

# East Everglades Orchid Society

# The Orchid Column



April 2016

East Everglades Orchid Society *presents*

**"SPECIMEN ORCHIDS  
GROW'EM  
AND SHOW'EM"**

April 26, 2016



by Ken and Judy Russ from Puddle Pottery

Ken and Judy have been growing orchids for about 18 years. They live on a waterway they affectionately refer to as "The Puddle". Here they grow about 900 orchids, in a shade house, lanai and in a shaded "pine forest". They have enjoyed entering many orchid shows, taking part in societal orchid displays, and have received many ribbons and awards along the way. Since 2004, their orchids have received 32 AOS awards and on two occasions Ken has won the AOS Show Trophy for the best orchid display in an orchid show. Ken loves sharing how he and Judy grow their orchids, including tips they have found successful through the years. We hope you will find the presentation informative, entertaining and helpful in growing your own orchids.



This is a ring of chicken wire with Epi. radicans and secundum planted in the middle



"The East Everglades Orchid Society acknowledges participation support from the Homestead Center for the Arts and the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs in their association with the projects for which grant funds were received."



## 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  
Miami-Dade Extension Bldg.  
18710 Sw 288 St  
Homestead, Fl

Visitors are welcome.

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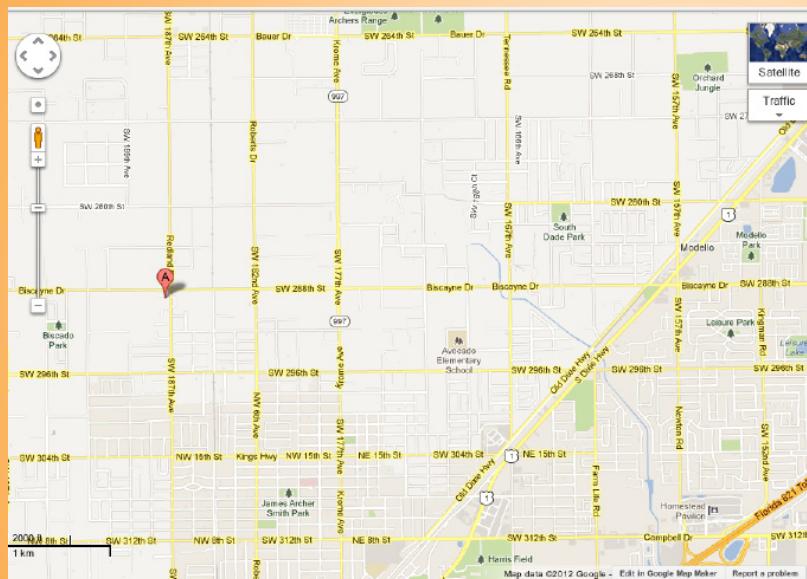
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**Meeting Place**  
**Univ. of Florida**  
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**18710 SW 288 ST**  
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**Fourth**  
**Tuesday**  
**of each month**

## Message from the President



*"And spring arose on the garden fair,  
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;  
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast  
rose from the dreams of its wintry rest."*  
-Percy Bysshe Shelly, *The Sensitive Plant*

*Spring has sprung! April is here and I can see spikes emerging on some of my orchids! I have one orchid in particular that I've been watching for years. It's a special "Mother's Day Orchid" that my kids gave me in 1998 when we moved to Florida after my husband retired from the Air Force. It's a Cattleya, Irene Finney. I know that the plant is nothing to get too excited about, but in earnest, it's blossoms are very lovely and it's fragrance ever so alluring. I'm sure each of you have endearing stories which are assigned to some of your orchids too. They may not necessarily be the most exotic or even the most stunning, but to you and me, they are gloriously unique! I do hope you will bring those sentimental orchids to our EEOS meeting to be judged. Perhaps you can tell us your nostalgic "orchid story" and share exactly what you do to keep it healthy and blooming year after year.*

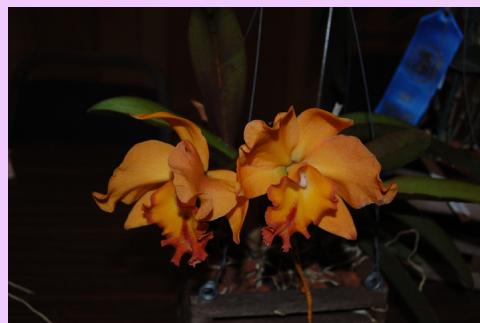
*Speaking of healthy, now is a good time to increase the watering and fertilizing of your orchids since temperatures are beginning to rise. The more faithful you are in providing these essential elements, the more blooms you will get throughout the season. If you didn't get all your repotting done in March, don't panic, plants that are putting out new shoots can still be repotted; you are not too late. When you repot and divide your orchids please consider donating a portion for our Annual Auction in May. This is our best fundraising event of the year and a small contribution by each of us can make a huge impact on this fundraiser. It's not too early to start evaluating how you can help make our auction a huge success.*

