

**The EEOS
FEBRUARY 2020
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 at 7pm, 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 25th, 2020 at 7:00pm

“Unique Ways to Pot and Mount your Orchids”

By

Jason Fischer

OUR MEETING PLACE:



18710 SW 288th St

February Speaker

Jason Fischer, Unique Ways to Pot and Mount your Orchids”



Jason Fischer knows orchids well — he's been around them for most of his life. His father, Jerry Fischer, opened [Orchids Limited](#) in 1978 as a small orchid nursery in Minnetonka.

“As a child I was constantly exposed to plants and orchids,” Fischer says. “My chore was to earn allowance repotting and helping around the greenhouse at age 5.”

Orchids Limited moved to Plymouth in 1983 and since then has expanded to five orchid greenhouses, each with its own special climate. Along the way, Fischer cultivated, grew and eventually created hybrid plants as a teen. Now,

Fischer is the manager of the business and teaches employees how to care for orchids.

While working with orchids, Fischer developed a particular interest in Japanese culture, and more specifically, Japanese orchids. He's sought out to give lectures on the flowers.

“They're treated and displayed kind of like bonsai,” says Fischer. In May in Japan, Fischer says growers bring the orchids in decorative containers and they're judged on display. Factors like the color of leaves, the roots and how they're planted are what judges look for in the plant.

“Flowers aren't necessarily how they're judged, although they're beautiful. It's really about presentation. It's something to enjoy all year round,” he says.

After high school, Fischer moved to Japan, where he met his wife, before moving back to Plymouth and fully immersing himself in the orchid business. “It's not just a job, but a hobby and a passion all wrapped up in one,” says Fischer.

The business continues to change as there are new developments in the industry constantly. “There are three ways to look at it,” Fischer says. “There are new species discovered all around the world, man-made hybrids made all the time, and the third thing you see the most: clones.”

New man-made hybrid species take three to seven years to grow, according to Fischer. He's given talks about his own plant, the Phragmipedium, as well as other hybrids, around the world. With awards from the American Orchid Society, the plant is also known for its intense colors and shape. It's won the most First Class Certificates in the history of judging.

“Most orchids, if cared for properly and have no bugs or viruses, can live indefinitely. Some of the Japanese plants are from the 1800s and we have illustrations from 1400,” Fischer says.

February President's letter

This winter has been a really sweet one. One or two days temperatures have gone down to the mid 30s and our plants don't like that. I am sure you already know, but just in case I'd like to remind you to pay special attention to the forecast so you can bring your orchids inside if possible or otherwise protect them from such low temperatures.

Last month's speaker was great—everyone enjoyed the talk and many people bought nice plants from the speaker and the amazing raffle table! Some people bought many tickets and consequently, won many plants. Buying raffle tickets helps support your society and increases your collection!

Continuing our pursuit of the best speakers, this month we will have Jason Fischer, with Orchids Limited, from Plymouth, Minnesota. Jason will talk about potting and mounting orchids. Come and take advantage of this talk, which will be unique.

The EEOS board wants to plan a field trip to "Patch of Heaven", a non-for profit organization located in the Redlands area. We will enjoy the beautiful gardens and learn about their conservation, reforestation, and projects, funded in part by the National Geographic Society. Group tours are available for a discounted fee, depending on the size of the group. Please take a look at their website: <https://www.patchofheavensanctuary.org/> and let us know if you want to go.

If you haven't done it already, it is time to renew your membership. The fees are same bargain as last year: \$25 per person, \$35 for a couple, and \$45 for a family of 4. And again, the sooner you pay the sooner we can start filling out the 2020 Roster—we want to have all of you included in it!

We were very happy to have George and Harriet visiting us last meeting! It was great to see them doing well and sharing their time with their old friends at the EEOS. Thank you for the nice surprise.

Also, at the meeting, I heard someone saying that if Gene is not able to attend, he should send his signature apple pie because people missed it! Lastly, please don't forget to write your name on the list of people that brought food to the meeting so we can give you credit in the newsletter.

