

**The EEOS JUNE
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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The Orchid Column



Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 26th, 2018 at 7:00pm

**“TIPS AND TRICKS OF
ORCHID GROWING IN
SOUTH FLORIDA”**

By: Carlos Cahiz

OUR MEETING PLACE:



18710 SW 288th St



June Speaker

Carlos A. Cahiz is the oldest son of Carlos and Teresa Cahiz. Born in Valencia, Venezuela in 1964, he graduated from the University of Kansas in 1989.

Carlos joined the family business, OFE Orchid Supplies in 1990, and has been with the company ever since. One

of his first tests as manager was to deal with the devastation left behind from Hurricane Andrew.

He has recently been more involved with the local orchid community, and has been on the board of the South Florida Orchid Society for the last several years.

Carlos shares his West Kendall/Miami home with his wife Amanda and their son. They share their home with various adopted dogs, birds, and turtles.

With a small orchid collection of around 300 plants, Carlos favors orchids with a nice fragrance. His growing approach can be distilled into these two ideas: (KISS) Keep It Simple Son. And, second, to learn to look and listen to your plants. They will tell you, and show you what they like

June President's Letter

Welcome to June's newsletter.

I would like to say a "big" thank you to all our members who contributed to the annual auction last month. We had the largest turnout we have experienced in several years. There wasn't an empty parking space in the lot. The auction plants were fantastic thanks to the collection committee and Leila's famous banana bread. This year we were fortunate to have one of our own, Carlos Ochoa as our auctioneer. Ochoa and his team of helpers provided a fast paced smooth auction. If you were not at the meeting you missed a wonderful opportunity to add to your collections.

Continuing with my repotting efforts, June is a good month to repot your paphiopedilum orchids (pronounced paf-ee-oh-ped-i-lum). AKA the Slipper Orchid.

More than 90 species of Paphiopedilums are found in nature from northern India to the Philippines and New Guinea. They have a fascinating array of colors and forms and their ease of culture has attracted lifelong admirers.

All Paphiopedilums are characterised by both a cup-like lip called the pouch, which gives them the common name of lady slipper, and a prominent dorsal sepal.

The plants are mostly terrestrials, although some, like Paphiopedilum lowii may be found growing epiphytically, (on trees) or lithophytically, (on rocks) They are dwarf to moderate sized with leaves that are stiff, waxy or leathery and range from a glossy green to beautifully mottled. The leaves usually form a fan-shaped tuft.

An erect stem, bearing one or more flowers, arises from the centre of each new growth.

Some species i.e. P stonei and P rothschildianum, may produce up to six flowers on each stem. The flowers may last perfectly on the plant for six weeks or more.

The major blooming season is from mid-autumn onwards although variations occur.

Paphiopedilums are divided into two cultural groups: the warm-growing, mottled-leaved types like the famous Paphiopedilum Maudiae (ideal for beginners), and the cool growing, plain-green leaved types. All types require reasonably cool nights, particularly in the spring when they will be setting their buds for the autumn flowering season. Although this need makes them difficult to manage in warm areas, their low light requirement makes it possible to keep them cool by shading.

Temperature and Humidity--Green-leaved types ideally require a minimum night temperature of approx. 55°F while the mottled-leaved types do better with a night temperature of 60-65°F. Day temperatures should range between 70-80°F although short periods of higher temperatures will not injure the plant. The humidity should be moderate. Avoid direct sun, except in the early morning. Moist air and vigorous air movement at a favorable temperature, is highly recommended to keep the leaves cool and to dry drops of water on the plants thereby reducing the chance of spreading disease. Secret word: humidity Hot or cold draughts cause bud-blast (the buds turn brown and die).

Watering--Paphiopedilums do not have pseudobulbs and so, like Phalaenopsis, they must have a regular and constant water supply. This means keeping the growing compost moist but not wet, a technique that beginners will have to practice to get perfect. Water the plants early in the day. Plants typically need to be watered every five to seven days but weather conditions may modify this need. The potting medium, the surrounding humidity and the weather all affect the rate at which plants dry and thus need water. For those growers using bark as a potting medium, it is essential not to let the plant dry out completely because bark becomes very difficult to re-wet.

Fertilizing--Plants growing in bark need a high nitrogen fertilizer (30-10-20 or 30-10-10 ratio) at half strength. Alternate the fertilizer with a pure water flush.

