

The EEOS
Jan. 2025
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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The Orchid Column

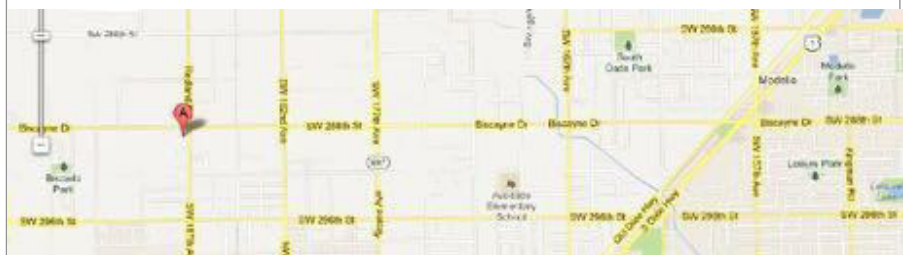


Our January. Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM

We have a wonderful speaker this month, **Alex Bello**, from **Bello Tropicals Nursery**. He'll be giving us a peek at the beautiful **cattleya orchids of South America**. A collector of all types of tropical plants, he'll be brining a bevy of plants for our raffle table and for purchase. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to hear all about this!

Please continue to bring in your food and snacks early so we can eat at the beginning of the meeting.



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We will **NOT** have a silent auction this month

Don't forget to purchase your EEOS shirt
 Please see Donna Taylor

President's Message

Happy New Year, everyone! It's new year with new beginnings. Gone are all the bad things from the past like bud blasts, insects, diseases and viruses. I am declaring 2025 as the year of the healthy and happy orchid – flowers everywhere, for everyone!

All kidding aside, this cold snap we've had for waaay too long could be more hurtful and helpful, but hopefully, the temps aren't low enough to do too much damage. I know that here in South Florida, watering helps as the water from the hose is warmer than the air temperature during these cold mornings. I hope your collections fare well.

We have our road trip next month to visit the Boca Raton Orchid Society Show & Sale. The date is Saturday, February 8, 2025. It's a wonderful show with many vendors and beautiful displays to see. There's only one requirement for the trip and that is, everyone has to have fun!

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Be sure you have your judging entry forms completed when you bring in your plants for judging. It saves a lot of time and helps the judges. This is the link for the judging entry form found on our website:

<https://www.orchidseeos.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Ribbon-Judging-Entry-Form.pdf>

Remember to bring a dish to share with your fellow members and to those who never fail to bring a dish each and every month, Thank you!

Last, but not least, there will not be a silent auction this month.

See you soon!

Tere

Alex Bello



A collector and an avid grower of tropical plants ranging from bromeliads, orchids, ferns, aroids and beyond.

He has been collecting all types of tropical plants for over 25 years with his specialty being bromeliads.

Alex first became addicted to bromeliads when he was gifted a variegated neoregelia which set off what set off an out-of-control hobby that he truly loves.

Alex has held high level positions in the plant industry ranging from Southern Regions Director for the Bromeliad Society International, president of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida, Florida council of Bromeliad societies and President of the International Aroid Society, Show and Sale Chairmen for both organizations.

Alex is an avid outdoorsman whose love for the Everglades and Florida's ecology is truly remarkable.

He also enjoys fishing, swamp walks, "any outdoor adventure in any environment", and is a 23-year veteran of the Miami-Dade County public schools as a high school administrative assistant over school operations, budget, and personnel.

Vandaceous+1

Judy Congdon	140
Robin Burr	75
Lynn Corson	33
Alan Smith	28
Tere Camacho	11
David Schaffter	6
Rene' Izquierdo	5
David Garcia	5

Cattleyas+5

Judy Congdon	181
Lynn Corson	125
Robin Burr	47
Tere Camacho	20
Kim Belisle	10
Donna Taylor	10
Alan Smith	8
Charles Asche	8
Rene' Izquierdo	6
Tony Almodovar	5
Natalie Chutkan	5
David Garcia	5

Dendrobiums-3

Robin Burr	46
Judy Congdon	45
Lynn Corson	36
Tere Camacho	9
Olga Erickson	5
David Garcia	5

Oncidiinae+2

Robin Burr	28
Judy Congdon	16
Lynn Corson	10
Tere Camacho	8
Olga Erickson	5
Rene' Izquierdo	5
Alan Smith	5
Madelyn Tucker	5

Phalaenopsis+0

Robin Burr	11
Tere Camacho	10
Judy Congdon	5
Lynn Corson	3

Paphiopedilum+1

Lynn Corson	27
Tere Camacho	20
Alan Smith	8
Judy Congdon	3

Miniatures-3

Tere Camacho	5
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Other Hybrids+0

Robin Burr	10*
Kim Belisle	10
Lynn Corson	5
Geneva Hairs	5
Judy Congdon	1

Encyclias-1

Lynn Corson	16
Judy Congdon	10
Robin Burr	5
Tere Camacho	5
Kim Belisle	5
Tony Almodovar	5

Other Species+1

Lynn Corson	36
Robin Burr	19
Judy Congdon	18
Kim Belisle	5
Madelyn Tucker	5
Tere Camacho	5
Marie Ferraro	5

Culture+0

Judy Congdon	4
Marie Ferraro	1

Total Points+4

Judy Condon	419
Lynn Corson	291
Robin Burr	241
Tere Camacho	93
Alan Smith	49
Kim Belisle	30
Rene' Izquierdo	16
David Garcia	15
Olga Erickson	10
Tony Almodovar	10
Madelyn Tucker	10
Donna Taylor	10
Charles Asche	8
David Schaffter	6
Natalie Chutkan	5
Geneva Hairs	5
Marie Ferraro	5

Our Wonderful Judges

David Schaffter
Erna Maxwell
Bill Capps
Anneke Koch
Kim Belisle
Tere Camacho

Photo Credits

Tere Camacho

2024 JUDGING RESULTS

These members participated in our Ribbon Judging Program. Thank you for your participation and we hope you continue to bring in your beautiful orchids again next year. We also encourage other members to participate and bring in their orchids. The more orchids, the better selection our members get to see and appreciate.

By each **red Category**, there is a + or – (number), which tells you the increase or decrease in people who participated in bringing in orchids of that **Category** from the previous year.

Below each Category, the **red Name** is the winner of total points received throughout the year in that category. The total points are to the right of the names of those who participated. Tie-breakers are awarded to the person with the most **TOTAL POINTS.*** Orchids that are brought in & registered for judging, can receive 5 points for 1st, 3 points for 2nd, 1 point for 3rd, or 0 points. Orchids that are brought in to Our Show and are properly registered,

receive double points to encourage participation.

We encourage our new members to be proud of their accomplishment of blooming their orchids, by bringing them in to our judging program. We can also offer tips that might help you grow better, healthier orchids. **Just ask us!** If you are bringing a plant for the first time, we will be happy to help you register your orchid for judging. Our judging starts at 7:30, just before our meeting starts, so get there early and finish before the beginning of the meeting. Please leave the judging area and go socialize so our judges can get to work. Thank you, and we hope to see you and your orchids next year.

East Everglades Orchid Society appreciates and thanks all of our Judges who help and make our program possible. Thank you!

2025 Judging

We start off the new year with new orchids and hopefully, new members bringing in their orchids to be judged. Here are some helpful hints to display your orchids for our judges, and most of all, for your enjoyment and to share with other members your expertise of growing and blooming orchids.

Make sure you bring your orchids and register them on time. **Judging begins at 7:30**, before the main meeting. Please fill out an entry form for each orchid you enter. It should include the correct name of the orchid and your name. **Please PRINT THE ORCHID'S AND YOUR NAME SO WE CAN READ IT!! VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

Please Leave the judging area so our **judges can get busy and maybe they can enjoy the speaker when the meeting starts.**

Clean your orchid of dead leaves, debris, etc..., and stake the flowers so they are displayed in a pleasing manner.

Make sure your orchid has the correct name tag in the pot. Orchids cannot be judged without a name!

Plants with blooming flowers and closed buds should have OVER 50% of their flowers open.

Orchids should be in your possession for around 6 months. **Make sure YOU bloomed your orchid. not WAL-MART or HOME DEPOT!**

Don't bring your blooming orchid in if it was judged the month before, on the same bloom.

Make sure your orchids are healthy and insect-free. No ants! Ants help spread scale. No thrips, either.

