

**The EEOS
FEBRUARY 2018
Newsletter**

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 EEOS, Inc.

The East Everglades Orchid Society meets on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month with Judging at 7:30 PM and orchid related talk held at 8:00 PM

Meeting place: University of Florida Miami-Dade Extension Bldg. at

18710 SW 288th St

Homestead, Fl

Visitors are always welcome.

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East Everglades Orchid Society
The Orchid Column



Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 at 7:00pm

“Insect And Mite Pests of Orchids”

By

Dr. Catharine Mannion

OUR MEETING PLACE:

18710 SW 288th St





February Speaker

Dr. Catharine Mannion

Catharine is an Associate Professor and Extension Specialist with the University of Florida, Tropical Research and Education Center (TREC). Catharine will present a program on “Insect and mite pests of orchids”.

Catharine is responsible for developing a research and extension program on integrated pest management of ornamental plants with an emphasis on invasive pests. Her research has focused on the biology and management of the several introduced pests such as whiteflies, scales, thrips and weevils.

Catharine received a B.S. degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California, a M.S. degree in Entomology from North Carolina State University, and a Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Florida.

April members meeting will be with AOS judges. Please start now to groom your plants for judging. We would really love to have members plants receive AOS awards.

February's President's Letter

To all my fellow orchid lovers, welcome to this second newsletter of 2018. How about last month's presenter! Tony Millet, wasn't he terrific! He made his presentation on hybridizing cattleyas not only entertaining but educational. I know he encouraged me to try for myself as he made the process seem so practical. Hopefully, you experienced the same motivation.

I am wishing everyone a belated happy Valentine's Day. If you received a beautiful blooming orchid as a gift and don't know what kind it is please; either bring it to this month's meeting or bring a picture and our members will help you identify it. Remember to re-pot any new acquisition right after it goes out of bloom.

Now is the time to stay vigilant and keep a close eye out for pests on your orchids. During cooler weather slugs can be the #1 pest. The safest method to eradicate slugs is to physically remove them—repot and replace all the media—and keep things drier. Slug eggs look like tiny clusters of pearl onions. Other pests can be removed by cleaning the plants under a stream of water repeated every few days and spraying the leaves with Dawn dishwashing soap mixed in water.

February and March bring us into the flowering season for cymbidiums, lycaste, odontoglossums, paphiopedilum, and phalaenopsis. Staking is crucial at this time. Continue to water and fertilize cautiously and delay re-potting for another few months.

We had a wonderful selection of blooming orchids last month and I am looking forward to this month's selections. I want to thank David Schaffter and our judging committee for their support and efforts to conscientiously judge all the outstanding plants brought in by members.

March 9th,10th & 11th is the annual International Orchid Festival at Fairchild Gardens so mark your calendars now

Thanks to our volunteers at our monthly meetings. We need members to come around 7:00pm to help set up our meeting and judging spaces. Please come help out and you'll also have fun getting to know your fellow members. Our thanks to the members who stay at the end of the meeting and help put everything back to pre-meeting condition. All of the help before and after the meeting makes this task quick and easy!

It is never too early to mark your calendars for our annual show in October! The theme is ORCHID JACKPOT. We are now looking for show sponsors. This is a tax deductible donation. Award trophies are given in the sponsor's name. Sponsors will be listed at the show and in our newsletter. If you are interested or have a local business you would like to approach please see our show chairman, Kim Belisle for details. Until next month,

Happy Orchiding

Maria

The society is planning to print tee shirts.
More information to come.

January 2018 Judging Results

Welcome to a new year of **East Everglades Orchid Society's Judging Program**. This is where any member can bring in their blooming orchid to show off their beautiful flowers to the rest of us. We encourage all members to get involved, because when you see your favorite beauty, find the owner, then ask where they purchased it and what type of culture does it require. You even might be able to make a trade for a cutting!

We offer each registered plant a ribbon award from our team of judges, many affiliated with the American Orchid Society (AOS). Each ribbon award is blue for 1st, red for 2nd, white for 3rd, and a green ribbon for culture. At the end of the year, prizes are given out to members who receive the most points in each orchid group. Blue ribbons are worth 5 points, reds are 3 points, and whites are worth 1 point. Culture (green) is worth 1 point for a special award.