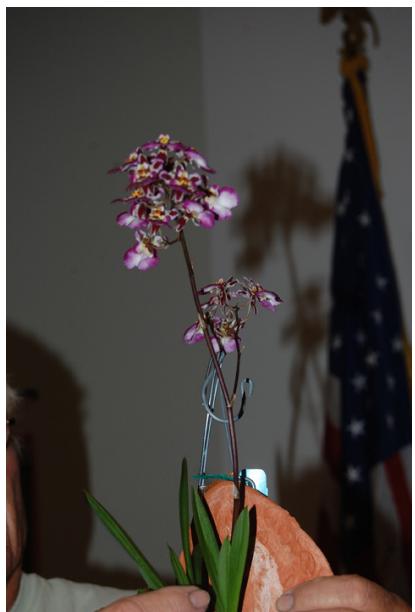
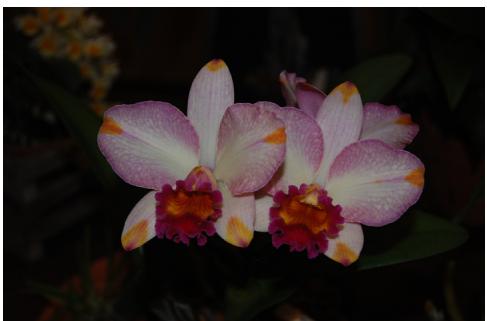
*Those of you who signed up for the April 30th Orchid adventure to Sarasota will be happy to know that, as of this writing, we have 39 people reserved for the second tour bus. We only have six seats available for a full house. Please be on the watch for an email coming with details and suggestions for the day-long trip. By this time most of you have already sent in your payment, but if you have not, please contact Donna Taylor ASAP for information on how to get your payment in right away.*

*Our speaker this month is Ken and Judy Russ of Puddle Pottery. Check out the Speakers Corner for more details. As always, I am here for you. CaribbeanAmphibian@gmail.com Feel free to contact me with concerns or suggestions. See you at the best orchid club meeting in town!*

*Victoria*



**March Meeting****HOW DID YOU GROW THAT?**



## March Judging

What a difference a month makes! We went from hardly any orchids in February to a bumper crop of beautiful plants in March. No doubt the weather is a major player when our orchids bloom, but your care and feeding of your plants is very important.

With warmer weather approaching, we need to be on the lookout for orchid pests that can damage our plants and blooms. Insects are a big problem as they become more active with warmer weather and longer days.

Thrips seem to be the first to arrive, sneaking into developing buds and doing their damage before we even know it. Thrips can be found usually in or around the apex of the flower and appear as tiny black specks. Close observation reveals these black specks on the move. More obvious signs of thrips are the damage they do. They invade your developing buds and suck the vital fluids from the flower before and after it opens. After your bud opens, you'll notice deformed, smaller blooms with damage around the edges of the petals and sepals. Scale is another pest that shows up later on, usually on the plant and the undersides of leaves, as a small light-brown bump on your plant. They can easily be removed by your fingernail, but a better method is with an insecticide.

Insecticidal soap is a safe, all-around insecticide you can use on orchids, but they must contact the pest to be effective. Another good insecticide is Orthene, a systemic insecticide that can last 2-3 months, is a good contact killer and is also absorbed by the plant that offers extended protection. Orthene works on many insect pests and if applied once every 3-4 months, your orchids should be insect-free.

### Vandaceous Group: 5 entries

1st	<i>V. lamellata</i>
1st.	<i>V. Siriporn Pink</i>
2nd	<i>V. Duang Porn</i>
2nd	<i>V. Gnana Kumar</i>
2nd	<i>V. Butterfly Orange</i>

Rene' Izquierdo  
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Chris Houk  
Rene' Izquierdo  
Mary Rudy