Potting--Because most Paphiopedilums are terrestrial a medium that drains well but retains moisture is needed. Moisten the bark mix thoroughly before potting any type of orchid in it. Repot Paphiopedilums before the growing medium decomposes and before the plant has outgrown its pot, or when it needs dividing (i.e. about once each year). When repotting first, clip off dead roots, then position the plant in the new container and finally fill in around the roots with the compost medium until it reaches slightly over the base of the plant. Do not bury the new plant growths as this will cause rotting. The base of each growth should be in contact with the growing medium to encourage new roots to form. Restrain watering to a minimum until evidence of new growth is apparent but do not neglect the humidity or the plants will dehydrate. Recently repotted Paphiopedilums should be placed in a shady area and moved gradually into the correct light conditions once new growth begins.

The North of England Orchid Society

Maria

IMPORTANT!!!

Our current president, Maria Wood, has resigned
The following nominees will be voted at the June meeting:
for

President: Carlos Ochoa (Current vice president)

Vice President: Rossy Ochoa (Current Secretary)

Secretary: Tere Camacho (Current Trustee)

Remember:

Judging and Silent Auction will resume in June

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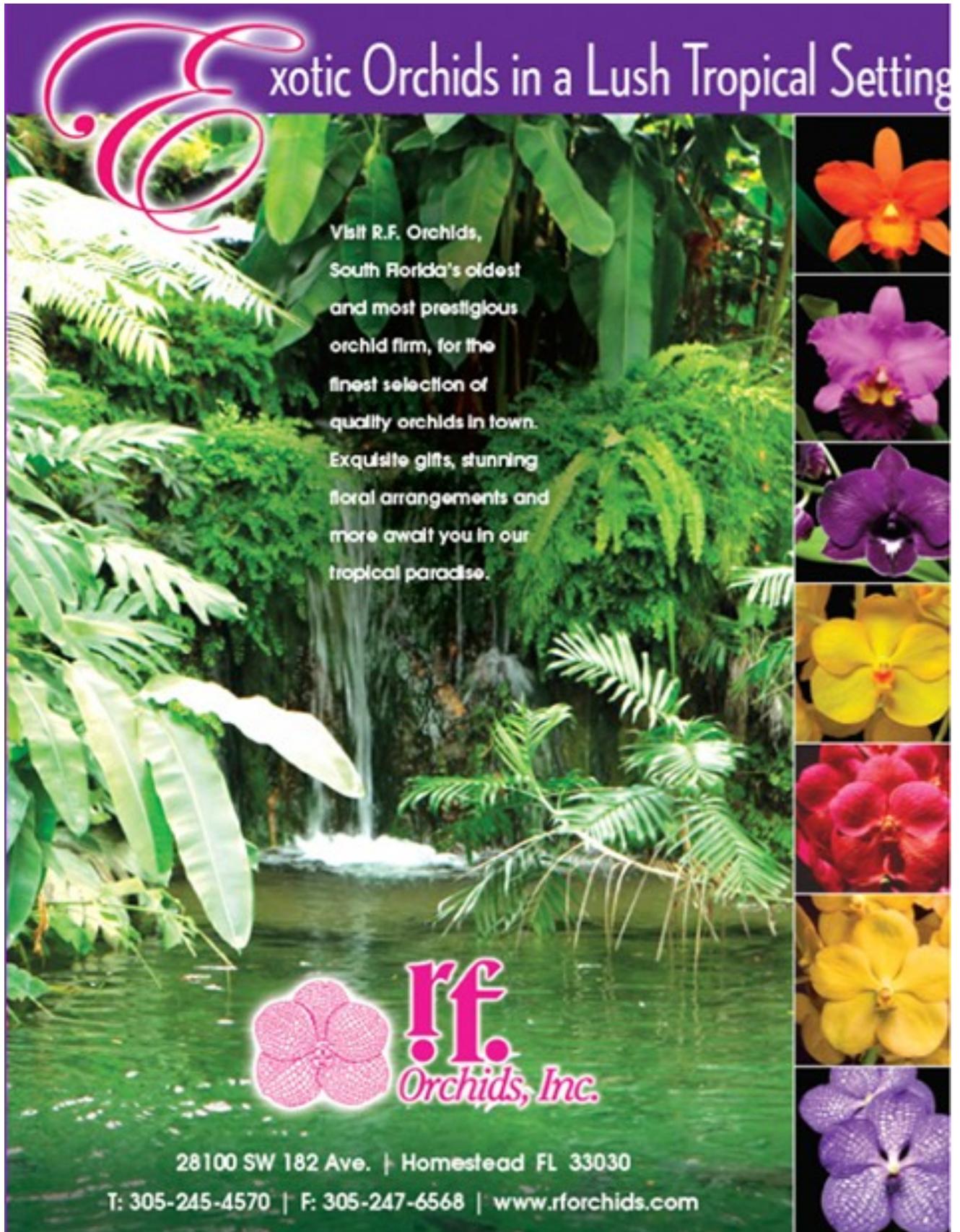


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