



MAY 2012

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, MAY 18TH

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



Well, the rain has been a pleasant surprise, just at what is usually the worst time of the dry season. As of this writing, they have not said we are in our rainy season, but the earliest date is April 20th and the average is May 20th.

We have had (as of this writing) nice temperatures, so far, that is causing a lot of orchids to push out new roots. So, it is time to get serious about repotting. Be the first on your block to finish up! It's also a good time to trim those Vanda roots and even cut them back to size.

One other item not to forget about the rain is that a lot of growers like to give a systemic fungicide before it gets really wet, to help protect their plants. Historically, June is likely to be wet.

Your President,
Danny

EALOC ANNUAL PICNIC



We hope everyone enjoyed our annual picnic. From my vantage point, it was great! We had a wide variety of food and a nice rain that didn't blow. Everyone was a winner of an orchid in BINGO. Terry Moore was the grand prize winner. Congratulations, Terry! We will call it a going away prize as she will soon be off to North Carolina and not returning until our auction in November.



The weather finally cooperated, no blowing rain, great food. A word of thanks goes to Ralph and David for the great orchids. Dean and Danny cooked and Barbara did all the shopping, phone calling, and organization. Bob and Terry supplied the tarps to protect us from the wind and rain. Thank you all for a very nice Saturday gathering.



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If you have any additions, deletions or corrections, please e-mail 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



➤ CALENDAR

May 18.....EALOC Meeting
 May 18-20.....Redland Orchid Festival
 May 25 – 27.....South Florida Cactus and Succulent Society's Show and Sale at Fairchild
 May 28.....Memorial Day Observed
 June 14.....Flag Day
 June 15.....EALOC Meeting
 June 17.....Father's Day

➤ LECTURES AT PALM HAMMOCKS ORCHID ESTATE, INCORPORATED

May 19.....Full Sun Flowering Plants
 May 26.....Bromeliads - Elegant Color Accents and Easy To Grow

All lectures are at 10:00 a.m. unless so noted. Please call and register for classes at 305-274-9813. The address is 9995 S.W. 66 St., Miami, FL 33173

Wednesdays....."Wonderful Wednesday" – Receive 10% discount off plant purchases. (Excludes Discount Card)

➤ PALM HAMMOCK CLUB MEETINGS

No club meetings in May or June

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



The yearly membership dues are due. They are just \$12.00 per person. Please pay Barbara at the meeting (cash or check only). You can also mail her a check made out to EALOC, 1042 Catalonia Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

ELECTIONS

May is our presentation of our Slate of Officers for the coming year. Elections will be in June. If you would like to join the Board or just want to see how it works, talk to Danny at the May meeting.



ZOO NEWS

Our Chair of the Zoo Project seems to have squandered all our great weather this spring with no outings. ☹ We are still making progress. Barbara and Libby Mahaffey have been at work in our greenhouse, cleaning up, which was quite an undertaking. Thanks guys! We do have a lot to do at the Zoo this summer with maintenance issues, along with new installations.

MEETING PRESENTER



We are privileged to have Max Maximiano as our presenter. Max is the developer of the well-known “OrchidWiz” research software. Many world-class institutions, including Selby Gardens, the Smithsonian greenhouse and more than 200 orchid nurseries have licensed “OrchidWiz”. His topic will be “Meaning of Orchids”.

PLANT RAFFLE



This month’s plant raffle will be sponsored by the EALOC. Bring lots of cash!!! Get great plants!!!

