

Englewood Area Orchid Society

April, 2012

Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



Welcome new members! Adele Verderber, Janice & David Williams, Peggy Greenblatt, Martie Burney, Ed & Hannah Opatrny, Lynn Anderson, Kent Neilson, Kathleen and Paul Perkins.

"Orchids - Fancy and Fanciful," March 16 and 17th, was a success thanks to our members. I am proud to report EAOS won first place AOS trophy and first place EAOS Show blue ribbon for our display.

Our display was assembled by Ken Woodward, Elaine Woodward, Edna McClenny and Jan Plummer. Thanks for a wonderful job.

Thanks to show committee chairs for their hard work and dedication in making our annual show possible: show chair- Gail Hopper, plant registration - Pam Bombardieri (21 members displayed 92 orchids), kitchen chair - Toni Marie, Admissions - Cathy Mrasak (1021 tickets sold), table chair - Anna Sibille, raffle chair - Neal&Eunice Schattauer (938 tickets sold), head clerk - MaryAnne Digrazia, set-up and break down - Jana & Wayne Kewley, Steve Hopper and Edward Baldwin.

Our next meeting is April 9th. Bring orchids in bloom for plant show & tell. Our April speaker is member Katie Caldwell. The 2012 directory will be available at our April 9th meeting.

Our board is working on future field trips that may include member's home or work locations, Miami's Fairchild Tropical Gardens and the Tamiami AOS Show.

Looking forward to April's meeting; hope to see you then.

Ann Baldwin, EAOS President
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EAOS show wrap-up

What a way to end the show season – 1st place AND the AOS Trophy for EAOS! Quite impressive – and it couldn't have been done without your help. We had 92 plants registered by 21 members – did I say impressive? Ken asked for 100 plants for our display and we eagerly complied. Congratulations Ken, Elaine, Edna, and Jan for creating magic at our show. Thanks to Pam for registering all of those plants. Thanks to the display team who covered, numbered and organized the plants.

You can't have a show without a display but then you can't have a display without creating a show venue. First, we had to empty the show bin of all of the show materials and transport them to the church hall. We arrived at 8AM on Thursday and transformed Fellowship Hall into the EAOS show venue. Jana, Wayne and Ed lead the group that worked so hard to measure, hang curtain dividers,

lay plastic on the floor – all to create the areas for the displays. Many other members covered the tables and skirted them, all the while Toni and Mary were getting ready to feed the hungry society members and vendors. By lunch time, vendors and all three societies were selecting plants and creating their displays.

The hall's transformation was finished by 6:30 PM. Then, no rest for the show team. Ted and Mary Ann's judging team and the kitchen team arrived by 8AM. Once the judges arrived, it was non-stop action until 11 AM for most teams, but judging continued well into the afternoon. The admissions, raffle, membership, education and sales committee members were in place to welcome our guests at 10 AM. And that's just a sampling of the work at Fellowship Hall.

Months of work took place before March 15th – starting with getting AOS approval and AOS judges. Getting vendors and sponsors – essential. Advertising, permits, sign creation and placement, show award ribbons and trophies, silent auction donations, promo work - lots of members working lots of hours, many on multiple teams – thanks to everyone for creating a great EAOS show once again.

Now that I've summarized many of the tasks and teams involved in creating our show – please consider chairing the 2013 show. We need someone or a couple of members to step forward to chair the 2013 show. Give me a call if you want more information or borrow my show binder to see what's involved.

Now is the time to start planning next year's show.

Gail Hopper
2012 Show Chair

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Apr. 9 - Regular Meeting
Speaker: Katie Caldwell

Apr. 12,13,14,19,20,21 -
Closing Sale -
Fender Flora

May 14 - Regular Meeting

Katie Caldwell to speak at April meeting

The speaker at the April meeting of EAOS will be Katie Caldwell. She is going to speak on several genera of orchids native to the Caribbean and their culture: specifically, *Tolumnia* and *Broughtonia* and their hybrids.

Both of these types are well suited to the South West Florida climate and are very easy to grow and rewarding.

Katie Caldwell has been growing orchids for over 25 years and is a past VP for FWCOS and VAOS.

Meeting schedule

Beginning in February, the society started a new meeting schedule.