Hope to see you all the meeting!

We have opportunities for volunteers on the following committees:

Assistant Show Chairman

Social Media—Facebook, Twitter et al

Advertising

Meeting facility set-up and take down for monthly meetings & judging

Assistant Hospitality

Assistant Membership/Roster

Judging assistant

EXISTING COMMITTEES

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January Judging

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.

When you bring in your orchid, please fill out an entry form with your orchid's name, your name, and put a check at the bottom identifying what category your orchid belongs in. If you need any help, just ask one of our judges or members what is needed on the entry form. **Please use your best penmanship when filling out the form**. Also, check out the rules or tips for judging orchids on our website.

We had many beautiful orchids this month, but the cold weather affected many flowers. Cold nights and damaging winds stunted many blooms and damaged flowers. When it gets cold, like below 40 degrees, it is best to bring in your orchids. If that isn't possible, try to block the wind from blowing on them. **Do not water!** Keep your orchids dry and out of strong, cold winds. During the day, you can water if you really need to, but only if the temperature rises above 75 degrees. It is best to wait until we get 2-3 days of warmer weather before watering.

Judging Results

Vandaceous Group: 17 entries

1st	V. Ben's Delight	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Ascda. Korb Fah x V. coerulea	Pedro Bonetti
1st	Rhy Kultana	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Rhy. gigantea	Chris Houk
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1st	Rhy. gigantea	Rene' Izquierdo

1st	Rhy. gigantea	Gilda Nolasco
2nd	Rhy. gigantea	David Schaffter
2nd	Rhy. gigantea	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	V. Blue Danube	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	V. Gabriel Piedraheta	Mitchell Gazzia
2nd	V. Peachtree Delight	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	V. Varut Leopard x V. Suksamran Spots	Pedro Bonetti
3rd	Rhy. gigantea	Tere Camacho
3rd	Rhy. gigantea	Chris Houk
3rd	V. Copper Pure x V. Ken Kone	Tere Camacho

Cattleya Group: 6 entries

1st	B. Aristocrat	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	C. Graceful Gift*	Gilda Nolasco
2nd	Bpl. Golden Peacock	Tere Camacho
2nd	Hknsa. Jose's Keepsake	Tere Camacho
2nd	Slc. Jami Hollingsworth	Chris Houk
3rd	C. Green Emerald	Pedro Bonetti

*C. Mark Jones x C. Llory Ann = C. Grateful Gift

Oncidium Group: 1 entry

1st	Onc. cebolleta	Gilda Nolasco
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Phalaenopsis Group: 1 entry

1st	Phal. Da Shang Orange Sun	Tere Camacho
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Paphiopedilum Group: 1 entry

1st	Paph. White Alary x Pacific Shamrock	Rene' Izquierdo
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Encyclia Group: 1 entry

1st	Epc. Rene Margus	Gilda Nolasco
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Miniatures Group: 1 entry

1st P. grobyi

Gilda Nolasco

Other Species Group: 1 entry

1st Bulb. lasiochilum

Pedro Bonetti

Other Hybrids Group: 1 entry

2nd Maxthompsonara (Mxp.) Bryon Rinke

Pedro Bonetti

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

There will be a Silent Auction this Month!!

Check out the Patch of Heaven Website:

<https://www.patchofheavensanctuary.org/>

**And let us know if you are interested. Group tours
are available at a discounted price**

JANUARY 2020 MEETING











Thank you to the following members for bringing delicious treats to the meeting:

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| Judy Congdon: | Cheese and fig crackers |
| Wayne Congdon: | Pineapple, papaya, blackberry plate |
| Alex Bristol: | Fried chicken |
| Tere Camacho: | Signature flan |
| Norma Nevers: | Lemon cookies |
| Leila Werner: | Pulled pork sliders and coleslaw |
| Idia Macfarlane: | Cheese and crackers |

Please remember to bring food for the refreshment table



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