

September Judging

October and November is a transition time for your orchids. Nights and early mornings are a little cooler than summer months. Daylight hours are shorter and heavy thunderstorms are fewer. However, the risk of a tropical storm is still around and October storm systems are always a threat until the end of November.

You can help your orchids by fertilizing with a bloom booster or a higher K-P (Potassium-Phosphorus) fertilizer to strengthen roots and stems before cutting back on fertilizer. When it turns cool, orchids don't need as much water and food. Some orchids actually need a drier 'rest period' during their growing cycle. You can still feed your orchids through the winter months, but not as frequent and more dilute concentrations are recommended. Lower doses of high nitrogen fertilizers are best when growth slows down.

We had one Culture Award this month. **Rene' Izquierdo's** *Encyclia radiata* received a culture for a beautiful, well-grown plant with 14 inflorescences supporting 98 fragrant flowers. Thank you, **Rene'**, for sharing your orchid with us.

Judging Results

Vandaceous Group: 12 entries

1st	V. Pine Rivers	Mitchell Gazzia
1st	V. Crownfox Golden Dawn	Mitchell Gazzia
1st	V. Golden Doubloon	Don Bourgoin
1st	V. Tzeng-Wen-Happy	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Rhynchostilis coelestis	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Renanthera philippinensis	Mitchell Gazzia
2nd	V. Arjund	Don Bourgoin
2nd	Ascda. Fat Tuesday	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	V. Burning Sands	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	V. Buddy Choo	Mitchell Gazzia
3rd	V. Gordon Dillon	Tere Camacho
3rd	V. Rayong Blue Spot	Tere Camacho

Cattleya Group: 5 entries

1st	Bepi. Florida Bay x Enc. dichroma	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Bc. Nakornapathon	Buck & Karon
2nd	Bc. Marg Putman*	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	B. Jiminey Cricket	Mitchell Gazzia
2nd	Bc. Binosa	Tere Camacho

Dendrobium Group: 1 entry

2nd Den. Blue Violetta

Tere Camacho

Oncidium Group: 1 entry

1st Mtssa. Kuai's Choice

Tere Camacho

Encyclia Group: 1 entry

1st Enc. radiata (Culture)

Rene' Izquierdo

Other Species Group: 1 entry

1st Bulbophyllum lepidum

Don Bourgoin

* Marg Putman = C. intermedia x Bc. Morning Glory

East Everglades Orchid Society thanks **David Schaffter, Erna Maxwell, Mitchell Gazzia, and Gilda Nolasco** for judging the members' orchids.