



Englewood Area Orchid Society

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Newsletter

From the President's Desk

I hope you are all very proud of yourselves. We could not have asked for a more successful joint meeting between the two societies, successful on many levels. The refreshments were fantastic. Thank you to everyone who made the table so appealing. The raffle table was amazing. Truly the largest amount of plants I've ever seen on a raffle table. Major thanks go to Bill and Susan Fender who donated 40 plants. As you know we voted to award them with Life Membership in our society. I am personally thrilled that growers as well known and respected as the Fenders consider us their friends.



Also thanks to Katie Caldwell, our speaker, for her donation of those magnificent vandas to the raffle table. Also for her enlightening talk about growing those water thirsty food eating sun loving tree climbing monsters called vandas. Katie, for the third time, refused to take a speaker's fee, so the society gave her a personal gift.

We also thank our own members and some Venice members who donated plants to the raffle. If you were at the meeting you may recall that I did not win anything. Not even a mango. Nothing. Neal is in serious trouble. I think this is the first time this happened to me and I don't care for it one bit. I noticed that Pam won quite a few plants. An investigation will follow.

The silent auction was a major hit. We owe Robert Palmer a major thank you for the selection of plants he provided at a fraction of their value. As I mentioned, remember who our friends are when you go to buy orchids.

The Venice members were exceedingly gracious in their response to this

meeting. I was thrilled by the size of the turnout. A true sign of the respect they have for their president, Ted Kellogg, who is also a valued member of our group. The crew that arrived were the movers and shakers of the Venice society. I know these people and I am not surprised about their enthusiasm as they approach everything with the right attitude about getting it done.

Financially it was a big night for us but it is considered bad taste to discuss money out loud. Rose will tell you the figures if you ask her. I knew them once but I don't know them now. I also want to thank everyone who helped clean-up and put the room back together. It was amazing how fast we were done.

Now the Venice meeting is on Wednesday, Aug. 5th. at 7pm at the Venice Community Center. I am praying for a huge Englewood turnout. Between now and then start thinking about how we do this. There will probably be a notice about meeting at our own church at 6:30 to carpool and caravan to the Venice show. Feel free to email us with suggestions or to confirm you will be going. Venice is known for their refreshments and their speaker, George Hauserman, is a great guy who will be selling plants at the meeting. Feel free to donate something to their raffle table to return the compliment they gave us. Now I'm done.

John Masters,

EAOS President

Minutes

July 13, 2009

EAOS members began arriving at 5:45 pm to set up for meeting. We had a lot of members show up to volunteer. This was also a "Tasty Treat" meeting. Great treats and many beautiful orchids began arriving for all to see and decide what *(Continued next page.)*

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excited them most. The bidding sheets were placed before each plant and other great buys for the silent bidding. 7:00 pm Meeting called to order by John Masters. The VOS members were welcomed and announcement was made that the August meeting would be held at Venice Community Center-that is August 5, 2009. Speaker will be George Housman. Meeting was turned over to Ted Kellogg who again welcomed all to this first "together meeting". Ted told us about a movie coming up about the "Ghost Orchid". He also spoke about the problems regarding the economy and finances of the Selby Gardens with regards to the orchid gardens and displays there. They are restructuring and transitioning.

Bill and Susan Fender donated 40 plants for the raffle table and as a "Thank You" were granted a Lifetime Membership by EAOS. Robert Palmer was kind enough to donate a lot of plants for the silent auction. They were breathtaking.

Other points of interest were:

Joint Home Tour -- October 17, 2009

Venice Bus Tour -- Trip to DeLand, Fla -- Oct. 23, 2009 - price \$ 30.00

Orchid Sale --The Wagners -Aug. 7-8 -- 9-3 -- selling 75-80% of their orchids

Sept. 12, 2009--VOS member plant sale

Nov. 7, 2009 -- EAOS plant sale. We need a hot dog vendor

Dec. 7, 2009 -- 1st Monday-Christmas dinner meeting at La Stanza -- \$ 20.00

Break--loads of delicious treats to try. More time to check out the bidding and buy more raffle tickets. Lots of visiting and enjoying having many guests to visit with.

Speaker for the evening--Katie Caldwell-Topic--VANDAS. She presented a lot of very interesting aspects of growing very large beautiful Vandas. A lot to learn about an orchid that many people are afraid of. Thank you Katie. The fight was on later when we learned that some of the Vandas she brought went with the raffle winners.

Another break allowed the last chance to bid. A lot of happy people took home their hard

fought-for orchid choices. The raffle table -2 tables- held loads of great orchids-new growth and although most were not labeled, Ted said when they bloomed, he would help to identify them. The members table held many very unusual and beautiful plants.

A great time was had by all, a very successful and fun meeting. Looking forward to another great time in August -- see you in Venice.

Recording Secretary ———
Edna McClenney-Willis

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Upcoming Events

- Mark Your Calendar -

August 5 - at Venice C.C.
(first Wed.) Speaker:
George Hauserman

Sept. 14 - Regular Meeting

Nov. 7 - Nov. Plant Sale



Second Place: Brassavola George Tyler, Joe Crook



Second Place: Ctsm Spotted Dragon x fimbriatum, Joe Crook

July Plant Table

First Place: Bct. Winnie Makaea (Bct. Mickey's Freckles x *C. purpurata*), Mary Anne DiGrazia

Second Place: Ctsm Spotted Dragon x fimbriatum, Joe Crook

Second Place: Brassavola George Tyler, Joe Crook

Third Place: Dtps. Queen Bee, Dale Richter

Members' Choice: Cattleya Natrasiri Waxy, Ted and Marty Kellogg

Ted Kellogg



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Treasurer's Report

July, 2009

Checking Account		
Balance 06/10/09		2776.60
Deposits		
Profit on Silent Auction	228.00	
Raffle July	276.00	
Total Deposits	504.00	504.00
Rent & Speaker gift	106.00	-106.00
6/10/09 Balance		<u>3174.60</u>

Respectfully
submitted:
Rosemary Hutchinson
Treasurer



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