Make sure there are no snails. One snail can destroy your blooms overnight!

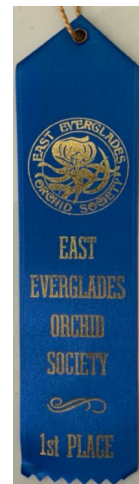
If you bring in a hybrid orchid with both parents listed in the name, it means your orchid hasn't been given a new name, or else it has and you don't have the name. **We look up these orchids and if it has a new name, we will put it in the judging**

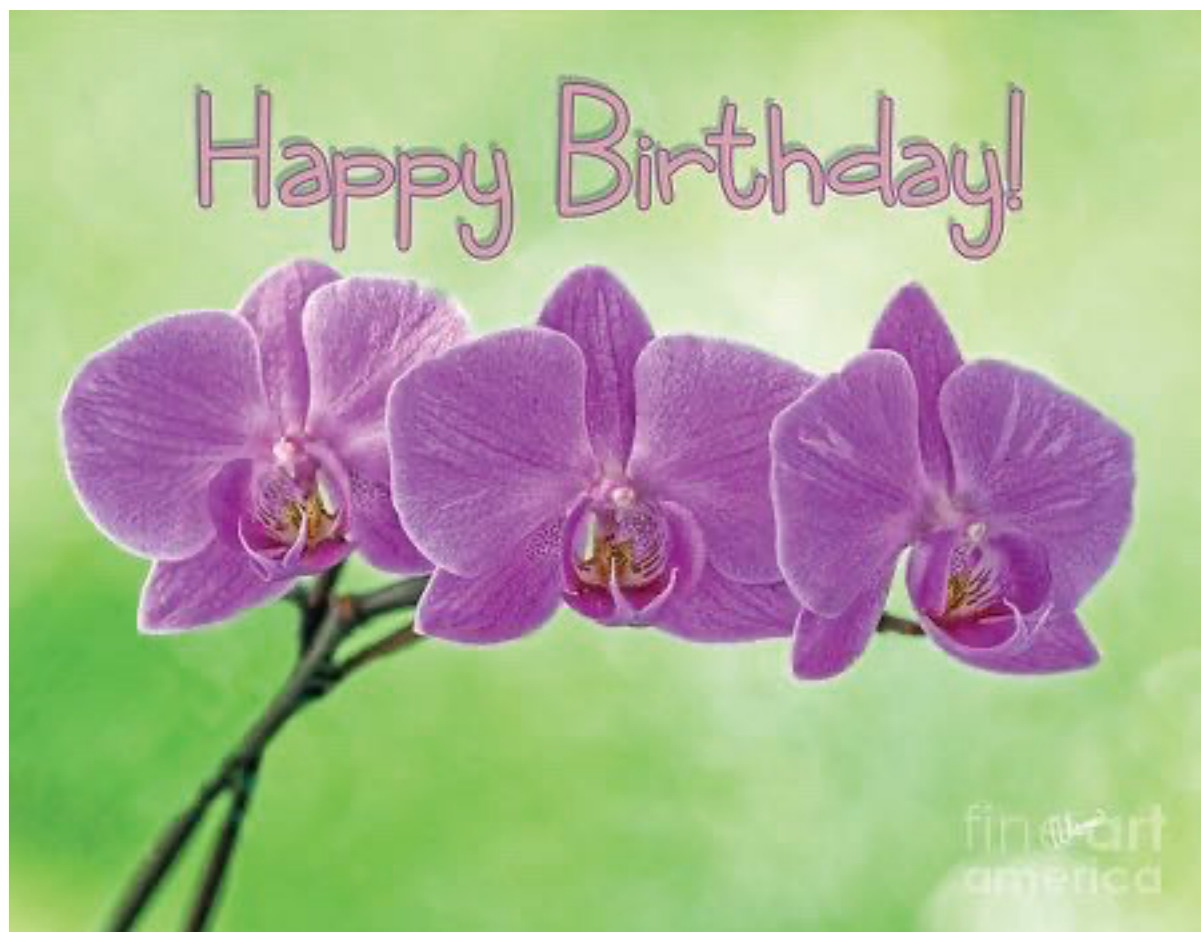
See you next year and bring in your blooming orchids so we can share your beauties with our members.

results. Please, it's up to you to write your orchid's new name down on a tag and put it in the pot.



