



December 2011

NEWSLETTER

Founded in 1963
Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

In 1963, the Eastern Airline 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 or culture and the mystery and beauty of the plants and flowers."

Visitors Always Welcome

NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Florida International University, South Campus
Wertheim Conservatory, Next to the Greenhouse
Tamiami Trail, (S.W. 8th Street) and S.W. 112th Avenue

(All Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful season. I am looking forward to seeing all of our members at our **Annual Holiday Party**. It will be a night full of fun, good food, renewing friendships and orchid surprises.

Members are invited to bring an **orchid holiday centerpiece** to decorate our tables and for judging. Winners will receive prizes. Centerpieces should consist of fresh orchid plants and/or cut orchid flowers with a holiday theme.

We wish you and your family a joyful holiday season and a New Year filled with good health, prosperity, peace, and happiness. May all your orchids grow happy and flower well.

Your President,
Danny Lutz

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

There were no new members this month.

REFRESHMENTS



Heaps of praise and appreciation go to everyone who provided this food and drink for the auction. Thank you!!!

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If you have any additions, deletions or corrections, please email Chris Rawls at ccrawls@bellsouth.net or call him at 305-253-6715.

SUNSHINE



If you know of anyone under the weather, please call Diane Dickhut at 305-385-4007. She will send a card from the club members.

AUCTION REPORT



First let me say our auction was a **SUCCESS!** We were blessed with an unusual November rain that night. Then, we had a great selection of plants to choose from (something for everyone) and we had buyers who got bargains that led to our success.

I want to thank so many people and it's important to recognize them. If I miss one, please let me bring it to my attention so they can be recognized.

Commercial Vendors who were quite generous to EALOC: OFE, Quest Orchids, R.F. Orchids, Carib Orchids, Palm Hammock, Whimsy Orchids, Amazonia Orchids, and Carmella Orchids. When you see them at a show, please say "thank you" for their support.

EALOC Members: Sorry, I do not know who brought what, but members were carrying in a lot of plants and we do say "thank you" for your generosity!

Plant Collectors: Ralph Hernandez, Diane Dickhut, Gene Stevens, David Foster, Danny Lutz

Flyers: Diana Gonzalez

Auctioneers: David Foster, Ralph Hernandez, Danny Lutz

Bookkeepers: Diane Dickhut, Chris Rawls, Suellen Powell

Societies/Members: Societies of Flowering Tree, Begonia, Tropical Plant and Fern, Palm, Bromeliad. Diana Gonzalez and Ralph Hernandez went to other societies and announced the EALOC auction. **THAT TRULY HELPED!**

Thank you, thank you all! The gross was approximately \$2,600 and our net was approximately \$1,970.

COMING EVENTS



Dec 16NO MEETING
Dec 17HOLIDAY PARTY
Dec 21First Day of Winter
Jan 20EALOC Meeting
Feb 18Special Field Trip
Mar 16EALOC Meeting
April 21EALOC Picnic

No Silent Auction and No Show & Tell for December



HOLIDAY PARTY

The Holiday Party is set for **Saturday, December 17, 2011**, at the First United Methodist Church of South Miami, 6565 Red Road (SW 57 Ave) which is the same place as the past several years.

Festivities will begin at 7:00 pm. We plan to sit down to eat at 7:30 pm. **The club will provide the appetizers, turkey, ham, beverages, and deserts.** Members are asked to bring a covered dish (with serving utensil) to serve 10-12 people.

Family and friends are welcome at \$5.00 each. Please pay Diane Dickhut for your guest. If you have not signed up or been contacted by December 14th, please call Barbara Lutz at 305-448-8057 to confirm your dish and number attending. **RSVP's are required!** Seating is limited to 55.

Don't forget your **name badge**. You'll need your number to receive your holiday plant.

Set up and clean up "Elves" are needed, So, "Elves", please call Barbara to volunteer.

SEE YOU AT THE PARTY!!!

