



ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

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Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

Well – this is it –

SHOOOOOOWTIME. Our show set-up is Thursday March 24th and our show is Friday and Saturday March 25th and 26th.



In case you've been hibernating for the winter, this is it – our time to shine. Our March meeting focused on the show and we got a great response from the 50 or so members there – plenty of people signed up to bring food or donated money to help feed the societies and vendor participants. We also got great response for the show committees:

- Set Up
- Admissions
- Hosts and Greeters
- Kitchen Help
- Raffle
- Culture and Info Table
- Judging Clerks
- Breakdown
- Transport Vehicles for Breakdown

We still need a few more volunteers so if you haven't signed up, simply call me on 941.876.0412 and we'll find a job to suit your temperament and schedule. If you're having a senior moment (or senior week or month or year!) and forget what you have volunteered to do, just call me and I'll look it up.

As mentioned, we discussed all of the components of the show at the meeting and we have also emailed the "official" show schedule to everyone so you are familiar with the rules and regulations, orchid plant list and corresponding award categories as well as the time schedule for all three days. The show schedule is also available on our website.

WE NEED YOUR PLANTS. Come on – what's a show display without lots of great

blooming plants. Tidy them up, stake as needed, send your entries into Pam, then bring them in so Ken and the show display team can build an spectacular display. Remember – THIS IS OUR SHOW – we want to WOW the crowd. Last year we won the esteemed AOS trophy – can we do it again???

REMEMBER - you'll earn one free raffle ticket for every plant displayed in the SOS, VAOS and EAOS shows. PLUS, If you're a first time displayer in 2011, you'll earn an extra ticket for each show in which one of your plants was displayed. Ken is in the lead with number of plants displayed at the first two shows – maybe someone can catch up to him at our show. The raffle tickets will be good for our EAOS show raffle only – we always get stellar plants from our vendors, so show your plants to earn free tickets.

Thanks to everyone who got us sponsors and silent auction items. This is an important component of the show. As you know, our show is the MAJOR fund raiser for the year. It costs a lot to run the show but it fills our coffers so we can have fun playing and learning about orchids the rest of the year.

AND NOW.....

ON

WITH

THE

SHOW

Gail Hopper
EAOS President



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Orchids delivered for EAOS Show

The EAOS show is coming this weekend and we are happy to report that members have come through with about 62 plants for the society's display. Now it is only a question of bringing friends and family to enjoy the show.

Thanks to all those who gave their time and energy to set up for the show



Jeff Heigl of Orchids Etc. judged the plant table at the March meeting.

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ORCHID SHOW & SALE

"ORCHIDS-Here and Now"

Friday & Saturday
March 25th & 26th
10 am - 5 pm

\$3 Admission
Plenty of Parking!
Children Under 12 Free

Over 9,000 square feet
of
Sales & Exhibits



Retail Orchids & Supplies - Raffle
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Show Located Inside Fellowship Hall
United Methodist Church
700 East Dearborn St
Englewood

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March Plant Table

First Place: Dick Mueller – Dtps. Melody

Second Place: Edna McClenney-Willis – Gct. Sogo Doll 'Little Angel'

Third Place: Jan Plummer – "GOK"

Best Species: Dick Mueller – E. Alata

Members' Choice: Dick Mueller - Milt. Bert Field 'Leash'

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

EAOS welcomes our newest members:

Pat Sasanicki

We're glad you joined our society



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Speaker's Choice: Joe Zore - Gur. Small Packages



Dtps. Melody won First Place for Dick Mueller on the March plant table.



Dick Mueller's *E. Alata* took the Best Species.Ribbon.



Edna McClenney-Willis won Second Place with *Gct. Sogo Doll 'Little Angel'*.



Jan Plummer's *GOK* took Third Place.



Milt. Bert Field '*Leash*' won Members' Choice for Dick Mueller.



Speaker's Choice went to Joe Zore for *Gur. Small Packages*.



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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

*April 1-2 Fender & Venice
Orchids open house*

*April 11 – Regular Meeting –
Bob Hague on “Water”*

*May 9 – Regular Meeting - Paul
Phelps on Pests & Disease*

Membership has its advantages

[Click here for a membership form.](#)

Silent Auction to include [Orchidwiz](#)

Come join the fun at the **Englewood Area Orchid Society Show's Silent Auction** on **Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26** and bid on some great plants, gift baskets and, of course, [OrchidWiz](#).

Between August 2009 and 2010, OrchidWiz helped Societies to raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000 by providing OrchidWiz software for auction/raffle at the annual fund raisers. OrchidWiz wants to support and promote the societies because the societies are the backbone of the orchid world. They provide a place to learn about orchids, exhibit them, and to have fun while doing so.

OrchidWiz encourages everyone to join any society's auction/raffle. There are always beautiful orchids for amazing prices, great supplies that are needed for successful growing of plants, and this year, OrchidWiz Software.

OrchidWiz helps you to explore the world of orchids. This program makes it easier:

- ✓ To determine cultural requirements for a wide range of orchid species and hybrids
- ✓ To assist in plant identification (those which were unlabeled or poorly labeled)
- ✓ To know the currently “preferred” name of a plant as well as its “aliases” /prior names
- ✓ To keep track of your plants (watch how they are doing over time, compare cultural conditions)
- ✓ To track when to repot and what media to use
- ✓ To know the genetic makeup of your hybrids
- ✓ To know how to pronounce names
- ✓ To track specific location of plants in the greenhouse
- ✓ To learn on a map where a species originated from
- ✓ To compare your orchid with photos of other like orchids
- ✓ To avoid the hours and expense of trying to find this information from multiple sources and locations (AOS, RHS, AOC, NZOC, SAOC, books, web)

OrchidWiz provides you with an easy and fun way to learn about orchids! The more you know about them, the more there is to appreciate!



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ANNUAL SPRING OPEN HOUSE & SALE

**Fender's Flora, Inc. & Venice Orchids
Friday and Saturday,
April 1 & 2 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

*Thousands of potted orchids, bare-root orchid divisions
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254 Keystone Road, Venice, FL 34292

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941-323-1593

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Rd.)

Then Right on Venice Ave., Right on Keystone
Rd.

We are second to last driveway on right.

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