

The EEOS Aug 2023 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 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



Our August Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**This month our Guest Speaker will be
Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids**

Please note we will not have the silent auction this month.

Please bring your beautiful orchids next month.



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Greetings Members:

Just in case you haven't noticed, it is HOT! During this hot weather, our orchids are looking to us for comfort; adequate air movement to help prevent diseases and pests and water, the plants will dry much faster in the heat and we do not want them to be thirsty for long periods. Could be time for some systemic and topical fungicide to help with all the rain.

Last month our speaker was Lou Lodyga, an accredited judge with the West Palm Beach judging center. Lou gave a fabulous talk about the History of Unifoliate Cattleyas. Very enlightening!

There will not be a silent auction this month!!

This month's speaker is Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids out of Myakka, FL. Jim is a grower and hybridizer, and has made some of the most beautiful hybrids that have won many AOS awards. He is also one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Jim will have plants to sell and is providing the raffle table.

Bring a friend! Bring a snack to share!

See you at the meeting!

Jim Roberts Bio

It was in the college days of 1979 when I first encountered orchids during a routine doctor's visit. While there, I noticed a large Cattleya orchid on his desk. I asked the fateful question: "What kind of flower is that?" To which the physician laughingly replied, "You do NOT want to know!" A short story by the doctor about his all-consuming hobby ensued and within two days I had gotten two orchids of my own.

During those college years in Northfield, Minnesota, I was put in charge of the St. Olaf greenhouse and its repository of orchids. I knew little about the plants but read everything I could get my hands on. After graduating, I moved to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands where I happened upon a sidewalk sale by the local orchid society. I joined the group, learned much about growing in a tropical arid environment, the native orchid species, and won my first AOS award for Encyclia bifida 'Loves Favor' AM/AOS.

Leaving the island three years later, I found myself trying to take 10 boxes of plants through customs back to Minnesota. Little did I know that the customs encounter would be the easiest part. It was a totally new experience trying to grow plants in a cold Midwestern state. Many plants did not survive. Many did, and I learned that orchids actually could be grown quite successfully in the stifling environment of a house surrounded by ice and snow.

During those return years in Minnesota, I worked in the horticulture industry, served in various capacities with orchid organizations and lectured to many garden clubs. I also had the privilege of traveling extensively around the United States, Europe and Hawaii for my career, visiting all of the major orchid nurseries. It was during this time that I started to turn my avid hobby into a small business.

Since 2001, when he moved to Florida, Jim has owned and operated Florida SunCoast Orchids which is located near Myakka City, FL. He has a 10,000 square foot greenhouse on five acres of land where he grows Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobium, Vanda and Encyclia orchids. The greenhouse is only open by appointment but you can find Jim and his plants at 15-18 orchid shows a year around the state and at local markets in Sarasota. He specializes in growing Cattleya

and *Encyclia* hybrids, flowering in 4-inch and 6-inch flowering pots and baskets. Larger and smaller sizes are available.

Jim is also a hybridizer and has created such beauties as *Suncoast Sundrops* and *Florida Stars*. “I strive to grow and sell the best quality orchid plants for all our customers, and to build a lasting reputation in the industry as one of the very best.”

Jim lives in the Sarasota area and has lived in Florida since 2001

July Judging

We are approaching the heart of hurricane season, so stay attuned to the weather. If you have a small number of orchids, you can move them inside your house for protection. You don't need to water once you move them inside. After the storm passes, move them out and then water and put out snail bait.

If you have many orchids outdoors in a greenhouse or hanging under trees, move them to the ground so they don't blow around and/or get wind damage. Put out snail bait, just in case. Once the storm passes, get them off the ground and rinse any dirt or debris that might be on the orchids or in the pots. If you use fungicides, it might be a good time to apply, and also try to dry them out a little by using fans or anything to facilitate good air movement. Remove any damaged leaves or other parts of the orchid to stop any source of rot or bacterial infection. We also have some more information in some of our earlier newsletters about dealing with storms. Keep your fingers crossed and hope for no hurricanes this season.

You'll notice some question marks after the orchid name on a few entries. These orchids have not been found in Orchidwiz. This could be because of spelling errors, wrong or incomplete name, or it might not have been registered in Orchidwiz. Please, save your tags when repotting your orchids.

