



# Englewood Area Orchid Society

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Newsletter

## From the President's Desk

July's joint meeting with VAOS had a great turnout from both groups. Jim Roberts subbed for Michael Sinn and was able to share Canaima Orchids' ex-perience at the Tokyo Dome Orchid Show with us. Jim showed Michael's pictorial presentation of the show and explained the setup and display process. The show combines lavish commercial displays and some fierce orchid specimen competition with outrageous and prestigious prizes. Quite a lively and fascinating combo. Very interesting indeed.



We also had a successful Silent Auction of orchids, Vera Bradley items and 2 vintage orchid prints graciously donated by a VAOS member. Thanks to our members who donated plants for the silent auction and raffle tables. We made over \$350 on the two fund raisers – thanks to all the bidders and raffle participants. Thanks also to everyone who contributed and helped out at our hospitality table – lots of yummy treats for all!

Some changes to two of our member growers to note:

**Jeff Higel**, formerly of Orchids Etc. in Sarasota, is now located at **Busy Bee Nursery** in Englewood. Jeff is in the process of building and populating his greenhouse at the new location but already has some orchids and supplies on hand and is ready to take your special requests as well. **Busy Bee** is located just south of Manasota Beach Road on Route 776, (street address is 2383 Englewood Road, Englewood for your GPS) and their phone number is 941.474.6866.

Also, **Blue Pagoda & Evolution Orchids** has relocated to 505 West Dearborn Street in Englewood. Their summer hours will be 12:30 to 5:00, Wed. through Sat or by appointment throughout the week. They will be showcasing

blooming orchids, orchid supplies and pottery and will continue their Mobile Orchid Greenhouse business in which they come to you with blooming orchids. You can shop from your own home and the service is free! Stop by their new location on Dearborn Street and say HI to **Gina and Mickey**. Their phone number is 941-474-3255 and their website is [www.bluepagoda.com](http://www.bluepagoda.com)

Our August meeting is **WEDNESDAY, August 3, 2011 at 7 PM** at **VAOS**. The speaker will be **Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids**. His topic is "Miniature Cattleyas for a Warm Climate". SW Florida is a warm climate indeed – but hearing the latest weather reports it seems that our snowbird members are in a severe heatwave across the nation. Hope the orchids that you took north to chill a bit are faring well. Hot everywhere in July to be sure!

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend-setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest and the American Orchid Society magazines. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Vice-chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and is currently a director, as well as a trustee, for the AOS.

The VAOS meeting is at the Venice Community Center, 326 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice. Don't forget to bring your blooming orchids for their members' table.

See you all in Venice on August 3rd.

**Gail Hopper**,  
EAOS President





Mary Anne DiGrazia found a new friend on the July auction table.

## July Plant Table

**First Place:** Dtps. Queen Bee – Dale Richter

**Second Place:** Rsc. Robert and Michael – Ted Kellogg

**Third Place:** Podangis dactyloceras – Ted Kellogg

**Best Species:** E. Alata – Gail Hopper

**Members' Choice: &  
Speaker's Choice:** Rlc. Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela' – Bob Wallace



Both Speaker's Choice and Members' Choice went to Bob Wallace for his Rlc. Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela'.



Dale Richter's Dtps. Queen Bee took First Place..



Podangis dactyloceras won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Ted Kellogg.



*Rsc. Robert and Michael was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner for Ted Kellogg.*



*Gail Hopper won the Best Species for her Encyclia alata.*

## Minutes

JULY 11, 2011

Our President, Gail Hopper, called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. This was a combined meeting with the Venice Area Orchid Society. A warm welcome was given to the Venice members.

No Secretary's report was given. The Treasurer's report was given and approved. Gail then went over events of the last month and advised that the T-shirts are ready for purchase. Lots of sizes and colors! Also stated that next month our meeting will be hosted by the VAOS Wednesday, August 3rd, at 7:00 PM, at the Venice Community Center. Hope that all will attend!

Several other items were announced including September's speaker, Robert Reefer, a certified crop advisor for Florida. He will speak on the use of chemicals on our orchids and the hazards involved. Also, we are having our plant sale November 5th, 9am to 2pm. Please get involved! Lastly, a bus trip has been planned for November 19th to visit several growers in the Tampa area. The trip will depend on how many sign up.

Our friend Jeff Higel then advised the members that Orchids Etc has closed it's doors. Jeff's new location is HoneyBee Nursery, 2383 Englewood Road. Make plans to visit him!

After the break, Gail introduced our speaker, Jim Roberts, standing in for Michael Sinn. Jim spoke to us about his visit to the Tokyo Dome Orchid Show along with a power point presentation of the event, held yearly. A fine example of what other cultures find desirable in an orchid.

After Jim completed his presentation, judging of the plant table took place, with winners announced. Next was the silent auction, with all items selling. Lastly, the raffle was held.

There were twenty-four members and twenty-eight guests present. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jerome Thompson  
Recording Secretary