

**The EEOS
MARCH 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, March 27th, 2018 at 7:00pm

“Bifoliate Cattleya species of Brazil”

By

Luiz Hamilton Lima

OUR MEETING PLACE:



18710 SW 288th St

March Speaker



"Luiz Hamilton Lima has been an aficionado of Cattleyas since age nine, when he cultivated Cattleya violacea in a lath house, built by his father, in the back yard of their home in Manaus, Amazon, Brazil. In his lecture Luiz reviews some of the most exotic Bifoliate Cattleya species of Brazil, such as C. aelandiae, C. amethystoglossa, C. nobilior, C. violacea and C. walkeriana, the latter a very popular compact Cattleya in Brazil and in Japan. Luiz focuses on the Cattleyas' habitat climatic conditions, color forms but concentrates on valuable practical cultivation tips for the South Florida growers. Luiz is an aeronautical engineer, MSc. from MIT and lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with his wife and an extensive Cattleya orchid collection." Luiz Hamilton Lima, Plantation, FL, luizhamilton@hotmail.com"

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.

March President's Letter

Here we are, March already! Where does the time go? As Robin Williams once said "Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!" To those of us who love our orchids this means it's time to do some maintenance on our orchids. I know I have a lot of re-potting to do. Before I begin, I need to make sure I have all the tools and supplies I need. Since I don't have a list, I need to take a minute to gather my thoughts and make a mental listing of what I will need before I begin. I will start by referring to the AOS website (www.aos.org) and several of my other favorites for a quick review on re-potting. The first step is to have a clean working space. A table that I have covered with newspaper is perfect. This helps keep my orchids from getting infected with bugs and lets me keep my tools close at hand. And, it makes it easy for me to clean up after I am finished. Next, I collect my cutting pruners and clippers. I will sterilize my tools by soaking them in a Physan 20 solution for 10 minutes and rinsing them before cutting my orchid. Between plants I will wipe the blades and put them back in the Physan solution 10 minutes. Having several cutting tools on hand to cycle through will allow me to make better use of my time. Should I want to avoid these soaking steps I could heat the blades with a long handled lighter. Next step is to select fresh potting mix for the type of orchid I will be re-potting. Then, I will identify what size of pots I need and sterilize them overnight in a water solution of 10% bleach. Additionally, I will make sure I have supports for my plants, cinnamon or an orchid fungicide for the cut roots and tags. The last step will be to bring my freshly watered orchid that is ready for re-potting out to my table. All of this must sound like a lot, but re-potting orchids is really easy and fun once you get into it and your plants will thrive.

Last month several of our members had an opportunity to attend an AOS judging meeting and listen to a presentation given by a student judge on *Bulbophyllums*. The judges had an extraordinary number of orchids to judge including one show stopper from RF Orchids, Ctt(L.C.)Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin' CCE/AOS. Everyone had a fun time and learned things we had not expected. I would like to thank Leila for preparing our lunch. It was very tasty. I hope to have another opportunity later this year for another group to attend a judging session at Flamingo Gardens in Davie. Stay tuned.

I am confident you have been attending one or several of the many Orchid shows so far this year. I have seen some amazing specimen plants and some very creative displays at every show I have attended. I am looking forward to our Orchid Jackpot show in October and hope you are “babying” your plants for entry in our display and judging. Please remember we really are hoping for your support in obtaining sponsors this year. Speaking of our show, Kim (show chairman) still needs a volunteer for assistance with all aspects of putting on a fabulous show!

Here is a belated ST.Patrick’s Day quote from Daryl Stout: Why should you never iron a 4-leaf clover? You don’t want to press your luck. he,he,he

I have several reminders for your calendars: The Pan American Orchid Society show at RF Orchids will be April 20-22. East Everglades will be entering a Society display and David will need your groomed and named beauties for the display. Please bring your plants to the RF pavilion on Thursday morning by noon, April 19th. If you can’t bring them on Thursday please drop them off at my house any time prior to Thursday.

