



Englewood Area Orchid Society

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Newsletter

From the President's Desk

Orchids, perfume, purses, yummy deserts – our July meeting with VAOS had it all! Katie Caldwell shared her love and expertise on **Tolumnias**. They are also known as Dancing Lady orchids – don't you love that name – some orchids have the prettiest descriptive names. Katie fell in love with Tolumnias some years ago and has perfected growing them in her greenhouse – she showed us some awesome plants from a teeny “orchid on a stick” (perhaps 2” from roots to leaves) to large cascading specimens. She offered straightforward growing advice and donated some beauties for our raffle table, so hopefully we'll be seeing more Ladies Dancing on our plant table in the near future. Thanks Katie.



We had a nice turnout from VAOS – about half of the crowd - and they were eager to join us in our silent auction fun. John Masters purchased some beautiful plants for the auction, Kay Heisner got us some Vera Bradley items, and I secured a few perfumes for the event. After all the bids were tallied, we made almost \$250 for our society. Thanks to all the bidders and winners.

SERIOUS BUSINESS –It is time to spend some of our hard earned money for the 2011 show deposits. We're locked into the dates of March 26th and 27th for the show judges and the church hall, but we need commitment and lots of help before we send in the deposits for the church hall and show plants. **DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A SHOW IN 2011???? ARE YOU WILLING TO HEAD A COMMITTEE OR CHAIR THE SHOW??** The EAOS Board needs to know **now** what to do. Please read the 2011 Show Committee article in this newsletter

and call me or email me (941.876.0412 or stevegailh@comcast.net) with questions or to let me know that you want one of the positions listed. None of these jobs are daunting, new members or first time show committee heads are welcome – we'll help you in every way possible when and if you need help. It's a great way to get to know other members and help our society. All of these jobs can be performed by **YOU** or **YOU** or **YOU**. **YOU** know I'm talking to **YOU**.

Now on to Venice for our August meeting - we had a great meeting there last year and I know you won't be disappointed this year either. Just remember the meeting is Wednesday, August 4th and there will be NO meeting in Englewood on Monday, August 9th. Keep your plants happy in this heat. See you at the Venice meeting.

Gail Hopper,

EAOS President



Kathy Damewood places a bid on a plant..

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2010

Silent Auction and combination meeting with Venice Area Orchid Society

7:00 PM--Meeting called to order by President, Gail Hopper. Venice members were recognized and welcomed. Guests were introduced and welcomed. Business: Secretary and Treasury report given and accepted. Request was made for Chairperson for 2011 show and plant sale. Announcement that we sent a donation to the Corkscrew Sanctuary.

Meeting announcements:

- August meeting in Venice
- September speaker-Joe Haines –Phalenopsis,
- October-repotting clinic,
- November 6 - Plant sale,
- December - Holiday Party.
- Sept. 11 - Venice Area Plant Sale

Break time : we had many yummy and great desserts to choose from. A great time for visiting the Venice members and revisiting the "Silent Auction" plants, Vera Bradley hand bags, and other beautiful things to bid on. There were many very nice beautiful plants and to make sure you got the one you wanted you had to revisit often and up the bid. Speaker for the night was Katie Caldwell telling us about her favorite plants – Tolumnias - equitant oncidiums. A very interesting and educational presentation. Thank you Katie!

Members Table- there were only a few but fantastic plants on the members table. Winners for the Auction were announced. Raffle Table held many beautiful plants - something for everyone.

See you all at the Venice Area Meeting in August

Edna McClenney Willis

Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

July 2010

Checking Account

Balance 06/15/10 \$5,697.21

Income

Silent Auction	\$463.50	
Raffle July	\$183.00	
Total deposits to		
7/15/10	\$646.50	\$646.50

Expenses

Items for 2011 Show	-\$22.30	
Total expense to		
7/15/10	-\$22.30	-\$22.30
Balance 7/15/2010		\$6,321.41

Respectfully submitted:
Rosemary Hutchinson
Treasurer



Katie Caldwell discusses the culture of Tolumnias.

August Meeting

The August meeting is hosted by VAOS at the Venice Community Center, 326 South Nokomis Ave., Venice. The speaker will be Marv Ragan on breeding and judging the genus Encyclia. This meeting is on Wednesday, Aug. 4, not the usual EAOS meeting day.

Upcoming Events

August 4th

Joint meeting with VAOS at VAOS. Doors open at 6:30; Meeting at 7 --Venice Community Center, 326 South Nokomis Ave. Venice.

September 13th

Joe from Joe Hayden's Orchids in Placida will discuss Phalenopsis.

October 11th

Repotting Clinic – Bring an orchid to repot or buy the materials needed to pot or mount an orchid. We'll demonstrate repotting techniques and then have the materials and advice handy for a Do-It-Yourself clinic.