### Cattleya Group: 21 entries

1st	Blc. Dick Smith
1st	Pot. Paradise Beauty
1st	Blc. Fuchs Orange Nuggett
1st	Pot. Hawaiian Providence
1st	Pot. Coral Gold
1st	Rth. (Bc.) Shinfong Little Sun
1st	<i>C. aurantiaca</i>
1st	Ctna. Why Not
1st	<i>C. skinneri</i>
1st	Epc. Kyoguchi x L. Seagulls Tangerine
2nd	Blc. Fuchs Orange Nuggett
2nd	Lc. Gold Digger
2nd	Blc. Sunday x Pot. Free Spirit
2nd	Blc. Gulf Green
2nd	Blc. Banjong Chompu
2nd	Blc. Haiku Dawn
2nd	Lc. Koo Lau Seagulls
2nd	Epc. Rene' Marques
3rd	Pot. Psycho Bride
3rd	<i>C. guatamalensis</i>
3rd	Pcv. (Bpl.) Golden Peacock

Lynn Corson  
Kim Belisle  
Deborah Trajkovic  
Rene' Izquierdo  
Alfredo Figueroa  
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Kim Belisle  
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Douglas Beard  
Rossy Ochoa  
Rene' Izquierdo  
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Aurora Trajkovic  
Lynn Corson  
Mary Rudy  
Rossy Ochoa  
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Kim Belisle  
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**Dendrobium Group:** 5 entries

- 1st Den. Lowana Nioka  
 1st Den. Palpebrae  
 2nd Den. Candy Stripe  
 2nd Den. Burana Stripes  
 2nd Den. Sea Mary

Rossy Ochoa  
 Gloria Rodriguez  
 Rene' Izquierdo  
 Rossy Ochoa  
 Kim Belisle

**Oncidiinae Group:** 1 entry

- 1st Tolumnia Jairak Flyer

Rene' Izquierdo

**Cymbidoid Group:** 1 entry

- 2nd Catasetum expansum

Gloria Rodriguez

**Paphiopedilum Group:** 2 entries

- 1st Paph. Prim & Proper  
 1st Paph. Rothschildiana

Lynn Corson  
 Lynn Corson

**Phalaenopsis Group:** 2 entries

- 1st Dtps. Surf Song  
 2nd Phal. Sogo Grape

Rossy Ochoa  
 Rossy Ochoa

**Encyclia Group:** No entries**Miniatures Group:** no entries**Species Group:** 4 entries

- 1st Angraecum leonis  
 1st Aerangis luteoalba  
 1st Ludisia discolor  
 2nd Ludisia discolor

Rossy Ochoa  
 Alfredo Figueroa  
 Donna Taylor  
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**Other Hybrids Group:** 1 entry

- 1st Bulb. George Gallipeau

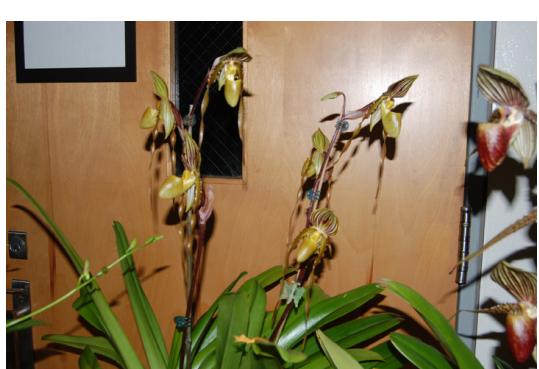
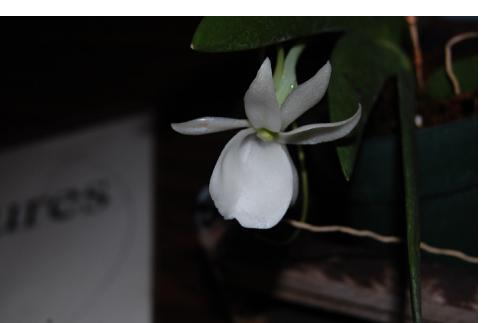
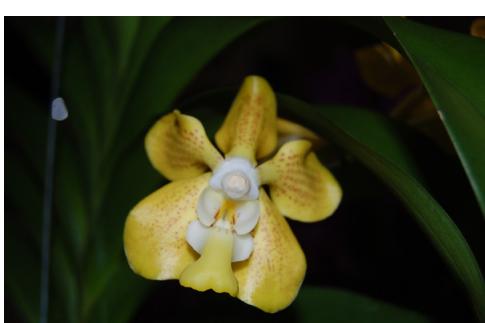
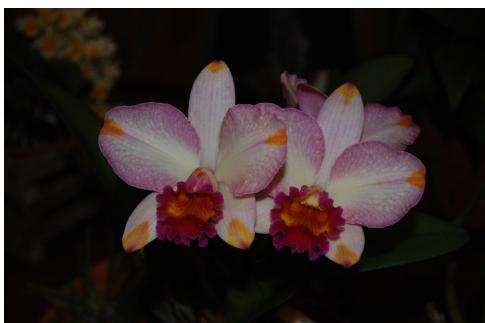
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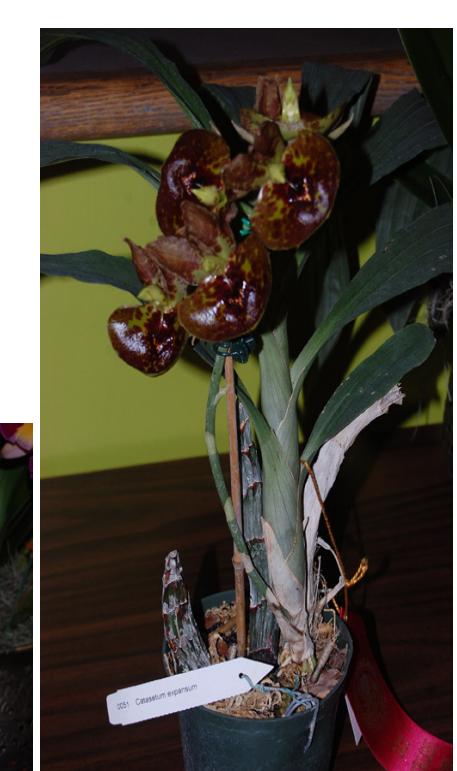
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## AOS Awarded Plants