Our members meeting April 24th will be an official AOS judging with guest judges. PLEASE bring your winning orchids for judging and make the society proud. Following is the listing of AOS awards with descriptions.

HCC (Highly Commended Certificate)

Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 75 to 79 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

AM (Award of Merit)

Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 80 to 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

FCC (First Class Certificate)

The highest flower-quality award, awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 90 points or more on a 100-point scale.

JC (Judges' Commendation)

Given for distinctive characteristics that the judges unanimously feel should be recognized but cannot be scored in the customary ways.

AD (Award of Distinction)

Awarded once to a cross representing a worthy new direction in Breeding. The award is granted unanimously without scoring by the judging team assigned.

AQ (Award of Quality)

Awarded once to a cross exhibited by a single individual as a group of not less than 12 plants or inflorescences of different clones of a hybrid or cultivated species. Secret word is keiki. At least one of the inflorescences must receive a flower quality award and the overall quality of the group must be an improvement over the former type.

CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition)

Awarded to rare and unusual species with educational interest that has received no previous awards. The entire plant must be exhibited. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor. (see Taxonomic Authorities)

CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit)

Awarded to a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology, such as aesthetic appeal. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor. (see Taxonomic Authorities)

CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit)

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least 12 months immediately prior to the award and must score between 80 and 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence)

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least 12 months immediately prior to the award and must score at least 90 points on a 100-point scale. Plants receiving this award represent the highest level of orchid culture.

I guess now you are wondering about the point scale.

Point Scales for AOS Awards - Flower Quality

The appropriate point scale is used to record the judges' evaluation of various qualities being judged.

	7.2.1	7.2.2	7.2.3	7.2.4	7.2.5	7.2.6	7.2.7	7.2.8	7.2.9	7.2.10
	General	Cattleya	Cymbidium	Dendrobium	Miltonia (Miltoniopsis)	Odontoglossum	Paphiopedilum	Phalaenopsis	Pleurothallid	Vanda
FLOWER FORM										
General Form	-	15	15	15	15	15	20	15	20	15
Sepals (*Dorsal Sepal)	-	5	5	5	6	5	10	5	4*	7
Petals (*Lateral Sepals)	-	5	5	5		5	5	6	8*	5
Labellum (*Pouch)	-	5	5	5	9	5	5*	4	-	3
Caudae	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
TOTAL	30	30	30	30	30	30	40	30	35	30
COLOR OF FLOWER										
General Color	-	15	15	15	15	15	20	15	20	15
Sepals (*Dorsal Sepal)	-	7	8	5	6	5	10	10	5*	7
Petals (*Lateral Sepals)	-			5		5	5		10*	5
Labellum (*Pouch)	-	8	7	5	9	5	5*	5	-	3
TOTAL	30	30	30	30	30	30	40	30	35	30
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS										
Size of Flower	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Substance and Texture	10	20	10	10	10	10	5	10	7	10
Habit and Arrangement of Inflorescence(s)	10	-	10	10	10	10	-	10	5	10
Floriferousness	10	-	10	10	10	10	-	10	8	10
Floriferousness and Stem	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stem	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
TOTAL	40	40	40	40	40	40	20	40	30	40

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting March 27th.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our March members:

Brett Belisle

Leila Werner

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Carlos Ochoa

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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

WELCOME!!!

EEOS New Members 2018

Susan Sorrentino

David & Patsy McDonald

Thelma Caballero-Powell

Karen Linsang

Sandra Roa

Lucky & Mario Medina

WELCOME BACK!!!

Geneva Hairs

Rita West

February 2018 Judging Results

Looks like our members are bringing in more orchids of very high quality. They must know what the judges look for and have read our hints for growing award-winning orchids. Maybe you have a blooming orchid, but feel intimidated from all the First Place plants. Forget that, because you too, can grow your orchid just like the other members of the club.