Vandaceous Group: 15 entries

1st	V. Huifen Chan	Lynn Corson
1st	V. Suksamran Sunlight	Lynn Corson
1st	V. Paki	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	V. vietnamica	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Aer. Korak Koki	Alan Smith
1st	Kagawara Kultana Red	Judy Congdon
1st	Rhychostylis retusa	Judy Congdon
1st	Prra. Bangkok Sunset	Robin Burr
2nd	Aer. Korat Koki	Robin Burr
2nd	V. Xena	Robin Burr
2nd	V. Propraya ?	Alan Smith
2nd	V. tessellata	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	V. Lou Snealy	Lynn Corson
2nd	Mkra. Chao Praya Classic ?	Lynn Corson
2nd	Prra. Tango Fire	Lynn Corson

Cattleya Group: 14 entries

1st	Rlc. Waiane Starburst	Robin Burr
1st	Blc. Empress Worsley	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Bc. Richard Mueller	Rene' Izquierdo

1st	Myc. Hamlyn's Melody	Lynn Corson
1st	Lc. Sagarik Wax	Lynn Corson
1st	Ctna. Jamaica Fire	Judy Congdon
1st	Bc. Mary Dodson	Judy Congdon
1st	Blc. Miva Royal Chocolate	Judy Congdon
1st	C. bactia	Judy Congdon
1st	Blc. Fatari	Natalie Chutlan
2nd	Blc. Heaven's Gate	Lynn Corson
2nd	Encylevola Jairak Canary	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	Blc. Mem. Vida Lee	Lynn Corson
2nd	Grt. Why Not	Judy Congdon

Dendrobium Group: 1 entry

2nd	Den. Mona Red	Lynn Corson
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Other Species Group: 2 entries

1st	Shom. (Mcp.) myrmecophata ?	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	B. cucullata	Lynn Corson

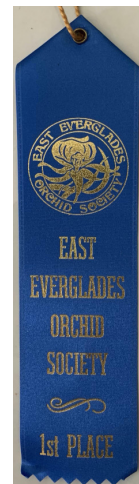
Other Hybrids Group: 2 entries

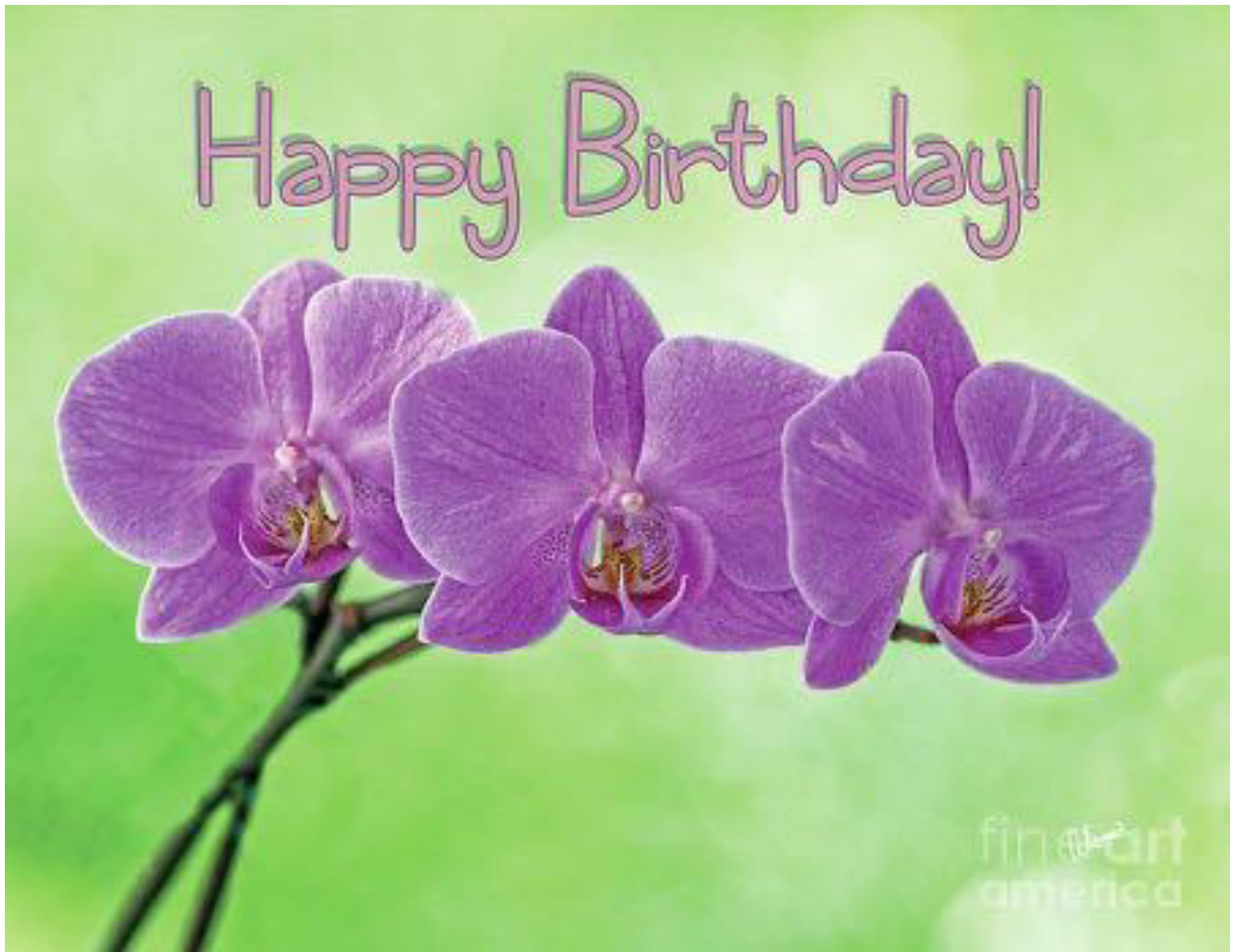
1st	Rnps. Lion's Splendar	Garin Hamilton
3rd	Myc. Memoria Louise Fuchs	Robin Burr

East Everglades Orchid Society thanks **David Schaffter, Erna Maxwell, Bill Carr, and Madelyn Tucker** for judging our members' orchids.

