

Meeting Time & Date:
April 4th, 2005 - 7:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Avenue,
Englewood, Florida

Success! Success! Success!

2,651 attendees for our 6th Annual Show!

This could not have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of the show committee chairpersons. Michele Glembocki took on the responsibility of fund raising and advertising. Jeanette & Don Hamer chaired the raffle committee. Becky O'Diam was our welcome committee chair. Phyllis LeBlanc was chair of the food committee and was responsible for the banner and poster committee. Wendy Burnett was chairperson for culture and education. Katherine Varney was our registrar. Chris Hatman was AOS Representative. Goldy Schumacher was chair for the set-up and tear-down of the show. A special thanks goes out to those persons who wore many hats; among these are Michelle Glembocki, Phyllis LeBlanc, Wish Hudson, Katherine Vamey.

A pat on the back for all of us that worked diligently for 3 days to make this show a success.

Rodger Perrault, Bob Miller, Marie Bastik, Sandy Sharo, Frank Plummer, Mary Lou Evans, Matt Richards, Kathleen Hietala, Evelyn Kivlen, Judith McElwaine, Olga Durham, Lanaine Freed, Gale & Jack Schemm, Mary Foster, Arlene Poetz, Kathy Neffenger, Ellie Neuwirth, Bernice Abrahamson, Maryanne DiGrazia, Cory Plasek, Marie Raffle, Anne Luther, Marcelle Hudson, Carol Mashoke, Sue Waters, Margaret Bustamante, Mike Price, Margo Alexander, Joe Crook, Irene Murray, Carol Dunham, Tony Sharo, Irene Soldano, Elaine Sharo, Diane Leonhardt, Judith Leonard, Pam Bombardien and two guests who graciously helped: Barbara Kappauf and Douglas Armitage.

Thank you to our sponsors; Carol & Rich Olsen, Joni Harasyimw and Margo Axelson.

We received generous sponsorships from the following businesses: Hartman's Printing, Sign Tech in Punta Gorda, Sew Nice Alterations, Delaney's Creative Catering, Rotonda Rock/"Barb's Design's", Dixon's Orchids, Brook's Hauling and Delivery, Blue Pagoda, Carol W. Stevens DDS., Sea Oats Nursery & Landscaping, First Financial/Employee Leasing.

Our display was dedicated to memory of Larry Evans who was largely responsible for the ongoing success of our society. The display was designed by Mary Lou Evans, using Larry's autoclave and sterile planting box. The society has made a donation to the Lemon Bay Conservancy in Larry's memory.

Once again, as your president and show chairman, I would like to thank all the participants and apologize if I have missed anyone, Without you all, this could not have been a success.

April Speaker

Rodger Miller

Those of you who have been members for a number of years will remember Rodger and his humorous lectures. New members will appreciate this lecture for it's content. He will be speaking on how to re-pot and care for your orchids, and will answer all questions from the floor.

Treasurer's Report

As of 3/09/05

Checking Acct

02/08/05	2,023.84
8 Deposits	2,282.00
9 Checks	2,142.37
03/09/05 Balance	<u>2,163.47</u>

Savings Acct

12/31/04	2,999.59
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CD'S

12/31/04 Balance	1,025.00
Interest	25.00
Interest	1.99
03/10/05 Balance	<u>1,052.63</u>

Pam Bombardieri

Secretary's Report

3/07/05

The March meeting of the EAOS was brought to order at 7:05 by President Anna Sibille. Our picnic date has been changed to May 2nd at the Lutheran Church. Becky O'Diam is the chairperson for this event.

The Redlands Spring Festival will be held on May 13-15. It is an AOS judged show. There will be over 50 national and international growers in attendance. There are special rates for hotels in the area. If you would like more information, please contact Anna Sibille. The Venice club has invited us to take the bus trip with them. The \$33.00 fee includes fare, tip for driver, and entry to the event.

The Lemon Bay Garden Club is having a garden show the same day as we are. We will direct people to their show, and they will direct people to ours.

Old Business

A motion to accept the February minutes as written was seconded and passed. The Treasurers report for February was also accepted as written.

You must fill out a registration form to enter a plant for the show. Plants will NOT be accepted without a registration form!!! Deliver your cleaned and show ready plant to Anna's house, on Wednesday the 16th after 10:00AM.

New Business

Ted Kellog will no longer do the newsletter. Please consider volunteering. We need someone to do this, or there will not be a newsletter!!

Our guest speaker was Bill Thoms, winner of 60 AOS cultural awards. Thank you Bill for a very informative lecture.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Axelson