

Englewood Area Orchid Society



April, 2022 Newsletter *Also online at eaos.org*

Calendar

Meetings (except Aug. and Dec.) are on the 3rd Monday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:30 pm.

**Apr. 18 - EAOS meeting 6:30
Plant Table setup, 7:00 meeting**

May 16 – annual picnic

From the President's Desk

The best show ever! Thank you all who helped in any way with our recent 2022 Orchid show and sale. It was a great success and all thanks to you. It takes a village and the village of EAOS members really came through. I can't thank you enough. We had 1,321 people come to our show and they all loved our new location at the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park. It did work out well there and I look forward to having future shows there.



Our raffle did extremely well, taking in \$1,178.00. That was really a lot of raffle tickets. We had some great promoters of the raffle. Thanks for being such good ticket sellers. The society netted just under \$6,000 from the show and I think that is wonderful. It was our biggest show ever.

Our beautiful display, put in by Ken Woodward and his team, had 37 plants entered and we received 27 ribbons. That is a great number of winners. Ken won the Most Outstanding Diversified Genera and the Larry Evans Award on his GP Micro Burst. It was really lovely. Thank you Ken and team for a lovely display. Judy Chisholm won Most Outstanding Phalaenopsis and Mary Anne DiGrazia won most Outstanding Arts and Crafts.

Thanks to Mary and Edna and the other helpers in the break room for taking good care of us with food and drink.

We will install the new officers at our April 18th meeting.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President

March Plant Table

1st Place



Den. Taro Chip
Ginny Torr

2nd Place



E. cordigera
Dorothy Johns

Change in EAOS Bylaws

The Bylaws adopted in 2015 contain a reference to annual elections, while the term of officers is set at 2 years. To correct this, we need to change the wording of Article IV (b) which called for annual elections. Article IV (b) would be changed to read "EAOS members shall elect officers at the regular March membership meeting on a biennial basis."

An addition has been proposed to the list of permanent committees. A financial committee, chaired by the Treasurer, would be added to provide assistance to the Treasurer.

The existing Bylaws are posted on the EAOS website and the proposed revised Bylaws will be emailed to all members before the April meeting. Members will then be asked to vote on the proposed revisions.

New Officers Elected

The March meeting featured the election of officers who will serve from April 2022 until 2024. The slate of officers is:

Mary Anne DiGrazia	President
Dorothy (Dottie) Johns	Vice-President
Recording. Secy.	Laurie Motter
Corresponding. Secy	Judy Russell
Treasurer	Helen McClaskie

The officers will be installed at the meeting on April 18.

VAOS Bus Trip

VAOS has invited us to join them on their bus trip to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival on Friday, May 13th. It will be held in the Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center. The cost is \$40 which includes bus trip and driver gratuity, the \$15 admission fee, a \$5 coupon and entry into the \$1500 grand raffle. Water will be provided on the bus. Bring your own lunch or snacks for the bus trip.

The bus will depart at 7:00 a.m. Be there at 6:45, from the Venice Community Center South Parking Lot. Estimated arrival time is 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. The bus will leave the festival at 4:00 p.m.

More than 45 orchid vendors from around the world will sell orchids. There will also be free classes available.

Sign up with Sharon Kahnoski at social@vaos.org or 616-581-9131. Checks payable to VAOS and mail to: VAOS, PO Box 443, Venice, Fl. 34284-0443. Include your phone number on your check and note: Tamiami Orchid Fest Bus Trip in memo. Seating is limited so do not delay.

Sybil and Mary Anne are going, so consider joining them.

3rd Place



Phal. unknown x
Dorothy Johns

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May Picnic

This year we will be having our picnic on May 16 instead of June. Be ready to sign up at the April meeting so we will know how many to plan on. The society will provide the meat for the picnic. If you won't be at the April meeting, please email me at tommaryanne@centurylink.net or 941-697-9237, to let us know you'll be at the picnic. We will have it at our normal meeting place at St. David's, so there won't be any ants or mosquitoes at our picnic.

TREASURER'S REPORT FEB,2022

BEG. BANK BALANCE		\$17,088.94
INCOME		
DUES	180.00	
RAFFLE	110.00	
SHOW INCOME	1,200.00	
INTEREST	0.47	
TOTAL	1,490.47	
EXPENSES		
RENT	225.00	
SHOW COSTS	3,070.54	
TOTAL	3,295.54	
ENDING BANK BALANCE		\$15,283.87
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED		
HELEN MCCLASKIE, TREASURER		

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EAOS display at 2022 Orchid Show

February Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting February 21, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne DiGrazia welcoming all guests and new members and to all our returning members. Nice to have you all here.

I want to thank everyone for coming and abiding by the mask requirement. We want to keep all of our members well and safe. For the next few months, we will not be having refreshments to keep everyone safe. Thank you so much for your understanding. I know we all want to get on with our lives and get back to our regular meetings which we have all missed so much. It is so good to see you!

Old Business:

Dues - \$15 per household. If you haven't paid yet, please do so on the break.

Plant Table: Bring your blooming plant to show off at the meeting. Vote for your favorite plant on the plant table. The top 3 will be our winners. Thanks for bringing in the lovely plants.

New Business:

Ken:

It is really important that you sign up tonight for the spaces that are open so that we can man all the volunteer spots at the show. We want to have a great show and we will, but we need everyone to help.

In the past we have all donated food for the 3 days. This year we have to do it a little different. We are asking some of you to take a card that I have that says 24 bottles of water or 12 pack of soda and if you could bring that to the show, it would be a great help. If you want to help with the cost and not pick up one of these items, we will gladly accept a cash donation towards the food and drinks. We need a few volunteers to help in the kitchen. Its important that our kitchen is manned so that we and all the vendors can eat.

Mary Anne:

I have lots of fliers for the show. Please take as many as you can to place in businesses where people can pick them up and find out about the show. Kitty Saddler will be handing them out at the Farmers Market on March 3rd, so hopefully that will bring a lot of people.

We will be voting on officers for the next term next month. Are there any nominations from the floor for any of the offices? If not, here is a slate of officers that we will vote on next month:

President	Mary Anne DiGrazia
Vice President	Dorothy (Dottie) Johns
Recording Secretary	Laurie Motter
Corresponding Secretary	Judy Russell
Treasurer	Helen McClaskie
Assistant Treasurer	Kitty Saddler

Donation to AOS: Last month I mentioned that AOS is looking for donations for research grants. This is part of AOS's mission to promote and support the passion of orchids through education, conservation and research. I think that it might be a good investment to the world of orchids.

Do I hear a motion regarding this? Motion by Dottie
Second Motion? Second Motion by JoAnne
Discussion. Vote. \$500 donation was agreed on.

Bill Nunez did a presentation on Encyclia orchids.

Bill Nunez presented the plants on the plant table with informative descriptions of each plant. Ribbons were awarded for the plants.

Attention then went to the raffle table where numbers were drawn. Winning numbers choosing from the plants and items that were donated for the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary