

Englewood Area Orchid Society



April, 2016 Newsletter

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Meetings at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave, Englewood, on the 2nd Mon. of each month.

From the President's Desk



What a show! Our 2016 show was a great success thanks to many, many hands! Thanks to Ken and his team for a wonderful display and to all those members who displayed their plants. We had 12 people exhibit plants and we won ribbons on 51 of the 56 plants. You can be so proud of that. Plus, we had several winners with awards. Carol Nissen received 3 awards on her lovely plant, Corey Plasek had two plants that won awards, Jana Kewley received an award and Walter Roberts won awards on two plants. We had some high quality plants in our exhibit.

Mary Commer, as usual, she and her team kept us fed and happy. Thanks too, to all the wonderful cooks we have in the society. No one went hungry, that is for sure. Neal and Eunice and all their team did a great job with the raffle. We took in \$1,071 on the raffle and that is great.

Special thanks also go to the many volunteers who worked at admissions, raffle, membership, culture, security, set up and tear down and all the other jobs that had to be done. We could not have had a successful show without all of you. Thank you so very much! I need to say a special thank you to Jana & Wayne and Jo Ann & Al for all their wonderful help in set up, take down and all the other places they helped out doing, and all the others who helped set up and take down. There are so many people to thank and if I have not mentioned you individually, I apologize. Everyone's help was so much appreciated and helped to make the show a huge success. Thanks again!

We are trying to wrap up our directory, so if you haven't paid your 2016 dues yet, please send your check to EAOS, P O Box 257, Englewood, FL. 34295-0257. It's only \$15.00 for a family or individual membership. That is quite a bargain.

Our speaker, Louis del Favero, had a very interesting program and showed us some beautiful miniature plants and species. He was very generous with raffle plants and there were lots of great plants on the raffle table. Thanks to those who also donated plants. It was very much appreciated. Keep the raffle table in mind when you divide plants.

Anna Sibille has been our librarian for the past couple of years and would love to train a new librarian. We have a small library and there isn't a lot of work involved. I look forward to having someone step up and taking charge of the library. Think about it.

Next month Jeff Higel will be our speaker and it should be a good one also. Jeff has his greenhouse at Honey Bee Nursery, north of Englewood on 776. If you haven't had an opportunity to check out his greenhouse, stop by and let him know you are looking forward to his coming to our April meeting.

April will be the start of the new term for our new officers. Here is to a good year ahead.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*



Louis Del Favero shows miniature orchids that he grows and sells.

March Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on March 14, 2016 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mary Anne DiGrazia.

We had two guests and five new members in attendance.

Old Business

Mary Anne thanked Ken Woodward and his team for a beautiful exhibit. We had 56 plants entered by 12 members, 24 1st place, 16 2nd place and 11 3rd place ribbons. Carol Nissen received 3 awards for one plant, Corey Plasek received 2 awards for two plants, Walter Roberts received 2 awards for two plants and Jana Kewley received 1 award. The quality of the plants in our display was outstanding.

Mary Commer and her team did a great job in the kitchen. No one went hungry.

Eunice and Neil Schattauer did a great job on the raffles as did all the other members who did admissions, set up, take down and all the other jobs related to having a show. Thank you.

Raffles - \$1071

Admission - 960 people

Net Income - \$3900

The slate of officers was sent by email to everyone and accepted as read.

Our new officers are: Pres. - Mary Anne DiGrazia, VP – Jeff Hill, Treas. - Helen McClaskie, Corr. Sec’y – JoAnn Royal, Rec. Sec. – Joan Komarnitzki, Newsletter & Webmaster – Ken Woodward, Membership – Sue Hill, Historian – Mary Anne DiGrazia, Librarian – Anna Sibille.

7:30 PM - Meeting resumed

Louis DeFavero of Louis DeFavero Orchids was our speaker for the evening. He mentioned that most people are afraid to grow Paphiopedilum, so he recommended that we grow species in our area as they are easy to grow. He had many different miniature plants and species. We all left with new knowledge and many of us new plants.

7:55 PM Plant Table – Louis DeFavero

8:05 PM – Raffle

8:30 PM - Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Nissen,

Recording Secretary



The EAOS annual show brought members major awards.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Apr. 11 – Regular Meeting
Speaker - Jeff Higel
“What is up with your orchids”

May 9 – Regular Meeting
Speaker - Jerry Sellers

May 13 – Redland bus trip

2016-2017 Officers Elected

A slate of officers was elected during the March meeting. These officers will serve for the next 2 years beginning with the April meeting.

President – Mary Anne DiGrazia

Vice President – Jeff Hill

Corresponding Sec. – Jo Ann Royal

Recording Sec. – Joan Komarnitzki

Treasurer - Helen McClaskie

Standing committee chairpersons include: Newsletter & Webmaster – Ken Woodward, Membership – Sue Hill, Historian – Mary Anne DiGrazia, and Librarian – Anna Sibille.



Den. atrovioleaceum

Mar. Plant Table

1st Place: Den. Fire Wings – Ted Kellogg

2nd – Den. atrovioleaceum – Jerry & Kathy Beck

3rd, Members' and Speaker's Choice– C. nobilior v. amaliae – Carol Nissen

Best Species – Den. kingianum (variegated) – Ted Kellogg



C. nobilior v. amaliae



Den. Fire Wings



Den. kingianum

Time to Pay your dues

Dues for 2016 must be paid as soon as possible. At \$15 per year for a family it's a great bargain. You can mail your check to:

EAOS
P O Box 257
Englewood, Fl. 34295

Don't be left out of the 2016 Directory.



Mary Anne DiGrazia won the Art category with her photo "Brassia with Green Mat."

Redland bus trip planned

Redland International Orchid Festival Friday, May 13, 2016, is held at the beautiful Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead, Fl. More than 60 orchid vendors come from all around the world. During the bus ride, we will give you tips on which orchids to purchase that thrive in our area and will make sure everyone is comfortable and having a good time. The trip was scheduled for Friday in response to member requests so that we'll avoid the biggest crowds and have the pick of the best

plants and deals. \$40 per person: Includes \$10 festival admission, bus trip, gratuity for the driver, and a \$5 discount ticket for the purchase of an orchid of \$25 or more. Also a snack and water will be provided.

Departure Times and Locations: (arrive 15 minutes before departure time 7:30am – Venice - Venice Community Center (south parking lot, park on outside edge, street side) - 8:30am – Punta Gorda – Wal-Mart Supercenter on Taylor Rd. (park @ rear of lot near center of lot) Arrival time at Festival: 11-11:30am Return trip: Bus will leave festival at 4 PM SHARP!!.

Payment by April 14th for VAOS MEMBERS with no refunds after April 14th. After this date, we will invite SOS and EAOS members to fill remaining seats. You may sell your seat, but please notify Sharon Kahnoski @ 616-581-9131 if you do so. - Make \$40 check payable to VAOS and mail to Mary Amos, 413 E. Lake Dr. Sarasota, FL 34232 - On check write: Redland trip – Pick-up: _____ (Sarasota, Venice, Punta Gorda) - Seating is limited, so send your check ASAP. Need more info? Contact Sharon Kahnoski at 616-5819131 or social@vaos.org. For festival information visit: www.redlandorchidfestival.org.



Walter Roberts won Best Specimen Hybrid with his Ctt. Gold Digger.

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Sybil and Jay Bushell hosted members of the VAOS and EAOS at their home in Nokomis, showing orchids such as the Den. spectabile below.



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