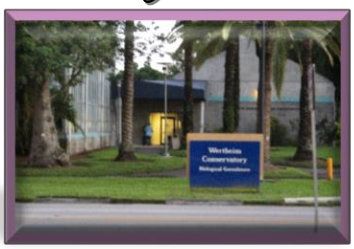
APRIL 2018

NEWSLETTER

Founded in 1963
Affiliated with the American Orchid Society
In 1963, the Eastern Airlines Orchid Club was formed to foster good fellowship through the common love of orchids in all their forms and varieties; to share both the knowledge and techniques of culture and the mystery and beauty of the plants and flowers.

Visitors Always Welcome



APRIL 28, 2018
FAIRCHILD TROPICAL
BOTANIC GARDEN FIELD TRIP
(NO MONTHLY MEETING)
8:00 AM

Florida International University, South Campus
Room WC 130, Next to the Wertheim Conservatory (greenhouse)
SW 8 Street, turn south on 109 Avenue, first parking garage (red) on right,
the building across the street directly south of parking garage
(All Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow!!! The year is already moving at a rapid pace. It's already April!!! Happy Spring!!!

There are a lot of good things coming our way!!! First, we are going on a field trip to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on April 28.

Next, comes our Mother's Day picnic on May 12. Remember, we play Bingo for free plants!!!

We hope you'll be able to attend both events. The board is working hard to provide members a variety of experiences!

Your president,
Chris

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20-22……The Magic of Orchids at R.F. Orchids

April 21 – 22…….Annual Garden Festival and Bonsai Show (Flamingo Gardens)

April 28……..EALOC Field Trip To Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

May 4-6……Heritage Park Garden Show (Ft. Lauderdale)

May 12….....EALOC Annual Picnic

May 13……..Mother's Day

May 18-20…….Redland International Orchid Festival

June 15….....EALOC Monthly Meeting

July 20……..EALOC Monthly Meeting

August 17……..EALOC Monthly Meeting

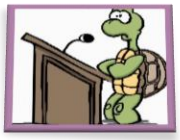
September 21……EALOC Monthly Meeting

October 19…….EALOC Monthly Meeting

November 16…….EALOC Orchid Auction

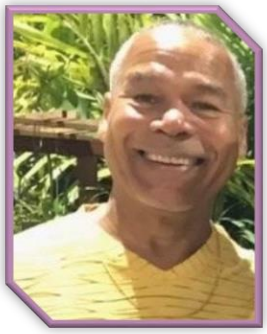
December 8……EALOC Holiday Party

JUNE SPEAKER



Due to the April field trip and May picnic, no speakers were booked. The June speaker will be announced at a later date.

AUGUST SPEAKER



The August speaker is Tony Millet, an AOS student judge. As a child in Brooklyn, New York, he was influenced by his mother's interest in growing orchids from seeds.

This experience set the tone for his own orchid hybridizing program. He breeds and grows unusual hybrids in the large cattleya alliance from his own flasks.

FOOD PROVIDERS

For the field trip in April, no food will be provided. Individuals could choose to meet for lunch, if desired.

For the picnic in May, everyone is asked to bring a side dish. Yummy! It's great because members bring their best recipes!!! Sign up today!

CLUB SHIRT ORDERS

The cost for each shirt is $15.00. When you order, you may refer to the catalog and you may order any available color. Be prepared to pay by check or cash.

No orders will be taken without payment, please. The last day to order is April 28, the day of the field trip.

Carol Fink has volunteered to take the orders. She has both the forms and the catalog.

FIELD TRIP

Plans for a field trip to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden have been finalized and scheduled for Saturday, April 28, in lieu of the April monthly meeting. Everyone has been notified via e-mail and postal mail.

This will be a very special "private tour", including a narrated tram tour, visiting the "Million Orchid" lab, as well as going behind-the-scenes to see the garden's nursery, and herbarium!

Space is limited for club members only, please. The club will pay all costs. So, it will be fabulous and free!!! The deadline to sign up is Monday, April 23, unless 35 have already signed up before that day. We need advance notice to pay the garden for the number of members who are participating.

Please see the e-mail for all details. Park in the south parking lot and enter through the South Gate. Anyone arriving after 8:25 am will not be admitted to the garden since the tram leaves at 8:30 am. No attendant will be at the gate after that time to admit anyone.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

There were no reported new members this month. Take the time to invite someone to the next meeting. Members are key to the growth of the club's membership.

PICNIC

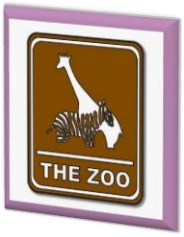
EALOC annual picnic will be held at Matheson Hammock Park on Old Cutler Road on May 12, the day before Mother's Day. The festivities start at 11:00 am. Please sign up and bring your favorite picnic side dish. Guests are $5.00 per person.

We have NO APRIL MEETING for you to sign up due to our outing to Fairchild Tropical Garden, The deadline to sign up is April 28.

Please RSVP to Barbara by calling 305-448-8057, texting to 786-412-1034, or e-mailing to blutz1949@hotmail.com. The last time to sign up would be during the field trip on April 28.

We need to know the total number attending, in order to have enough plants for everyone for Bingo, as well as what side dish everyone is bringing. The dish should serve 15 – 20 people, please. Don't forget to bring a serving utensil, too. There is no way to keep your food cold or hot so please plan accordingly. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and chips.

ZOO NEWS



Plants are blooming throughout the zoo. The oncidiums are putting on a nice show for our guests. The oncidiums in the greenhouse are in full bloom. When there are so many in one place they look spectacular!

We are trying to get a group together for a Saturday morning work crew at the greenhouse. We must replace the shade cloth on the roof and replace some of the benches. We need people who can climb ladders safely and people who are fairly strong to move the benches.

UPDATED DIRECTORY

The directory was recently updated to reflect the newest membership information. Members may check and update their contact information at any time by sending the corrections to the webmaster. Just e-mail corrections to ealoclub@gmail.com and updates will be entered.

WEBSITE

The website continues to be visited by many countries, including United States, Brazil, Italy, Chile, Colombia, Spain, Argentina, Germany, Peru, Portugal, Japan, Morocco, Indonesia, Finland, Canada, Romania, Luxembourg, Philippines, Finland, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, Curacao, Kenya, Malta, Greece, Georgia, Albania, Russia, Ecuador, Australia, Israel, Poland, Belgium, Malaysia, Iraq, Czech Republic, Qatar, South Korea, India, China, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan, Mexico, Cyprus, Morocco, Thailand, Estonia, Austria, Norway, Vietnam, Hungary, Guatemala, Sweden, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Mozambique, Slovenia, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Barbados, Egypt, Guernsey, Belize, Uruguay, Nigeria, Brunei and the Dominican Republic, Lebanon, the Ivory Coast, Jordan and Latvia.

PHOTO REVIEW

There is no photo review this month since the March monthly meeting was canceled. Look for photos of the field trip in the May issue.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
April 28

Matheson Hammock Park
May 12