We will be taking nominations for your EEOS Officers in the upcoming months. If you would like to serve the club as President, Vice President or as a trustee, watch for announcement of the nominating committee, and throw your hat into the ring. We always need new blood...oops, I mean ideas.

We are looking for individuals that are interested in learning about judging plants and who are willing to help judge the members plants before the meeting. If you are interested please see David Schaffter.





Aug Birthdays

Erica Avila	21
Donna Taylor	27
Lynn Corson	29

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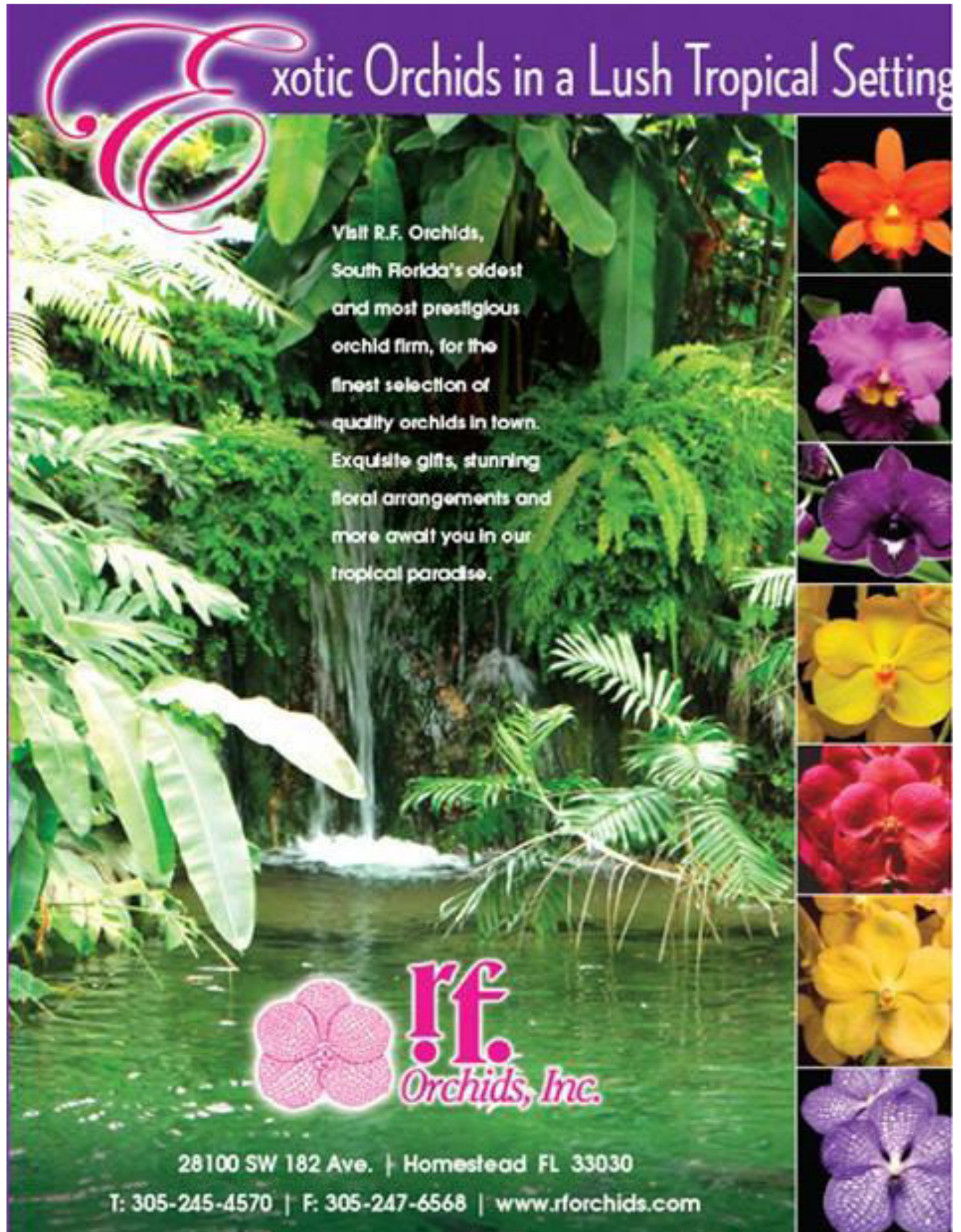
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