Just remember, when your orchid starts putting out a bloom shoot, don't move the plant or you might get twisted flowers. Now is a good time to spray systemic insecticide like Orthene. The weather is getting warm and dry, so the thrips are getting ready for your buds and flowers! Stake your spikes to support the weight of the developing flowers. The buds should open and not hang down, but face you, so you see all the parts of the flower. Judges like to see clean, healthy foliage. Clean your leaves with 1/2 mixture of milk in water. It makes the leaves clean and removes water spots. Look at the flowers like the judges do. Look for a pleasant display that is pleasing to the eye. Now, bring in your orchid and get it awarded!!

We had **3 Culture Awards** this month. **Rene' Izquierdo** received Culture for a large *Vanda lamellata* var. *boxellii* with 2 side branches, each with a spike supporting a large number of flowers.

A large, well-grown *Den. aggregatum* with 170 flowers was brought in by **Victoria Clemente**, which also received a Culture Award. **Chris Houk** received Culture for his large, well displayed *Oncidium splendidum*, supporting 55 flowers from 3 inflorescences. **Congratulations, Rene', Victoria, and Chris**, for sharing such beautiful orchids with us.

Judging Results

Vandaceous Group: 6 entries

1st	Vanda lamellata var. boxellii	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	V. Varakorn x V. merrilli	Victoria Clemente
1st	V. Golden Doubloon	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	V. Su-Fun Beauty	Chris Houk
1st	V. Roberts Delight	Victoria Clemente
1st	Ren. Scarlet Yuka x Ren. Lutchman's Inferno	Rene' Izquierdo

Cattleya Group: 10 entries

1st	Blc. Bouton D'or	Donna Taylor
1st	Blc. Fuchs Orange	Donna Taylor
1st	Blc. Lily Marie Almas	Victoria Clemente

1st	Blc. Mem. Srivilas Gold	Chris Houk
1st	Ctna. Why Not	Tere Camacho
2nd	Blc. My Orange	Donna Taylor
2nd	Blc. Mildred Hollingsworth	Donna Taylor
2nd	Sc. Royal Beau	Donna Taylor
3rd	Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler	Victoria Clemente
3rd	Pot. Hawaiian Prominence	Donna Taylor

Dendrobium Group: 5 entries

1st	Den. aggregatum	Victoria Clemente
1st	Den. Montebello x Den. Golden Wasp	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Den. tangerinum	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Den. Spring Dream	Deborah Trajkovic
1st	Den. Pink Kiss	David Schaffter

Oncidium Group: 4 entries

1st	Onc. splendidum	Chris Houk
1st	Onc. Popoki Mitzi	Victoria Clemente
1st	Tol. Jairak Rainbow	Tere Camacho
?2nd	Tol. Wild Willie	Tere Camacho

Phalaenopsis Group: 1 entry

2nd	Phal. amabilis var. formosa	Tere Camacho
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Paphiopedilum Group: 2 entries

1st	Paph. chamberlainiaum	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	Paph. Swithin	Rene' Izquierdo

Encyclia Group: 1 entry

1st	Epi. stamfordianum	Rene' Izquierdo
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Miniatures Group: 3 entries

1st	Masdevalia atropurpurea	Victoria Clemente
1st	Gastrochillus calceolaris	Javier Comesanas
2nd	Trichcentrum pulchum	Javier Comesanas

Other Species Group: 3 entries

1st	Ludisia discolor	Donna Taylor
1st	Cattleyopsis ortgesiana	Javier Comesanas
1st	Maxillaria hedwigiae	Javier Comesanas

East Everglades Orchid Society thanks David Schaffter, Erna Maxwell, Gilda Nolasco, and Ana Jaggernath for judging the members' orchids. Photo credits- Cherri Price

Judging Guidelines

Here are some helpful hints to display your orchids for our judges, and most of all, for your enjoyment and to share with other members your expertise of growing and blooming orchids. Use the registration forms to register your orchid to be judged. Please fill out your name and your orchid's name. Please write or print legably!

Make sure you bring your orchids and register them on time. **Judging begins at 7:30**, before the main meeting.

Please Leave the judging area so our judges can get busy and maybe they can enjoy the speaker when the meeting starts.