6:00 pm - Doors Open

6:30 pm – Business Meeting

7:00 pm - Break

7:15 pm - Speaker

8:00 pm - Plant Table

8:30 pm - Plant Raffle

March Plant Table

First Place & Speaker's Choice: Dick Mueller – Mps. Lennart Karl Gottling 'Red Plum'

Second Place: Dick Mueller – Dtps. Long Pride Sparks

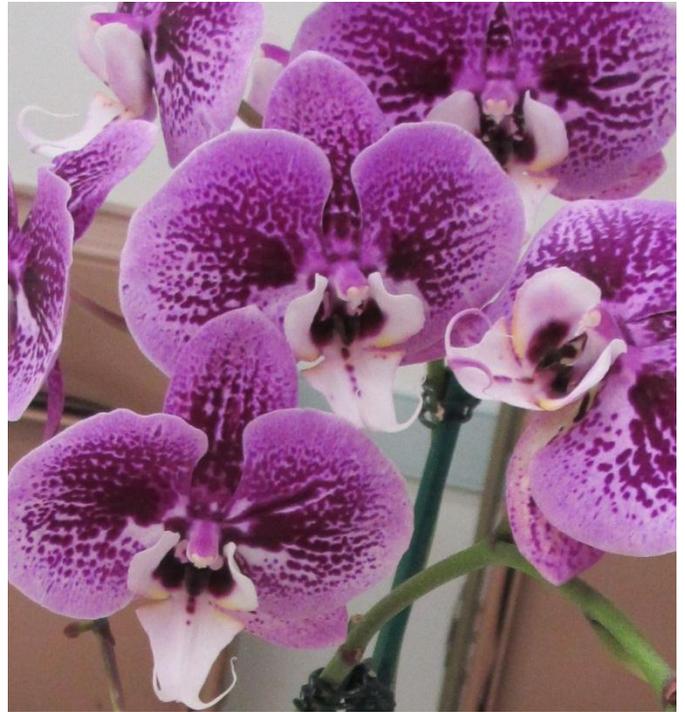
Third Place: Joyce Alvey – Phal. Riverbend's Pink Pearl x Phal. Arrowmanches



First place and Speaker's Choice went to Dick Mueller's Mps. Lennart Karl Gottling 'Red Rim'.



Third Place winner Phal. Riverbend's Pink Pearl x Phal. Arrowmanches was brought by Joyce Alvey.



Dtps. Long Pride Sparks was awarded Second Place for Dick Mueller.

EAOS display wins top prize

The EAOS display took top honors at the EAOS show on March 16. Our display won first place and was also awarded the AOS trophy. The success is the result of a strong showing by members who brought 92 plants for the display. Twenty-one members brought plants to show and 52 awards were given to our members, including a Best Oncidium Alliance, Best Phalaenopsis/Dtps. Plant, and Most Outstanding Cattleya Alliance Plant.

The display was assembled with the help of Ann Baldwin, Pam Bombardieri, Edna McClenney, Jan Plummer, and Elaine and Ken Woodward. In addition, a number of members helped prepare and register plants. Most of the plants were used in the exhibit and the excess orchids were displayed on the individual table.

This season's displays won 2 first place awards for EAOS in three shows. EAOS exhibited at Sarasota in January, Venice in February and our own Englewood show in March.



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Fenders Flora Announces Closing

You may have noticed the absence of Fender Flora at the recent EAOS show. Now we know that Fender's Flora is closing. A fixture in the Venice area for the past 11 years, Bill and Susan have decided to retire. For the past 38 years they have operated a nursery business and have collected orchids for the past 43 years.

Their closing sale will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The sale is at their greenhouses in Venice located at 254 Keystone Rd. off Venice Ave. near River Rd. The pricing for hybrids will be 50% off during the first weekend of the sale and 75% off the second weekend on the remaining orchids. They will also be selling related items including plastic pots, plastic carrying trays, and 9 x 5ft. growing benches.

Bill and Susan Fender are lifetime members of EAOS.

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2012

The regular meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held March 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm. All officers were present. Approximately 60 members attended.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Gail Hopper show chair announced that registration for orchids must be complete by noon Tuesday March 13. She still needs volunteers at show. Toni Marie also needs volunteers in kitchen. Ken Woodward explained how to apply your orchid tag. President Ann Baldwin announced EAOS trip committee will be planning a bus trip in future. After show a larger storage unit will be used to store society's show items. Englewood's Farmers Market booth March 1, 2012 helped promote our society and show. Lemon Bay garden club will be having a sale the weekend after our show dates and time was announced. During EAOS's Show, pictures will be

taken before, during and after show and will be displayed on computer at next meeting.

Gail Hopper show chair announced Fenders would not be at show this year due to medical reasons.

The business part of the meeting adjourned at 7pm refreshments were served.

Guest speaker Dave Junka was introduced. He gave a lot of information to members regarding show displays and orchid presentations. He also had orchids for sale.

Orchids displayed on show and tell plant table were described by Dave Junka.

Edward Baldwin
Recording Secretary



Dave Junka speaks to members at the March meeting.

New Members

EAOS welcomes our newest members:

Adele Verderber Cliff West Janice & David Williams Peggy Greenblatt Martie Burney Ed & Hannah Opatrny Lynn Anderson Kent Neilson Kathleen & Paul Perkins
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