

June Judging

There were some slim pickings at the judging tables, this hot month of June! Hot weather can cause your orchids stress that affects growth, water intake, bloom size and longevity.

The intense heat during the summer can wilt blooms in a matter two days. When your orchid flowers, move it into the shade or bring it inside. After you water your plants, run some fans to move the air, which will also help keep your orchids cooler. Keep those fans going all night long if your orchids are still wet as evening approaches, from watering or rainy weather. Dry plants at night resist fungus and bacterial diseases better than wet ones.

Be careful when you fertilize or spray chemicals on your plants when it hot, as they might cause leaf burn or other damage to tender parts of your orchids. If you need to, fertilize early in the morning or late evening when it's cooler. Orchids love moving air, so keep those fans running.

Vandaceous Group: 1 entry

1st Rntda. Mary Motes Mitchell Gazzia

Cattleya Group: 2 entries

1st Epc. Middleburg Mitchell Gazzia

2nd Ctt. Memoria Lucille Lee Mitchell Gazzia

Phalaenopsis Group: 1 entry

1st Phal. bastianii Gilda Nolasco

Paphiopedilum Group: 1 entry

2nd Paph. Astraea* Lynn Corson

*Paph. spicerianum x Paph. philippinense = Paph. Astraea

Encyclia Group: 3 entries

1st Enc. stienbachianum David Schaffter

1st Enc. Thomas Fennell Mitchell Gazzia

2nd Enc. Golden Sunset* Lynn Corson

*Enc. Renate Schmidt x Enc. aspera = Enc. Golden Sunset

Other Hybrids Group: 1 Entry

1st Myrmecophila Beth Sadacca Gilda Nolasco

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

