

Englewood Area Orchid Society



December, 2015 Newsletter

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Meetings at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave, Englewood, on the 2nd Mon. of each month.

From the President's Desk



If you missed the Nov. 9th meeting, you missed a really good one. We had over 50 people there. I want to welcome back all the snow birds who flew in for the winter. Great to have you back with us. We miss you when you're gone.

Bill Thoms had a great, informative, and funny, presentation on culture before he started on his slide show of his trip to the Philippines to find orchids in the wild. Bill and Doris have been raising orchids for such a long time and they are quality growers. They have over 100 AOS awards under their belt. That is more than anyone in the world. Pretty impressive. When Bill talks...we need to listen.

Besides Bill's presentation, he and Doris brought wonderful plants to sell. He also had his own plant food which really works well for him. Hope you found a lovely plant to take home or some plant food to help your plants grow.

The really best part of Bill and Doris's coming is that he brought us a table full of extremely well groomed plants for our plant sale. Needless to say everyone wanted to have a winning ticket. That was so kind and generous of them.

Our Christmas dinner meeting to be held at La Stanza on Dec. 14th is coming up. If you have not bought your ticket, please contact Jo Ann Royal or Jana Kewley as soon as possible and let them know which entre you'd like. Last year the food was delicious, (I recommend the chicken), and the service was great. I think most everyone had a great evening. There will

be a raffle, so you could win an orchid or a surprise gift.

I can't believe that November is almost gone and then December. Time really flies by when you are having fun. We won't be participating in Sarasota's show this year, but it is a great show to visit. It will be January 2nd and 3rd. Check it out.

Then, it will be time for Venice's show. Start grooming your plants now and start to get them ready for Venice's show on Feb.6th and 7th and then for our show on March 5th and 6th, with set up on the 4th.

We have started the lists for volunteers for our 2016 show already. We need to get as many people as possible to sign up by January so that I'll have an idea of how many and what size t-shirts to order. If you work, you will receive a t-shirt, so I hope that will be a great incentive to sign up. Many volunteers are needed for many jobs, so sign up for as many things as you can. For the new members our show is a wonderful display of orchids and vendors selling plants and by volunteering you get to learn more about the society and be an active member. Many hands make light work. If you didn't have a chance to sign up at the Nov. 9th meeting, send me an email at tommaryanne@centurylink.net or call me at 941-697-9237 so I can sign you up.

Thank you to all who brought food for Englewood Helping Hands. They were very pleased when I dropped off the food and told them where it was from. There are many people in need and it's nice when we can give back to our community.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*

A Fine Day for a Plant Sale



The Nov. 7 Plant Sale raised over \$200 for EAOS.

Nov. Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on November 9, 2015 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mary Anne DiGrazia.

Old Business

We welcomed one new member.

Our annual plant sale was held on November 7th. We took in \$915 and after paying member vendors, EAOS received \$244.20. Mary Anne thanked all who participated.

Our Holiday Party will be at La Stanza on December 14th. Please contact Jo Ann Royal or Jana Kewley if you plan to attend by November 28th.

New Business

2016 Show – All Vendors have signed up. Two have paid.

Sign- up sheets for committees were available for members to select assignments and times.

T-Shirts will be given to members who work the show.

A thank you to Bill Thoms and Doris Dukes, for the fantastic assortment of Bulbophyllums for our raffle table.

Bill Thoms started his lecture on general orchid culture. One of his suggestion was to feed your orchids in the evening for best absorption and feed them year round. He covered a lot of topics and most of us left with new information.

Bill's slide show 'Trip to Philippines 2009' was amazing, when you saw the hazards, heat and humidity he endured to find new species of Bulbophyllums.

8:30 p.m. – Plant Table

8:45 p.m. Raffle

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nissen, Recording Secretary

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 14 - Dinner Meeting
6 pm at La Stanza

Jan. 2 & 3 - Sarasota show

Jan. 11 - Regular Meeting
Speaker:

Feb. 5 - Setup for VAOS
show

Wanted...someone with a hitch!

Do you have a hitch on your car or truck? EAOS needs you. We need to transport our trailer full of supplies from its location in Englewood Isles to Venice on Feb. 5th for the display at the Venice Show. It will need to be returned to the Englewood Isles location on Feb. 6th. On March 2nd or 3rd, the trailer needs to be moved to the Englewood United Methodist Church for our show. It then will need to be returned to the Englewood Isles location on March 5th. If you could do one or both of the moves, please contact Mary Anne at 697-9237 or at tommaryanne@centurylink.net. Thanks for your help.

Volunteers needed

If you did not get a chance to sign up for a committee for the show yet, it is not too late. We need to get our list of volunteers to man the different assignments by the first part of January, if possible. We need to order the t-shirts and we need your size.

We need volunteers to set up, take down, work the raffle table, the culture table, to be clerks on Friday, the 4th, admissions. Many hands make light work. Sign up today. Contact Mary Anne @ 697-9237 or at tommaryanne@centurylink.net.

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Thanks to these sponsors our 2015 show was a success. Patronize the businesses and thank them for their support. Tell them that we would appreciate their support for our 2016 show.

Nov. Plant Table

1st – Bct. Punakea - Roy Klinger

2nd – Bulb. Elizabeth Ann - Carol Nissen

3rd – Lc. Edissa - Roy Klinger

Members'/Speaker's – B. nodosa

Species – Phal. tetraspsis var. alba - Ken Woodward



Lc. Edissa



Bct. Punakea



B. nodosa



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann



Phal. tetraspsis var. alba

2015 EAOS Officers:

President: Mary Anne DiGrazia
Vice President: Edna McClenney-Willis
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Contact us at: orchids@eaos.org



Bill Thoms spoke at the Nov. meeting.

AOS Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 14, 2015, 6:00 PM

Our annual holiday dinner meeting will again be at the "La Stanza Ristorante" 285 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

Menu: All menu entrees are served with salad, bread, vegetables, potato (except the pasta dish), ice tea, soft drink, coffee, and dessert.

Selection choices:

1. Parmesan Crusted Chicken
2. Basa Oreganata
3. Penne Alla Vodka
4. Veal Parmigiana

Cost: \$22 per person, includes tax and gratuity

Money is due November 28th

Contact people:

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