

Englewood Area Orchid Society



December, 2014 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



I am looking forward to our Christmas dinner meeting at La Stanza on December 8th. It looks like we'll have our 40, so that is great. It should be a very nice evening and there will be a great raffle.

Monroe's slides of Thailand were really interesting giving us a glimpse of that part of the world. How wonderful it would be to go to these places and find the orchids in the wild and visit many unique places.

January we will have Bruce Weaver from the Venice Area Orchid Society taking us to see the Orchids of Peru & Ecuador. That should be a really interesting program. Hope we'll see you there to enjoy it.

Our plant sale at Christ Lutheran Church was a success and we even got two new memberships. Welcome to Sally Bonnell and Wayne and Linda Keeth.

Mickey will be starting his culture classes again in January at 5:00pm on the 12th at Blue Pagoda. It is a great opportunity to learn more about orchids and ask questions. Thank you Mickey for providing this great service to Englewood Area Orchid Society.

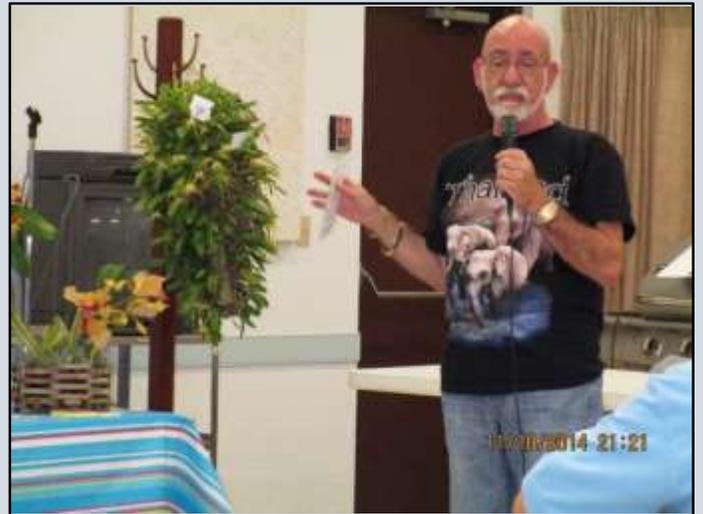
In January be prepared to sign up for lots of committees to help make our 2015 show a huge success. There are many opportunities to help.

January will also see our first show at Sarasota, so get your plants in order and tell them to bloom just at the right time for the show. It will be a tabletop display with Ken Woodward as chairman. I know it will be a wonderful show.

February is just behind January with our second show of the season. Ken will also be chairing the display. May we have some beautiful flowers for both shows.

I trust you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving and I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and I'll see you at the dinner on the 8th.

Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President



Monroe Kokin, the speaker at the November meeting, presents the orchids on the plant table.

Time for dues

It's that time of year again to pay our annual dues which are \$15 per household. That's quite a bargain. Be sure and bring your money to the January meeting so that we can start to work on our 2015 directory. All members who have paid dues will be in it.

Holiday Dinner Meeting

The December meeting is the annual dinner meeting at La Stanza at 6 pm. The next regular meeting will be on January 12 at the church at 6:30 pm.

November Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on November 10, 2014 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

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

The Plant Sale on Saturday, November 1st was a success. The Society made about \$270.

Jo Ann Royal chair of our annual holiday party announced that we still need eight more people to sign up for the party to meet the minimum of 40 people.

Ken Woodward, Display Chair for the Sarasota Show, needs the filler plants from past shows. Reminded everyone to start preparing our plants for the Sarasota January 2nd show. Set up is 10 AM to 5 PM. Plants must be in Sarasota by 10:15 AM. Use Bloom fertilizer now to encourage blooms.

Ken needs someone with a trailer hitch to bring our storage trailer to Venice on March 5th and again on March 7th.

Monroe Kokin did a slide presentation on his travels through Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia collecting orchids. He had many informative and interesting stories regarding his trip. He also had pictures of his orchid house, housing more than 1,300 orchids. Bulbophyllums being his favorites.

