western strip of the Venezuelan Andes that terminates at the Caribbean coast, and across the Colombian border. They grow on trees and rocks in nearly full sun. The front of the lip is of a crimson purple shade, with maroon and deep intense yellow areas, while the frilled border is pale lilac. The throat is yellow and the tube is colored like the petals. *C. perciviliana* are very fragrant. The plants require bright light and grow with less water than other *Cattleyas*. Strong air movement should be provided at all times.



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exquisite gifts,
lush tropical
gardens and
more, all in the
heart of the
Redland.

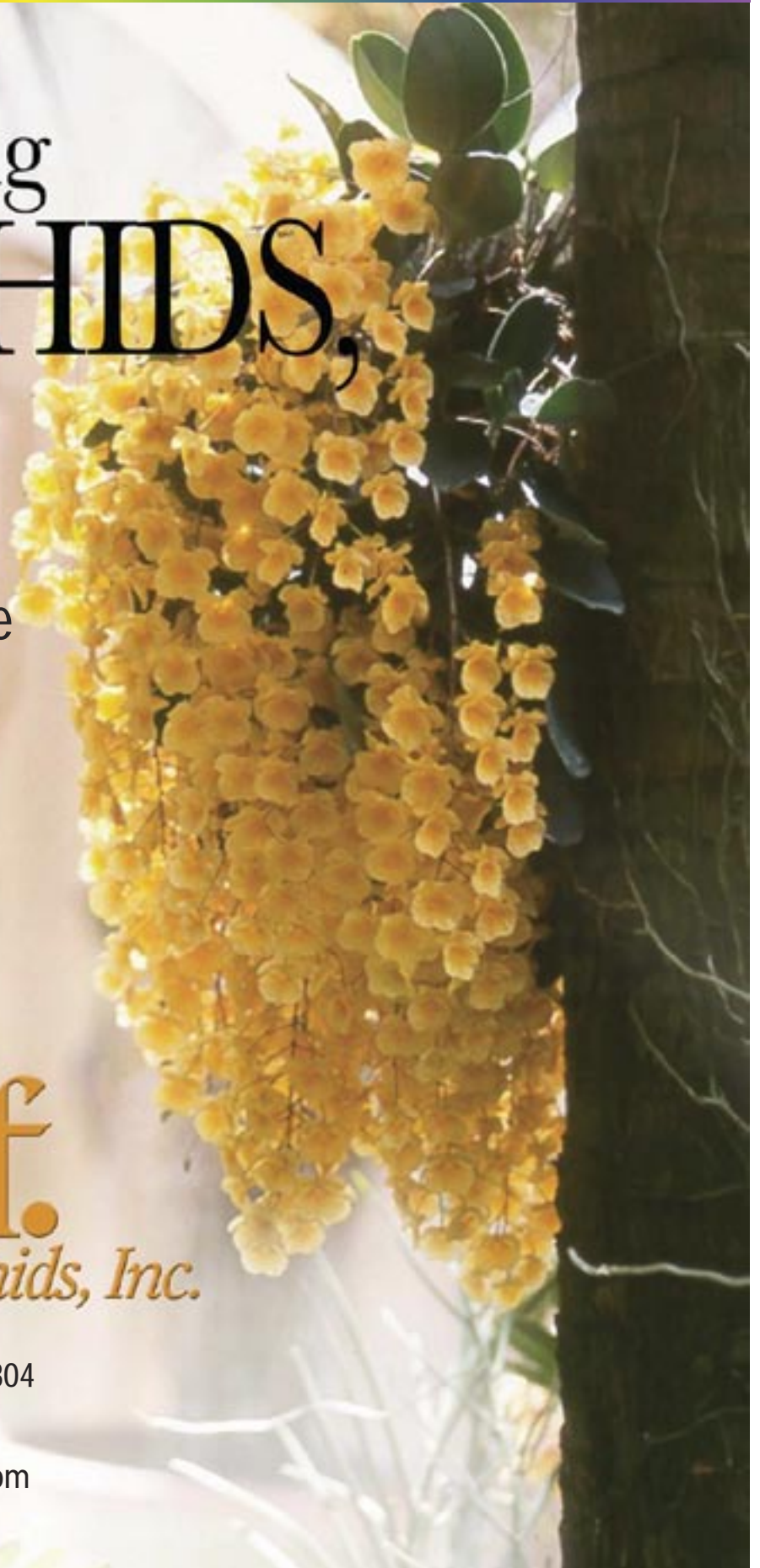
Sunday, 9am to 5pm
(closed Monday).

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



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