Clean your orchid of dead leaves, debris, etc., and stake the flowers so they are displayed in a pleasing manner. You can use a mixture of milk and water to clean your leaves. It helps get rid of water stains and dirt.

Make sure your orchid has the correct name tag in the pot. Orchids cannot be judged without a name!

Once your orchid begins to show a spike, don't move it around on the orchid bench or wherever you grow it. Moving orchids while they are

blooming might cause twisted and misshapen flowers. If you do pick up your plant, make sure you set it down in the same place and orientation as it was before you picked it up.

Orchids should be in your possession for around 6 months. **Make sure YOU bloomed your orchid, not WAL-MART or HOME DEPOT!**

Don't bring your blooming orchid in if it was judged the month before, on the same bloom.

Make sure your orchids are healthy and insect-free. No ants! Ants help spread scale. No thrips, either.

Make sure there are no snails. One snail can destroy your blooms overnight!

ORCHIDS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING





Rene' Izquierdo culture winner



Blc. Bouton D'or



Blc. Lily Marie Almas



Blc. Fuchs Orange
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V. Roberts Delight



Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler

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Blc. Mem. Srivilas Gold



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Den. Montebello x Den. Golden Wasp



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Den. Spring Dream





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Thank you every one who brought food to our February meeting. It was a nice assortment
Please note, not everyone wrote their names down..
Diann McMillian - cold cut tray; Mary Rudy - deviled eggs; David Shafter - cheese and crackers; Gloria Rodriguez - pizza; Victoria Clemente - chips; Idia Macfarlane - Brie cheese and crackers; Gene Simmons - homemade apple pie; Leila Werner - turkey and roast pork sliders; and Karon & Buck Buckle - assorted sodas.

We are looking for sponsors for our October show. Please talk to Kim Belisle if you want to approach businesses or individuals for sponsor



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This month we will have a Silent Auction!
Rene Izquierdo, Chairman

We will have the Silent Auction available at every members meeting unless posted in the newsletter. Currently there will **not** be an auction in **April** when we have the AOS judges or in **May** when we have our society auction. Please plan to have your plants for the Silent Auction in place and ready to go by 7:50pm. This allows everyone to be seated

and ready for the meeting at 8 pm. Please, no silent auction activity during the announcements and speaker's presentation. Bids will open for the members once the speaker has finished their presentation. Please place your bids in dollar increments. The auction will close with an announcement by Rene after David has made his plant judging presentation. At this time the winning bidders will pay Rene and collect their plants.

All payments in **cash** or **check** only.

5 simple rules to abide by in submitting your plants for the Silent Auction: A knowledgeable member will review all plants for insects, diseases and correct name tags.

1. Maximum number of plants per member is 5 (exceptions will be made only by Rene or Ochoa)
2. Plants must be free of insects or diseases.
3. Plants must have a correct name tag.
4. There will be no commercial sales
5. 10% of the sales will go to the Treasurer that night.

Thanks go to Rene and Ochoa for making this event available for the enjoyment of all members.

Judging Trip



Robert and crew unloading the orchids he brought.



WOW!



Living oaks



Moving Cattlianthe Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin'



What are you having for lunch



Another lunch guest at the Flamingo Park



The Flamingos!



Gur. Herbert Oesterrich 'Crownfox' AM 81 pts.



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Den. Spring Dream 'Apollon' CCM/AM/AOS exhibited by Christine Morales



(L. Undulata X Rtc. Twenty-four Carat) 'Crownfox' AM 82 pts.

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Lyc. Dainty 'Perseverance' AM 84 pts. Exhibited by Judy Bailey

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V. Will Riley 'Crownfox Big Boy' FCC 90 pts.



