



Englewood Area Orchid Society

December, 2017 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



I can't believe it is Thanksgiving time and then Christmas. Where has the summer gone? We now have to start getting our plants ready for our three upcoming shows.

Sarasota show will be January 6 & 7, with set up the 5th. I know Ken will be looking for lots of beautiful orchids for the show.

Venice show will be following on February 3 & 4, with set up on the 2nd. They say we will be having a milder, dryer winter, so hopefully we'll have lots of flowers blooming in January and February for our shows.

Our EAOS show will be coming up March 2 and 3, with set up on the 1st. We'll need lots of help with that, so be prepared to start signing up for committees in January for our show. We need lots of workers for the different committees. It is lots of fun and it is a great way to meet your fellow members and work with them to help make our show a great success. Mary Commer will be doing the kitchen this year, but she would like to have someone work with her to learn all that she does to help make her job easier. We cannot get along without a great kitchen and all the wonderful food we get, so if one or two of you can learn the ropes of the show kitchen, please let Mary know.

If you missed our meeting, we had a really interesting DVD that had been on PBS. It was titled "Plants Behaving Badly". If you missed the meeting, the DVD will be in our library, so consider taking it out to watch. There is a second program on the disc that is also very interesting.

Calendar

Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave., 6:30 pm.

Dec. 11 – Dinner Meeting at Hills Restaurant, Rotonda

Jan. 5 – Setup for SOS show

Jan. 6&7 – Sarasota Show



Eager buyers snapped up orchids as soon as they were set out at the annual plant sale in Nov.

Thank you to all of you that brought food for the Englewood Helping Hands. They are a wonderful organization that supports so many people with needs.

Our Nov. 11th plant sale was a great success. Thank you so much for all those who participated in the sale. Some of you sold, cashiered, brought plants to sell for the club and just helped with the sale. We always have a good time and I think we all did well selling plants and the club realized over \$400. That is great!

Our dinner meeting will be December 11th at the Hills for \$24.00 each. The meal should be a really good one. Last year I think everyone was pleased and we all had a good time. If you haven't signed up, please give Helen McClaskie a call at 681-2860 or Jo Ann Royal at 474-2844. We need 35-40 people to attend because of the restaurant. Bring a friend, your neighbor, spouse or anyone that would like to join us. We'll have a raffle with blooming plants.

January will be dues time and they will continue at \$15 per household. Bring your check to our January meeting to pay for 2018.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you at the dinner on the 11th. The Hills Restaurant is located at 100 Rotonda Circle.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*

Sarasota Orchid Show

We need your blooming orchids for the Sarasota Orchid Show. Now is the time to prepare the orchids that you want to show. Remove dead leaves and old flower spikes. Make sure that the plants are free of insects. Clean the leaves.

Register your blooming plants on Jan. 2nd and 3rd. Send the names of the plants you want to enter to orchids@eaos.org. List the full name of the orchid as shown on the label, the color and the approximate size of the flower (a picture would help). You can expect a return email either saying that the plants have been registered or asking for further information. Also see our PowerPoint presentation which you can find at <http://eaos.org/showprep1.pdf>.

Bring your registered plants to the Sarasota Auditorium at 10 am on Friday, Jan. 5. The show is on Jan. 6 & 7. Pick up your plants on Sunday Jan. 7 at 5 pm. If you cannot bring your orchids to Sarasota, let us know when you register and we will try to find transportation for them. Other shows will be: Feb. 2-4 in Venice and Mar. 1-3 in Englewood.

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Open House

December 9, 2017, open house at Tom and Mary Anne DiGrazia's. The address is 3058 Mauck Terrace, Port Charlotte, Fl. It will be from 9 am to 1:00 p.m. The phone number is 941-697-9237. We look forward to having you come for a garden tour.

Minutes of EAOS Meeting

November 13, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Maryanne DiGrazia. She welcomed guests and new members.

Old Business:

The plant sale was a great success. The sale took in over \$1400 and we made \$400 for our treasury. Maryanne thanked all that helped, participated or supported the sale.

The Christmas dinner meeting will be December 11 and the cost is \$24. In order to hire the Hills Restaurant, we need 40 people to attend. Sign up with Helen or JoAnn and pay tonight if possible. The cut-off date will be November 27. The food is very good and plan for nice evening. Family and friends are invited.

Tonight we are taking donations of canned foods for Englewood Helping Hands. Boxes for donations are at the front door. Thanks to all who donated.

New Business:

The first orchid society show of the season is the Sarasota show January 5, 6 and 7 . Ken Woodward will need orchids for our display by January 3, 2018. It will be helpful to have pictures e-mailed to Ken in order to categorize. Orchids need right category and class to win ribbon.

No other old or new business, Maryanne announced break for refreshments. During break vote for favorite plant from plant table, buy raffle tickets and sign up for Christmas dinner.

Following the break, the program was an interesting video from a PBS special program on orchids. Maryanne presented the plants that had been brought in for the plant table and announced ribbon winners.

Meeting was adjourned and attention went to the raffle where winning tickets were called.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Ostertag, Recording Secretary

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Mary Anne DiGrazia

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Helen McClaskie

Contact us at: orchids@eaos.org



1st Place



2nd Place & Members' Choice

November Plant Table

1st Place -	Vanda Loke	Naoki Kawamura
2nd & Members' Choice -	Rlc. Alma Kee 'Tipmalee'	Judy Russell
3rd Place -	Rlc. Angel Lace	Judy Russell
Best Species -	B. nodosa	Deb Sullivan

Treasurers Report

Beginning balance	\$14,788.75
Income --	
raffle, coffee, membership	96.00
Interest	0.61
Expenses --	
Speaker	404.00
Insurance	175.00
Dinner Xmas deposit	100.00
use of church for plant sale	50.00
Rent for Oct & Nov.	120.00
ending balance	14,036.36

Respectfully submitted,
Helen McClaskie, Treasurer



3rd Place



Best Species