

The EEOS
Feb. 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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East Everglades Orchid Society

The Orchid Column



Our February. Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM

We have a wonderful speaker this month, **Joshua Jones of The Orchid Den**. His topic is **Dendrobium Types and Culture**. He'll be brining in plants for our raffle table and plants for purchase.

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

I'm not sure an Orchid Society is allowed to have that much fun on a road trip, but in fact, we did. The bus trip was great, the orchid show was great, and the lunch we shared was the icing on the cake! Please join us on our next road show. You're bound to have nothing but fun. Be sure to see the video from the trip. Check it out here:

<https://www.orchidseeos.com/member-photos/>

East Everglades is hosting an Outreach Judging for the American Orchid Society on Saturday, March 29, 2025. The judging will take place in the afternoon. So, if you have any of your wonderful orchids in bloom by then, be sure to stop by around noon to get it/them registered and maybe you'll walk away with a prestigious AOS award. By the way, R. F. Orchids is having a Spring Fling that weekend, offering 20% off everything. I'm sure no one wants to miss this. We're going to have a membership drive that day as well and we're providing lunch for the judges. I'm asking for a few volunteers to help with lunch and membership that day. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting.

Our speaker this month is Joshua Jones of The Orchid Den in Jacksonville, FL. An aficionado of all things orchid related and ceramic artist, Joshua will be giving us all the nitty gritty of Dendrobiums. Dens are probably the best South Florida orchid around. He'll be bringing orchids to the meeting that we probably don't see too often. It's going to be spectacular for sure!

Our auction is still on the calendar for May and we're working feverishly to gather a good number of auction plants that, I'm sure, we absolutely, positively have to have. Member donations are welcome and if you want to reach out to your favorite orchid grower, by all means, do so!

There will not be a silent auction this month, René.

On a final note, it is with profound sadness that I share with you the passing of Maria Wood. Maria was a lifetime member of East Everglades OS and Past President. I didn't know Maria that long, but I know she made a positive impact on EEOS. It's because of Maria that I became a Board member as she saw something in me that I didn't know was there. And many years later that impression I made on her ballooned into me becoming President. I guess it just takes that one person to see you in a way you didn't see yourself to make a difference in your life. Peace be with you and your family, Maria.

Have your completed flower entry forms with you when you bring your plants in for judging. That saves a lot of time. Also, don't forget to bring a dish to the meeting to share with your fellow

members. Dinner starts at 7:30, so be sure you're there in time. Thank you to those of you who never fail bring a dish to share.

See you soon!

Tere



January Judging

Cooler weather really brought out all the cattleyas and dendrobiums this year. Chilly temperatures also kept the vandas back in their greenhouses until it gets warmer. This month, members have brought in more orchids than we've had since before 2019 (47 orchids). This might be a good time to ask any of the members if they would like to participate in our judging program. You get to learn about the many types of orchids and what the judges look for when judging different types and qualities of orchids. Our long term goal is to have enough judges so that they can finish up early and enjoy the meetings with the rest of the members.

Growing and Judging Tips Before you bring in your orchids for judging, look them over carefully and make sure you have a name tag. Check for thrips, scale and snails. If you have any of those, leave them at home! Stake your flowers to show a pleasing, beautiful display. Remove any dead, damaged leaves, old stems, and even spent, dead flowers. Last, but not least, fill out one of our judging slips with your entry. Print or write clearly and accurately. With this in mind, you know you are doing your best to show others your beautiful, award-winning orchids.

Judging Results

Vandaceous Group: 5 entries

1st	V. Tracey Moehling	Robin Burr
1st	Rhynchostylis (Rhy.) gigantea	Judy Congdon
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2nd	V. Selena	Judy Congdon
2nd	Rhy. gigantea (peach)	Robin Burr

Cattleya Group: 19 entries

1st	Rlc. Nina de Primavera	Charles Asche
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1st	Ctt. Spring Fires x Rth. Telling Lies	Kim Belisle
1st	Ctna. Why Not	Natalie Chutkun
1st	Blc. Lawless Zuberflot	Judy Congdon
1st	Pot. Love Triangle	Judy Congdon
1st	Ctna. Why Not (yellow)	Judy Congdon
1st	Blc. Pink Empress	Lynn Corson
1st	Bc. Hawaiiin Agenda	Lynn Corson
2nd	C. Mishima Elf	Kim Belisle
2nd	C. trianae	Judy Congdon
2nd	Rlc. Suncoast Magic Leopards	Judy Congdon
2nd	Pot. Orlades Tradition	Judy Congdon
2nd	Catt. Mrs. Emma Billips	Judy Congdon
2nd	Bc. Mami Akatsuka	Lynn Corson

2nd	Pot. Heather's Gold	Lynn Corson
3rd	C. Tokyo Magic x Blc. Suncoast Magic	Robin Burr
3rd	Rlc. Mari's Glory	Robin Burr
3rd	Rlc. Amazing Thailand	Robin Burr