Phal. Fullers Black Mask 'Lauren Schwartz' AM 86 pts. Exhibited by Judy Mezey



V. (Ascda) Carla Wood 'Crownfox Butterscotch' AM 83pts.



V. (Ascda) Carla Wood 'Crownfox Marmalade' AM 83 pts.



V. coerulescens 'Crownfox Sky' AM 81 pts.



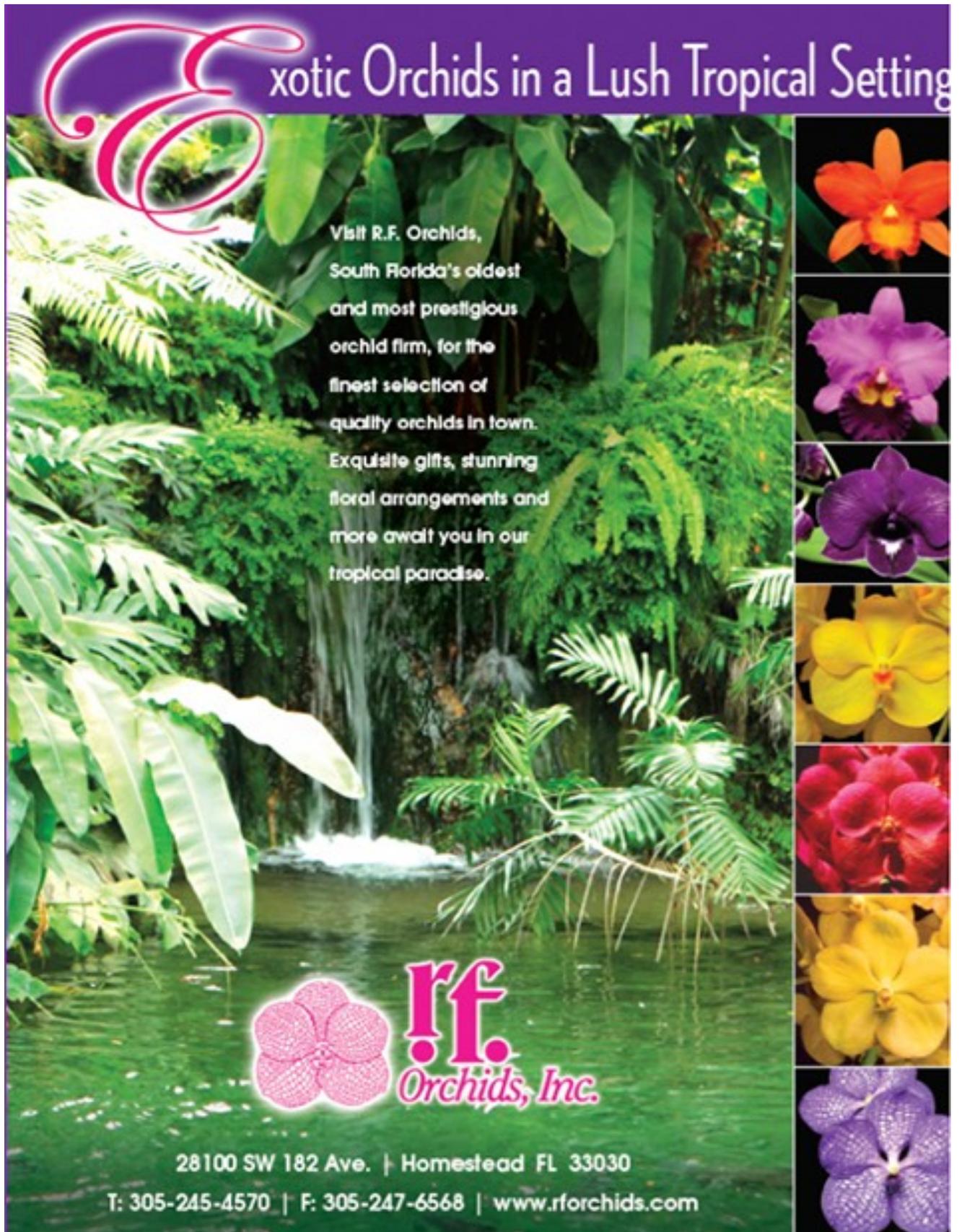
C. Lueddemanniana 'Enceadida' AM 80 pts.
Exhibited by Luis Hamilton Lima



Aerdv. Peach Delight 'Crownfox Gold' AM 82 pts.



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