Nominees for 2011 Board of Directors positions

November 6th

EAOS PLANT SALE at Christ Lutheran Church. 7 vendors so far. We still need a team to manage this event as well as EAOS members to bring plants to sell.

November 8th

Axel from Amazonia Orchids will discuss Cattleyas.
Election for 2011 Board of Directors

December 13th

Holiday Party
Our annual Holiday Dinner party Carol Nissen and Corey Plasek are chairing – see them to help.

Happy Time starts at 5:30 with dinner and a brief meeting.
The Hills Restaurant @
Rotonda Golf &
Country Club



John Masters offers advice to a bidder in the silent auction.



A Katie Caldwell Tolumnia on the raffle table.



Last month we mistakenly identified our June picnic dessert winner. Ann Baldwin was the proud prize-winner.

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2011 EAOS ORCHID SHOW

COMMITTEES

**ARE YOU
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HEAD A
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SHOW??**

Show Chair

- Set up master show schedule and due dates.
- Invite vendors and follow-up with deposit requests and receipts – list of vendors and contact info already set up
- Invite orchid societies – list of societies and contact info already set up
- Work with all committee heads to ensure due dates are met for permits, vendors, fees, advertising, etc.
- Attend or call-in-to Jan, Feb and March Board meetings to discuss show budget and progress
- Hold show meetings with committee heads and members.
- Discuss show progress and needs at Jan, Feb and March EAOS meetings.

EAOS Display Chair

- Develop show theme and title.
- Secure a committee to design and setup EAOS display. Setup display on Thursday.
- Work with EAOS Board on display budget and EAOS members for lots of plants.

Sponsors and Corporate Donations Chair

- **This job begins in January.** Send out letters to past and potential sponsors. The form letter, sponsorship package and partial list of sponsors is already setup. Tweak it if you want – otherwise you're ready to go.
- Get help from other members and use your imagination to canvass the greatest number of professionals, businesses and interested parties. Sponsors make the show happen and keep the society functioning.

Advertising Chair

- Work with EAOS Board to setup show advertising budget and coverage
- Work with papers, radio, etc to secure ads and free promotional articles.
- Revise 2010 show flyer or design a new one. With your committee, distribute flyers and go to businesses to display flyers.

Judging Chair

- Correspondence with Judges and Photographer.
- Work with Board to order necessary ribbons, judging supplies and award signs.
- Arrange EAOS members to serve as Judging Clerks. Judging Clerks assist the judges while they are judging by finding the numbered plants within the displays, marking the corresponding entry sheet with notations, and hanging ribbons on numbered plants. Hours needed are 7:45 – 11 AM on Friday.
- Management of Registration and Judge's area.

Registration Chair

- Coordinate receipt and Orchid Wiz registration of EAOS entries.
- Work with AOS rep to assist EAOS and the other displaying societies with Registration.
- Print out display labels and plant number markers.
- Management of Registration and Judge's area.

Hospitality Chair

- Oversee food donations and kitchen help. Serve food and tidy kitchen afterwards.
- Prepare menu for Judges Breakfast and Luncheon on Friday.
- Food will be served from 8 to 3 on Thursday and 10 –3 on Friday and Saturday. You don't have to be there the whole time – there will be lots of helpers in the kitchen.

Signs and Permits Chair

- Obtain permission for sign placements.
- Send in permit forms to Charlotte County.
- Set up signs outside church and where permitted.
- Work with electrical contractor to set up sign over 776 near Dearborn Street.

Show Setup Chair

- The show floor layout plan is setup already – just get a tape measure and follow the plan. You'll have lots of help.
- With the help of the show setup committee and EAOS members, mark out the areas for displays, vendors, etc. Secure plastic on floor, set up dividing curtains and potted plants.
- Setup tables for vendor, admissions, display, food, etc. areas and cover tables with plastic tablecloths and skirts.

Admissions Chair

- Make sure that we have at least two people at admissions desk throughout the show.
- Help admission desk volunteers and be responsible for getting admissions monies to Treasurer.

EAOS Tables Chair

- Work with Board and your committee to secure silent auction items, sales items and raffle plants from vendors.
- Set up displays on education, membership, sales and auction tables.
- Get members to work on raffle, educational and sales tables during the show.
- Get members to greet attendees on the show floor and promote EAOS membership.

Show Breakdown Chair

- Breakdown committee will disassemble the EAOS display, floor and table displays and return all EAOS items to storage.
- Get transport people and vehicles to take show materials and display items back to our storage bin on San Casa Road. Load vehicles Saturday from 4:30 – 6:00, take to storage on Monday or later.