Dendrobium Group: 6 entries

1st	Den. Chocolate Antlers	Robin Burr
1st	Den. antennatum	Judy Congdon
1st	Den. Liberty White	Judy Congdon
1st	Den. Touch of Gold	Judy Congdon
1st	Den. Champagne x Den. stratiotes	Lynn Corson
2nd	Den. Madame Uraivan	Robin Burr

Oncidium Group: 9 entries

1st	Onc. Twinkle	Robin Burr
1st	Tol. Jairak Firm	Tere Camacho
1st	Vuyl. Melissa Brianne	Natalie Chutkun
1st	Tol. Jairak Firm	Judy Congdon
1st	Bllra. Marfitch	Judy Congdon
2nd	Onc. ornithorhynchum	Robin Burr
2nd	Onc. Twinkle	Robin Burr
2nd	Tol. Jairak Rainbow	Judy Congdon
2nd	Bllra. Marfitch	Lynn Corson

Paphiopedilum Group: 3 entries

1st	Paph. glaucophyllum	Tere Camacho
2nd	Paph. exul	Olga Erickson
2nd	Paph. Prim and Proper	Lynn Corson

Encyclia Group: 1 Entry

1st	Ett. Volcano Trick	Judy Congdon
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Miniatures Group: 1 Entry

1st	Oberonia mucronata	Tere Camacho
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Other Species Group: 2 Entries