8 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, Recording Secretary

Show Season Starts

The show season is starting very soon. If you have questions about the displays, want to volunteer time setting them up, or have plants to display email Ken Woodward at ken@kwoodward.net. Setup for Sarasota is on Jan. 2nd 8 am to 2 pm

- 1) Members with fill plants (ferns, etc.) , let me know what you have. I probably won't need much for the show in Sarasota, but keep them growing for Venice.
- 2) Sarasota Show.
 - a. Check orchid names. Email names that are incomplete or crosses so that I can check for a name. Also check for the latest name. Many have changed and growers don't revise their tags every time there is a name change. Search online or email me if in doubt. Blc, Lc, Onc, and Epi's may well have changed names.
 - b. Register plants for the show by Dec. 30. Email your name, the plant name in full as it appears on the tag, the color of the flower, and, for Cattleyas, whether the flower is larger or smaller than 5". Email to ken@kwoodward.net.
 - c. Stake spikes from the time that they start. Clean up plants. Remove dead leaves and old spikes.
 - d. Show setup : Jan 2 for Sarasota 8 – 2
If possible bring your own plants to the Sarasota Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail. Plants need to be there no later than 9:00 am. Let me know if that is a problem for you.
- 3) Venice Show: Feb 6 setup 1-8. We are looking for someone to drive the trailer to Venice on Feb 6. If you have a vehicle with a hitch and would be available that afternoon, let me know.

November Plant Table

1st Place: Cattleya cernua - Corey Plasek

2nd Place: Bulb. medusae – Carol Nissen

3rd Place: Bulb. Elizabeth Ann ‘Buckleberry’ – Carol Nissen

Speaker’s Choice and Members’ Choice:
Bulb vaginatum – Joe Zore

Best species: Phal. cornu-cervi var. chattaladae – Corey Plasek



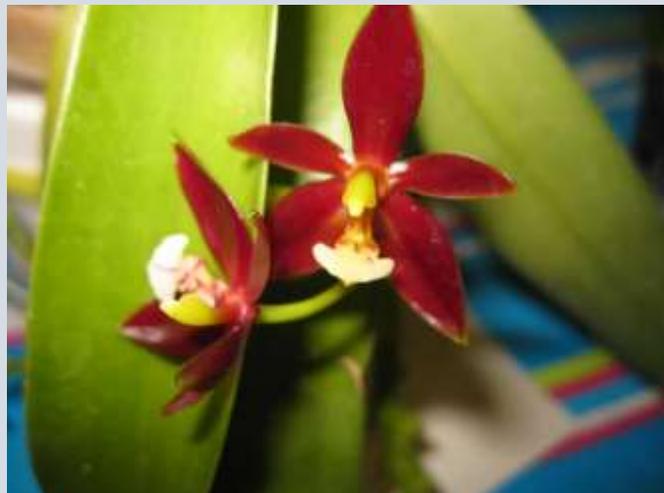
*Bulb. Elizabeth Ann ‘Buckleberry’ (above),
Bulb. vaginatum (below)*



*Plant table awards went to Corey Plasek’s C. cernua (above) and
Carol Nissen’s Bulb. medusae.*



Phal. cornu-cervi (right)





Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 8 – Holiday
Dinner-Meeting at La Stanza

Jan. 2 - Sarasota Orchid
Show setup

Jan. 12 – Regular Meeting
6:30 pm
Speaker – Bruce Weaver

2014 EAOS Officers:

President: Mary Anne DiGrazia
Vice President: Edna McClenney-Willis
Treasurer: Elaine Squires
Corresponding Secretary: Jo Ann Royal
Recording Secretary: Carol Nissen
Newsletter & Webmaster: Ken Woodward
Membership: Corey Plasek
Historian: Mary Anne DiGrazia
Librarian: Anna Sibille
Contact us at: orchids@eaos.org

New Orchid Book Published

If you're looking for a holiday present for your favorite orchid grower, you may be interested in a new book from Cornell University Press: *Orchids of Tropical America: An Introduction and Guide* is a comprehensive reference to wonderful flowers, with something for both beginner enthusiasts and veteran orchid fans.

This new book seamlessly weaves botanical and biological information, a morphological classification guide, and geographical data with engaging stories and discussion about the social and historical significance of orchids. By including both aspects in the book, the authors aimed to create a volume which is useful as a field guide, but can also be read and enjoyed cover to cover. This amazing, over 250 page work is complete with its index, travel advice for vacationing orchid lovers, and, of course, beautiful photographs of hundreds of orchid species.

Visit the book's own website at www.orchidsoftropicalamerica.com/.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance ----- \$6892.39
Expenses ----- 536.00
Deposits ----- 713.28
11/25 Balance ----- \$7244.67

Elaine Squires, Treasurer

Greenhouse discount

The following greenhouse builder is offering a discount to orchid society members. If you are considering the purchase of a greenhouse, it may be worth looking at what they have to offer. Contact Jennifer Vencius for a 15% discount at her website <http://www.botanicalgreenhouse.com/>