

Englewood Area Orchid Society



August, 2014 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



What an exciting meeting. There was a wonderful turnout for our joint July meeting with Venice. Mickey Carnell from Blue Pagoda had lots of beautiful orchids for sale. Thanks, Mickey for participating in our meeting. EAOS members outdid themselves with lots of goodies to share with our guests. Thanks for showing Venice we were glad they were there!

It was nice to have Katie Caldwell as our speaker. She is well known in Venice and Englewood and is one of the best growers around. She grows plants that look like they are on steroids. I don't know anyone that grows better looking Vandas. She gave a very interesting and informative talk about Vandas and answered lots of questions. Thanks again, Katie for bringing lots of fantastic Vandas for our raffle tables. Also thanks to several other people who donated plants for the raffle table. We had a killer raffle table and everyone was having fun picking out a great plant to take home and grow.

Another special happening was that we had 7 new members join at the meeting. We are looking forward to getting to know you. Welcome to you all.

I really appreciated the great co-operation setting up the hall for the meeting and cleaning up afterwards. With lots of hands, it makes light work. Thanks to all.

Great things are happening!

Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President

Next Meeting:

SPECIAL

Joint meeting with VAOS.

at

Venice Community Center

Wednesday, August 6, 7:00 pm

August joint meeting

In August, the VAOS will host the meeting in Venice on their regular meeting day and time, Wednesday, August 6 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Venice Community Center, behind the library, at 326 South Nokomis Avenue.

The speaker will be Dr. Courtney Hackney and he'll be talking about Cattleyas. He was raised on the Florida Keys and as a teenager worked for six years at Summerland Orchids where he was introduced to cultivated orchids including cattleyas. He is currently the Director of Coastal Biology and the Chairman of the Biology Department at University of North Florida in Jacksonville. He has a collection of several thousand orchids with cattleyas and phalaenopsis among his favorites. His wife, Rose, is a great photographer and artist and he will have several of her books and his books plus plants from his greenhouse for sale. This guy is a real expert on cattleyas and he knows how to keep them healthy in our climate.

Anyone wanting to car pool can park at the church at 6:15 and hopefully this will save a lot of people having to drive alone to Venice.

Welcome New Members

Five of the 7 members who joined in July are new to EAOS. We welcome them and hope that they will become active in the society.

Julie Johnson, Englewood

Carol Mashoke, Venice

Maria Gilpatrick, Rotunda West

Jerry Manegold, North Port

Cyndi & Fred Carley, Rotunda West

July Meeting Minutes

A joint meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society and the Venice Area Orchid Society was held on July, 14, 2014 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Mary Anne DiGrazia.

The EAOS received a thank you note from Victoria LaMarr the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from EAOS. We wish her the best.

New Business –

Be sure to put our annual plant sale on November 1st on your calendar. It's time to divide or start new plants for the sale. They may be orchids or any other plants you wish to sell.

October 6th is the Sarasota Orchid Club meeting at Selby Gardens and the speaker will be Fred Clark who was in the documentary at our last meeting.

The August meeting will be a joint meeting with Venice at the Venice Community Center at 7:00 P.M.

We need a volunteer to be the Librarian at our meetings.

Old Business –

If EAOS is going to have a show next year we need volunteers.

Katie Caldwell was our speaker for the evening and her topic was Vanda Orchids. She gave us many tips on watering, potting, light requirements, fertilizing and controlling insects. She also answered many questions. This new knowledge should help us all grow beautiful Vanda's.

7:45 P.M. Break

8:10 P.M. The plant table was awarded ribbons and the plant raffle was held.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nissen, Corresponding Secretary

LIBRARIAN NEEDED

Now that we are back at Christ Lutheran Church, we have our cabinet back and a place to store all of our meeting goodies. Our library is now located back at the church, but we are in need of a Librarian. It is not a difficult job, just keeping track of books and VHS tapes that members want to enjoy and following up to see that they are returned. Who can we count on to step up and say, "I'll do it"? We hope to hear from you soon.

Sarasota show scheduled

EAOS has received an invitation from the Sarasota Orchid Society to participate in their annual show which will be held on January 3rd and 4th, 2015 at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium.

The Theme of the show is "A Symphony of Orchids. We have always participated in their show and I hope this year will be no exception. We will be discussing this at our September meeting and I hope that we can have some volunteers to put on the display and volunteers to help. If you are interested and can help, please email me. I know a lot of you are up north right now and we'd like to hear from you also.



The July meeting featured a return to the church as we hosted VAOS.

July Plant Table

1st Place & Speaker's Choice:

Phrag. Penn's Creek Cascade – Ted Kellogg



2nd Place: Gram. Scriptum 'Grasshopper' –
Corey Plasek



3rd Place: Onc. Maui Gold – Carol Nissen



Members' Choice: Gct. Sogo Doll – Carol Nissen



Best Species: Psh. prismatocarpa – Carol Nissen





Air roots were on display as the July meeting focused on vandas.

Fred Clark to speak in Sarasota

On Monday, October 6th, at 7:15, the Sarasota Orchid Society meets at Selby Gardens. Their speaker will be Fred Clark who was highlighted in the video we watched in June. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting can meet at Christ Lutheran Church to carpool. Closer to the meeting day, we'll determine a good time, so that we won't be late for the meeting.

2014 EAOS Officers:

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| President: | Mary Anne DiGrazia |
| Vice President: | Edna McClenney-Willis |
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| Membership: | Corey Plasek |
| Historian: | Mary Anne DiGrazia |

Contact us at orchids@eaos.org

Monthly Meeting Schedule

6:30-7:00 -- buy raffle tickets and check out the variety of plants that our speaker brings. Interact with fellow members and get to know them.

7:00 – announcements

7:15-8:00 -- program

8:00 -- short break – buy raffle tickets, if you haven't already done so and check out the speaker's plants.

8:10 -- plant table, followed by raffle

Nov. show in Pompano Beach

We received an invitation for members to attend the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Show and Sale which will be held on November 15-16, 2014 at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, located at 1801 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida. The theme is "Orchid Obsession."

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Bal. as of end of June - - - - - Not Available

Expenses in July - - - - -

Deposits - - - - -

Bal. at end of July - - - - - Not available



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