1st Angraecum sesquipedale

Judy Congdon

1st Mormolyca (Mo.) ringens

Judy Congdon

Other Hybrids Group: 1 Entry

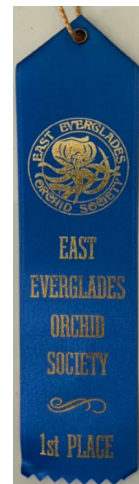
1st Mo. Barnabas Collins

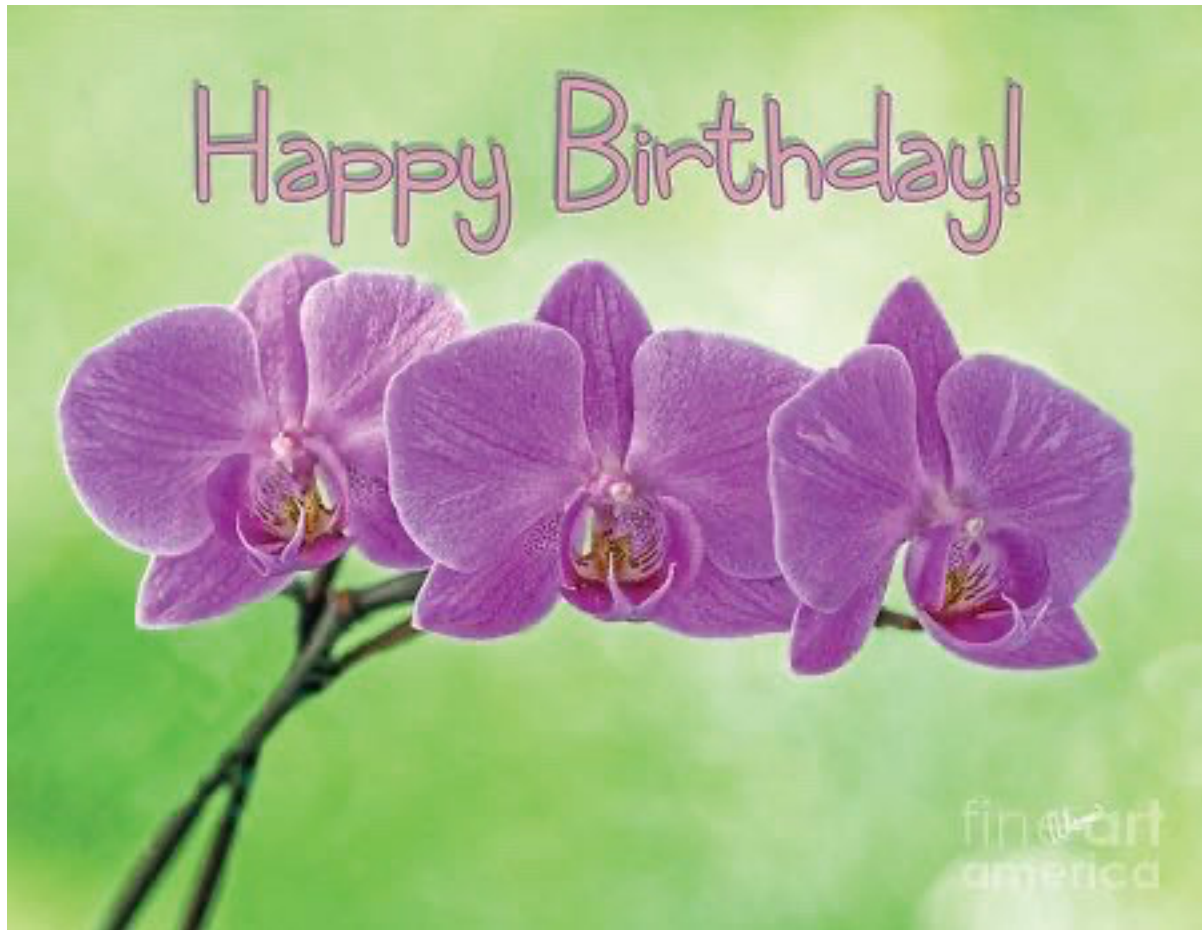
Judy Congdon

East Everglades Orchid Society thanks **David Schaffter and Bill Capps** for judging our members' orchids. Photo credits-**Tere Camacho**



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.





February Birthdays

Alex Bristol	29
Eduardo Marcellini	17
Kerry Waldrep	3
Lori Weyrick	16
Maria Almodovar	14

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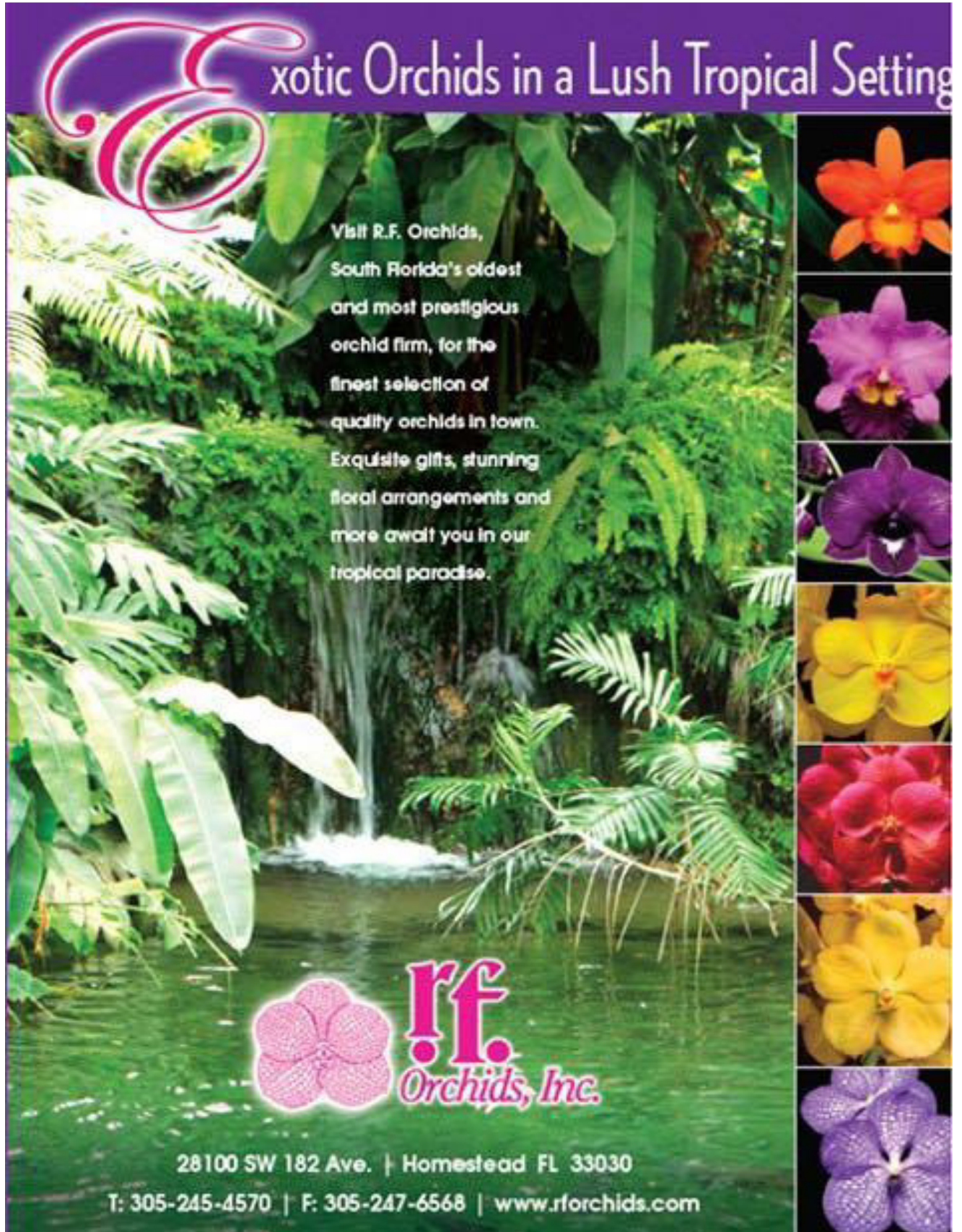
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