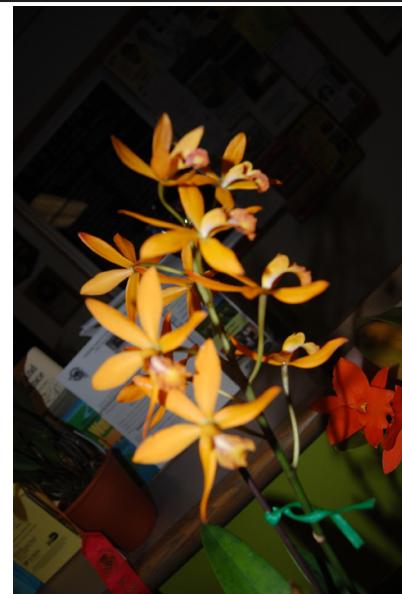
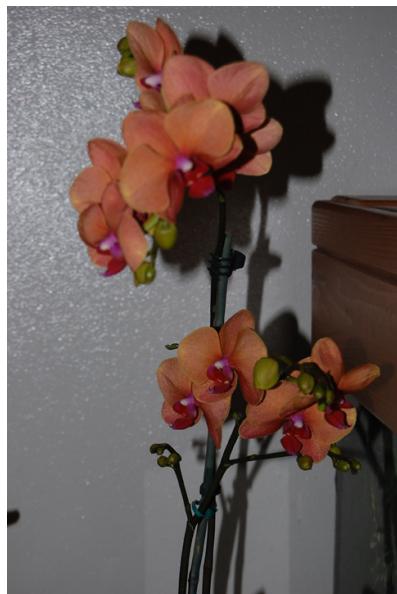
Have an orchid you think could be a winner?  
 Cannot get to the AOS Judging Center?  
 Robert Fuchs says he will be glad to take  
 your orchid for judging when he goes.  
 Bring your orchid to  
**r. f. Orchids Inc.**  
 by 10:00 am the  
 fourth Saturday of every month.  
 Then pick it up the following Sunday.







2051 *Cattleya expansum*



*Thank you all  
for a wonderful  
array of  
refreshments*

DON'T FORGET YOUR  
FREE RAFFLE TICKET  
WHEN YOU BRING A DISH TO SHARE



## When was the last time you checked the website and Facebook pages?





The Plant Doctor is in the House  
Hi everyone, I will be attempting to help you with your pesky orchid related problems. If you have an orchid that is not well, I'll try to help you give it TLC until it is once again looks like its old self.  
Bring in a sealed bag an example of your orchid's problem and together we'll try to solve the mystery.  
I'm not a real doctor, but I play one during the EEOS monthly meetings.  
Wishing you never have to ask me a question,  
Bill Capps

**Saturday April 30, 2016**

### Up Coming Events



Seats are still available.



