



Englewood Area Orchid Society

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2011
Newsletter

From the President's Desk

Twenty meetings, 6 shows and 2 plant sales later – and I'm still smiling. It has been great to be the EAOS president for these past 2 years. A lot has happened in 2010 and 2011 and we've really grown as a society. Lots of new members, planting clinics, fun picnics and meetings – plenty of orchid culture doings and discussions.



Thanks to everyone who supported not only me but the society these past two years – lots of members have pitched in to help at the two shows we compete in every year, as well as everything that needs to be done to create our wonderful show. Our November plant sales have been growing in popularity and sales as well as member participation. Several of our members have pitched in to lead meetings or be guest speakers. Lots of members have treated us to yummy cakes, cookies, brownies and helped to set up and clean up the messes we made as well. Members writing the newsletter articles and producing the electronic communiques, members on the board, members working at the shows, members running the sales, picnics and dinner meetings - It is fun to be a part of a vibrant and active group and I hope everyone continues to enjoy EAOS as we welcome the new board members:

President	Ann Baldwin
Vice President	Jana Kewley
Treasurer	Noreen Spencer
Recording Secretary	Jerome Thompson
Acting Corresponding Secretary	Gail Hopper

The 2012 show season is sneaking up on us

fast. Setup for the Sarasota Orchid Society's show is Friday, January 6th and all plants to be entered in our exhibit need to be registered by Tuesday, January 3rd. That's only a month away – so start getting your plants ready - an email will be sent out in mid-December to remind everyone how to register your plants as well as to let everyone know where help is needed. We'll need transport volunteers on Friday Jan 6th as well as Sunday, Jan 8th.

Well, that's it for my final President's Message. I'm leaving the president's gavel behind, but I'm not going very far away. I'll be our show chair again this year – so you'll hear plenty from me in the next few months as we prepare for our show. And due to Kay Heisner's sudden passing, I will be the acting corresponding secretary for the next few months. Once I get Kay's computer files ready to pass along, we'll need another member to assume this position.

See everyone at our Holiday Dinner Meeting on December 12th. We'll swear in the new board members and have a great dinner and fun. It will be your last chance of the year to try to win an orchid! See you all there.

Gail Hopper,
EAOS President



Crowds inspect orchids at the annual plant sale on Christ Lutheran Church on Dec. 5th.



Gail Hopper gives advice on mounting a vanda at the Nov. meeting repotting clinic.



Joe Crook prepares to help members with repotting their orchids.

Sarasota Orchid Show

As usual, EAOS will participate in the SOS show with a tabletop display. To do this, we need orchids from our members. Don't be shy about entering an orchid, or 2, or 3 or more.

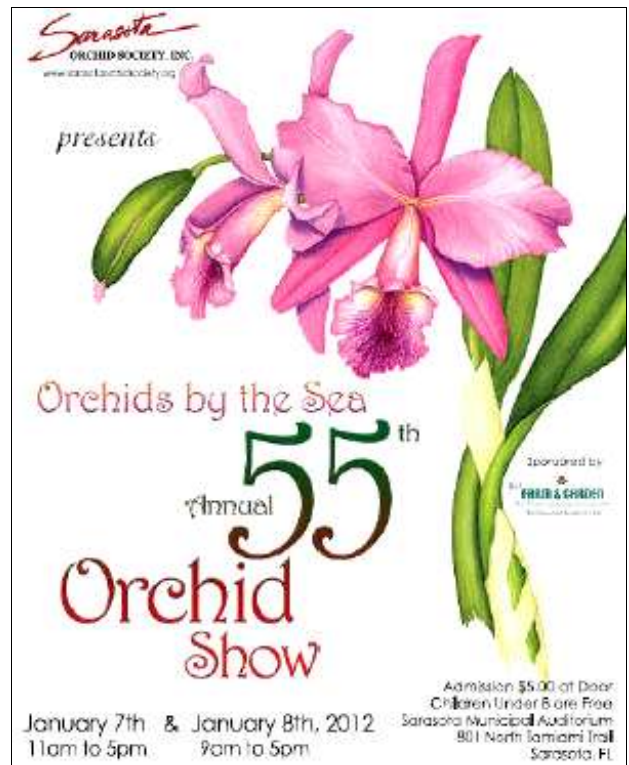
On Jan.3, send the names of the orchids you are entering to Pam Bombardieri at pbombardieri@comcast.net or call her at 828-0153. In cases where the name is unknown, the orchid can still be displayed, but will not be judged.

Here is what you do:

- 1) On Jan 3rd, email a list of your orchids with your name, address and phone number to Pam Bombardieri. Give the complete name from the tag and the

color of the flower. Measure across the flower and list the approximate size.

- 2) Clean up your plants. Clip off any dead leaves and old flower spikes. Stake the flowers if needed. Wipe off the leaves and put your name on the pot.
- 3) Either let us know that you need someone to take your orchids to Sarasota or bring them to Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail at 9 am on Friday, Jan. 6.
- 4) Claim your plants at the end of the show on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 5 pm or let us know that you can't make it and we'll bring them to the EAOS meeting on Jan. 9.



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Members vote for the members' Choice award.

November Plant Table

Members' Choice: Bulb. A-doribil Anna Roth
 'Eileen's Choice' HCC/AOS from Toni Marie



Toni Marie brought the winner of Members' Choice.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 12

Holiday Dinner/Meeting
 Gulf View Grill, 2095 N. Beach
 Rd., Englewood
 5:30 drinks, 6:00 dinner

Jan. 7-8

Sarasota Orchid Show

Jan. 9

Regular Meeting

Feb. 4-5

Venice Orchid Show



Roy Klinger explains the art of repotting at the Nov. meeting.

Treasurers Report

Nov-11

Balance forward: 9,426.73

Checking Account

INCOME

October Raffle 97.00

Coffee donations 0.00

Plant Sale 106.00

Christmas Party 340.00

Total deposits 10/14/2011 543.00

Expenses:

budget meeting 42.41

Food for meeting (1551) 26.51

Office supplies (1551)

Speaker Fees - Donation

Bank fees

Church rental for meeting

Total expenses to 7/28/2011 68.92

Balance to Check Book 9,900.81

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Baldwin/Noreen Spencer
Treasurers