If you participate in judging, you must fill out our registration form and leave it with the plant. It needs to have the name of the orchid and your name. Please use your best penmanship and spelling when filling out the form.

One Culture Ribbon was awarded this month to **Rossy Ochoa** for her clean, beautiful, well-grown *Blc. Hawaii Stars*. This medium-size orchid had 20 flowers and 5 buds well-displayed around the plant growing in a wooden basket. Congratulations, **Rossy!**

Vandaceous Group: 7 entries

1st	V. Pachara Delight	Rossy Ochoa
1st	V. Petite Bouquet	Don Bourgain
1st	V. Lou Sneary	Rossy Ochoa
1st	Rhy. gigantea	Rossy Ochoa
1st	Rhy. gigantea	Rossy Ochoa
1st	Rhy. gigantea	Rossy Ochoa
2nd	Rhy. gigantea	Rene' Izquierdo

Cattleya Group: 10 entries

1st	Lc. Orglades Grand	Victoria Clemente
1st	C. Hagan's Ace	Victoria Clemente
1st	Blc. Keowee	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	B. nodosa x L. purpurata	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Blc. Doris and Byron	Donna Taylor
1st	Blc Hawaii Star	Rossy Ochoa
1st	Slc. Jami Hollingworth	Rossy Ochoa

1st	Blc. Katherine Clarkson x Sunspots	Rossy Ochoa
2nd	Blc. Lime Cooler	Rene' Izquierdo
3rd	Blc. Sherrie Styles	Rene' Izquierdo

Dendrobium Group: 1 entry

1st	Den. Genting Royal	Rossy Ochoa
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Oncidium Group: 3 entries

1st	Onc. Sweet Sugar	Rossy Ochoa
1st	Onc. Mendenhall	Rossy Ochoa
2nd	Bllra. Tropic Lily	Donna Taylor

Cymbidiod Group: 1 entry

1st	Fredclarkeara (Fdk.) After Dark	Victoria Clemente
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Encyclia Group: 1 entry

1st	Enc. cordigera alba	Rene' Izquierdo
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Miniatures Group: 2 entries

1st	Haraella retrocalla	Javier Comesanas
2nd	Den. rigidum	Javier Comesanas

Other Species Group: 1 entry

2nd	Spathoglottis vanoverberghii	Javier Comesanas
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Other Hybrids Group: 1 entry

1st	Psytonia Samana	Javier Comesanas
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East Everglades Orchid Society thanks **David Schaffter, Erna Maxwell, Lynn Corson, Ana Jaggernath, and Gilda Nolasco** for judging our members' orchids.

Meet the 2018 Board of Directors

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Congratulations to MARY RUDY,
our new volunteer for the refreshment
committee to assist Leila. Thank you
MARY!!!

Annual Membership Dues

\$25.00 Individual

\$35.00 Couples

Mail your check to:

Donna Taylor

9975 SW 196 St

Cutler Bay, FL 33157

March is the cut-off month to pay for your membership dues. Only members will be eligible for membership raffle tickets, monthly plant judging, newsletter, and membership roster

We would like to acknowledge our members birthday in the monthly Newsletter. please let us know the day and month you were born , not the year, please!

NEW**NEW****NEW**

To encourage members to read the newsletter, starting in March, we will include a **Secret Word** someplace in the newsletter. The first person who tells Maria before the monthly meeting what the **Secret Word** is will receive an additional plant raffle ticket. For example: we will write somewhere in the newsletter copy: secret word slime.

MORE EXCITING NEWS

Exciting announcement starting in March, depending on the speaker, we will return to having a members silent plant auction. Every month in the newsletter we will advise if the auction will take place. Rene Izquierdo has volunteered to manage it for us. Five simple rules:

1. Maximum of 5 plants
2. No insects or diseases.
3. Must have identifying tag.
4. Only member grown plants.
5. 10% of the sales will go to EEOS treasurer that night.

JANUARY 2018 MEETING





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