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.





January. Birthdays

Cherri Price	4
David Schaffter	31
Judy Congdon	8
Ofelia Yony	13

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Annual Membership Dues
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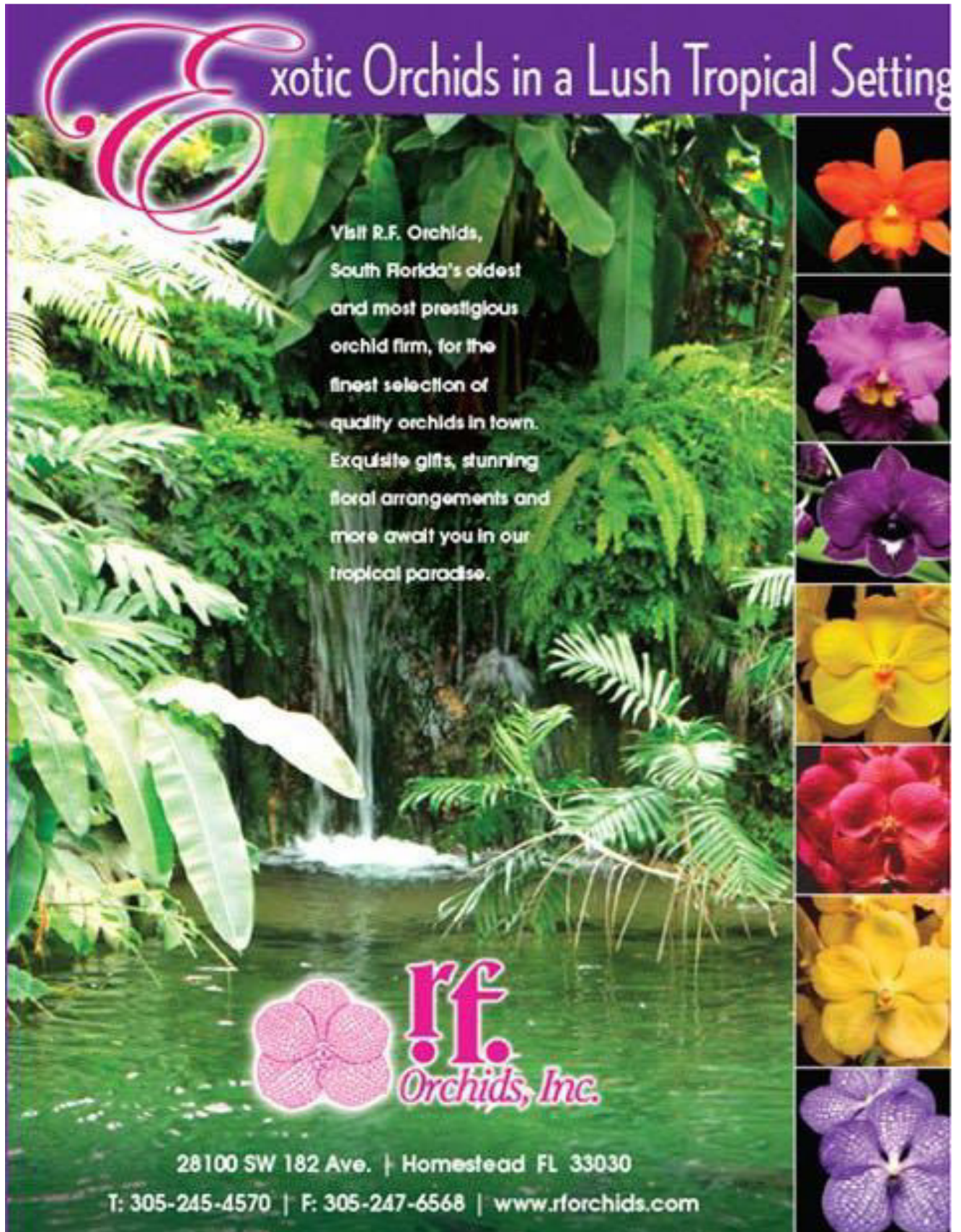
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Kim Belisle



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