

Englewood Area Orchid Society



December, 2018 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are driving to Virginia for Thanksgiving with all the family and there was snow there yesterday. May it "warm" up a bit before we go.



We had a fun and profitable plant sale at Christ Lutheran Church on November 3rd. Thanks to everyone that participated either by selling, helping, or buying. We made \$384.20 and I think that is great. That goes towards our monthly rental and our speakers and other expenses. Everyone was waiting for Edna's trailer full of bromeliads and frangipanis. Such a deal!

If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up for our dinner on December 10th at The Hills, you can still sign up. Give Helen McClaskie a call at 681-2860 and then mail her a check for \$25 payable to EAOS and mail to P O Box 257, Englewood, Fl. 34295. They always have such delicious food and it is a very nice evening out. Come and join us.

The Sarasota show is just around the corner, so get your plants cleaned up and staked and hope they'll be in full bloom for the show. The show is the 5th and 6th, with set up on the 4th. You'll need to register them on the 1st and 2nd with Ken. Look for the article from him about the show. Edna said you can drop off your plant at her house at 1395 Forked Creek Dr., Englewood. Give her a call to let her know you are bringing plants for her to take to Sarasota.

We've started our sign up sheets for our show. Set up is Feb. 28th, show on March 1st and 2nd. I need to have people sign up by the January meeting so that I have sizes for the t-shirts that I have to order and that I know how many I need.

Calendar

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

Dec. 10 – Annual dinner meeting
Hills Restaurant, Rotonda

Jan 1 & 2- Register plants for show
Jan. 4 – Setup for Sarasota show on
Jan 5 & 6

Jan. 14 – regular meeting, 6:30 pm
Speaker – Vern Bloch

March 1 & 2, 2019–
EAOS Orchid Show
at the Methodist Church

Thank you to all that brought food for the Englewood Helping Hands. They were thrilled with all the food that was donated. It overfilled a grocery cart. I was very pleased with the large amount of donations. Thank you from them and from me.

We are looking for someone to haul the trailer to Sarasota that has a hitch on the back of their truck or heavy duty car. Call Ken at 941-876-0109 if you can help.

Rafael Romero from Plantio La Orquidea was our speaker and he had a beautiful power point program on Nodosa and Brassavola crosses. They are some of my favorite flowers. The presentation was very informative and enjoyable.

Next month is our dinner at the Hills and January our speaker will be Vern Bloch and February will be Mickey Carnell. They are both great speakers and we always look forward to having them come.

It's that time of year, so in January you'll want to pay your 2019 dues. It is only \$15 per household and is quite a deal. You get a great, knowledgeable speaker, raffle table, plant table, light refreshments, and you get to spend time with people who like you, enjoy growing orchids. Dues also help pay for our hall rental and speakers, etc. Come, renew your membership and bring a friend.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President

MENTOR PROGRAM

Our society started a new program 6 months ago....The Mentor/Mentee Program to help those with questions on how to grow their orchids. We now have four MENTORS and ten MENTEES. Each Mentee was matched to a Mentor and have visited each other's homes to view their growing conditions and orchids. The Mentor will help with suggestions on watering, exposure to the sun and if repotting needs to be done. You don't have to be NEW to growing orchids to sign up, we all can use each other's help every now and then. Please feel free to always call the Mentor that was assigned to you with any problems or questions. We want this to be fun and helpful to get your orchids to bloom nicely. Don't forget to bring in your blooming orchids to show on the Plant Table at each of our meetings. You may be surprised that you won a ribbon. And even if you didn't, it helps to hear what is said when they talk about each orchid. Also, with our upcoming orchid shows, please do not hesitate to enter your blooming orchids. Once you get started in shows, you will always want to have a few that are special to you to enter in a show. You can email me anytime if you want to be a Mentor or Mentee. My email is: skipnjudy1@msn.com

Judy Russell

Plant Sale Day



It was a busy day at the annual plant sale.



Edna's trailer had lots of business too.

November Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting November 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne DiGrazia welcoming members and guests.

Old Business:

EAOS Plant Sale was a huge success. We made \$384.20 from the sale. Thank you to all who participated in selling and buying.

Mentor Program – If you are interested in getting some help with questions, etc., please sign up to be a mentee. If you would like to help mentor someone, please sign up to be a mentor. This is a great program for help and a nice way to meet some of your fellow growers and learn from them. Judy Russell is in charge and would love to sign you up.

Christmas Dinner meeting on December 10th at The Hills. We need to have you sign up tonight and pay. We need 30 for the reservation. If you don't have your money with you, sign up and mail a check to EAOS, P.O. Box 257, Englewood, FL 34295. It will be a buffet and the food is really good. We will have a fun evening. Hope you will join us.

New Business:

Sarasota Show – January 5th and 6th, 2019. Work on your plants to get them ready for the show. Ken will need lots of beautiful orchids.

Englewood Area Orchid Society Show is March 1st and 2nd, 2019. Sign up sheets are on the tables for all the opportunities for you to participate. Please start signing up as I'll need to have our volunteer list by the January meeting if possible. Mary Anne has to order shirts for the show and needs to know sizes and how many are needed.

A break was taken for refreshments, to vote for your favorite plant on the plant table, to buy raffle tickets and to pay dues.

After the break Rafael Romero gave a very informative presentation on Brassavola – Species and Hybrids. Rafael presented the plants on the plant table with informative descriptions of each plant. Ribbons were awarded for the plants.

Attention then went to the raffle table where numbers were drawn with winning numbers choosing from the plants and items that were donated for the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary



3rd Place

Volunteers needed for EAOS show

The EAOS show Feb. 28, Mar. 1 & 2 will need volunteers to help in the following areas:

Show Setup and take down

Membership

Raffle

Admissions

Clerks

Culture

Kitchen

Food for kitchen.

Call MaryAnne at 697-9237 or email her at tommaryanne@centurylink.net to let us know where you would like to volunteer. The more you participate, the more you'll enjoy the show and be part of putting on a beautiful show.

Register your plants for Sarasota

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. 1st and 2nd. Email 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 pattern and the approximate size of the flower (a picture would really help). You can expect a return email either saying that the plants have been registered or asking for further information. Bring your registered plants to the Sarasota Auditorium at 10 am on Friday, Jan. 4 or drop off your plant at Edna McClenney-Willis' house at 1395 Forked Creek Dr., Englewood. Give her a call at 941-474-1187 to let her know you are bringing plants for her to take to Sarasota. The show is on Jan. 5 & 6. Pick up your plants on Sunday Jan. 6 at 5 pm. Other shows will be: Feb. 2-3 in Venice and Mar. 1-2 in Englewood. For a detailed explanation of why and how to register your orchids for this year's shows, see the file on the EAOS website: www.eaos.org/ShowPrep2019.pdf.

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