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Wood Turner  
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786-376-7060  
Budrbiker@aol.com  
Face book: Brett's Pens

**20th Anniversary**  
**May 13-15, 2016**  
**9:00am - 5:00pm**



## HENINGTON FARMS OPEN HOUSE AND EVENTS

**Redland Show**  
**May 13 -14, 2016**  
**9 am - 5 pm**  
**Each Day**



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## East Everglades Orchid Society Membership Updates



We regret to inform you of  
the passing of our member  
Emma Jean Bohner,



Keep Tad Sharpe in your  
prayers as he recovers from heart surgery



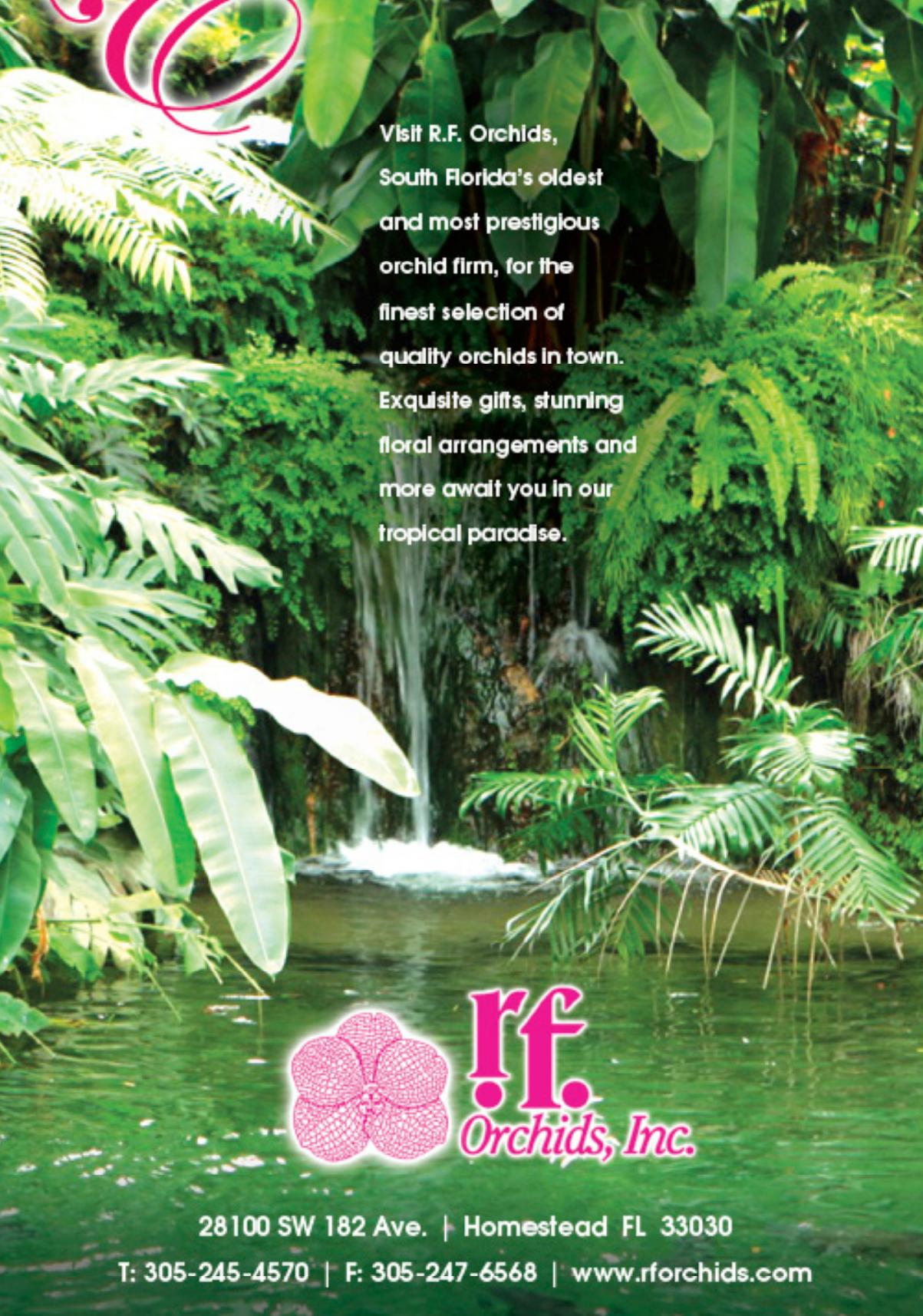
Have you met our newest member  
Chris Houk bes ure you say hello.

Congrats to Cherri Price for being  
Homestead Center For The Arts Woman of the year recipient  
at the Womans Club

Thank you  
for letting  
me  
serve you  
Cherri Price  
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