



Englewood Area Orchid Society

December, 2023

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From the President's Desk

It seems every year that once we pass October, the rest of the year just flies by so quickly. Thanksgiving is the 23rd this year which is early. Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



If you haven't signed up for our Holiday dinner at the Italian American Club, 1375 Ringling Dr. in Venice, now is the time to do it. The cost is only \$10. It sounds like a really nice evening and they say the food is really good. Bread is made by our very own Matt Palucci. Can't wait to taste it. Please call Terri at 302-559-3555 or Jami at 407-908-1914. After you make your reservation with them, send the check to: P O Box 257, Englewood, Fl. 34295. Don't want you to miss out. You might want to talk to some of your orchid club members and car pool.

If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up for one or some of the time slots for our show, please give Jami a call at 407-908-1914 so that you can sign up. The more slots you sign up the more fun you'll have working with your fellow members and getting to know them. It's important to sign up early so Jami will know how many t-shirts to order for the show. Jami came up with a great design which you want to have, so don't put off signing up.

Hopefully you are taking really good care of your plants and have them staked and cleaned up for our first show, Jan. 5-6-7 in Sarasota. You will need to register the plants so we'll know what we will have to work with for the show. We'll need lots of plants.

Our speakers for the November meeting were Ti and Henry Ho from Florida Orchid House Nursery. Hope you checked out the orchids that they had for sale.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President

Calendar

Meetings (except Aug. and Dec.) are on the 3rd Monday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:00 pm.

.Dec. 4 - Holiday dinner meeting
5:30 at Italian-American
Club in Venice .

Jan. 6-7 - Sarasota Orchid Show. .
Municipal Auditorium,
Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4

Jan. 15 - Regular Meeting –
5:30 plant table – 6:00 meeting.

Try the EAOS facebook group.

If you don't have a facebook account, you will need to set up a new account in order to sign in.

Click below ->

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1181804719190767/>

Meetings now at 6 pm

EAOS monthly meetings now start at 6:00 pm. Plant Table setup will start at 5:30.

Committee Reports

We need several members to volunteer for the outreach and show committees. Call Jami at 407-908-1914 or email her at jamishane06@hotmail.com. Thanks for your help.

From Hospitality Committee;

Let's start 2024 off with some treats.... We Need SNACKS for JANUARY meeting, please email me with what you would like to bring (EAOS_secretary@eaos.org)

From Membership Committee;

Starting in Jan 2024 we are going to do a Birthday raffle! Every member that comes to the January meeting, and has a birthday in the month of January, will receive 1 raffle ticket. We will have a separate raffle drawing for a nice plant or some supplies (may change and vary).

We are also working on some ideas of a volunteer appreciation drawing. So for every time you volunteer in 2024 you will get a raffle ticket and at the end of the year we will have a FABULOUS gift to giveaway (still ironing the fine print on this idea, more info soon).

Stay tuned for the 2024 Show shirt design (almost have all the wrinkles out)

We are still looking for volunteers for our Outreach committee, we need members that are willing to go out and attend events, to help spread the word about our great society!

Now we will also need some help for our financial review committee, a couple members to glance over the books periodically and make sure we are keeping track the correct way and we haven't missed anything.

From Raffle Committee;

BIG THANKS to our newest members Ralph & Ann D'Alessandro, not only did they attend their first meeting in November, they also brought 8 wonderful plants to add to the raffle table BRAVO!!!

We always welcome donations, if you have extra supplies or plants that you don't have room for, or pots that you don't use.... We would greatly appreciate your donations.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

BANK BALANCE
as of 10/01/2023 **\$18,676.74**

INCOME
MEMBERSHIP \$ 45.00
INTEREST \$.32
TOTAL \$ 45.32

EXPENSES
LIABILITY INSURANCE \$856.31
RENT SEPT. - NOV. \$225.00
TOTAL \$1,081.31

BANK BALANCE
10/31/2023 **\$17,640.75**

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EAOS Plant Sale

Our Nov. 4th plant sale was a huge success. Thank you so much to all of you that participated and help or donated plants, etc. We couldn't have done it without your help. We had lots of fun and lots of people looking for our beautiful plants and other wonderful goodies.

The total amount that sold for the sale was \$1,415.00 and EAOS made \$469.00 as their 10% plus a few of the vendors donated their proceeds to the society.



A view of the plant sale on Nov. 4.

It's show time 2024

The first of the orchid shows for 2024 will be in Sarasota. The setup for the show will be on Friday, Jan 5 at the Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail. We are looking for help in moving our supplies to and from Sarasota. EAOS has recently sold the trailer which we formerly used to transport our supplies and now we need someone with a large car to bring our supplies from Englewood to Sarasota. If you are entering orchids in the show and are going to bring them to the Auditorium, then you could help your society at the same time. Email Ken Woodward at ken@kwoodward.net.

For those who want to register orchids for the show. Look at the presentation on the website. Go to <https://www.eaos.org/Show Prep 2024.pdf>. You will find information on all the shows in which EAOS will participate and you will find out how to enter your orchids in the shows.

Nov. Plant Table



1st
Place - Vanda Suan Tang
from Ralph D'Alessanda



2nd
Place & Speaker's choice -
Pcv. Key Lime Stars from Natasha Romero



3rd
Place - C. Makai 'Louise' from Terri Carr



3rd
Place - Paph. In-Charm 'Topaz' from
Natasha Romero

EAOS Election

The March 2024 monthly meeting will feature the election of officers for the society. If you are interested in serving as an officer, nominations will be welcome at the regular meeting in February. There are 5 officers: President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer each serving a 2 year term.

- The President's duty is to preside over all meetings and events, including meetings of the board of the EAOS. The president will ensure all events run smoothly. The president also oversees all member activities and is the one to whom all the other officers must report.
- The Vice-President's duty is to preside over all meetings and events in the absence of the president. It is the duty of the vice-president to schedule speakers for meetings.
- The Corresponding Secretary is in charge of keeping the membership rolls. In addition, the secretary may plan or distribute scheduling information for meetings and other activities, as well as accept payment of dues from members and forward them to the treasurer.
- The Recording Secretary records the minutes at membership meetings and board meetings, covering the discussion of each agenda item, transcribing the notes and making them available as necessary.
- The Treasurer is in charge of all financial aspects, accepting payments from members directly or through the corresponding secretary. The treasurer also prepares and provides financial statements to the organization and tracks all deposits, expenses and other financial dealings.



Ti Ho from Florida Orchid House spoke at the November meeting.



Place – C. Portia 'Cannizaro' from Mary Anne DiGrazia

EAOS Officers

President – Mary Anne DiGrazia
V.P. – Matt Palucci
Treasurer - Helen McClaskie
Recording Sec. – Laurie Motter
Corresponding Sec. – Jami Hess

Standing Committees

Membership Committee - Terri Carr, Kitty Saddler, Jami Hess, Candy Bott, Yolanda Goll, Dottie Johns, Sally Hathley

Raffle Table Committee - Joann Royal, Bonnie Swanson

Plant Table Committee - Candy Bott, Debbie Robbins, Lisa McNaughton

Hospitality Committee - Mary Commer, Mary Jo Holleran, Edna McClenney-Willis, Betsy Agro, Karen Jay

Show Committee - Mary Anne DiGrazia, Suzette Crawford, Terry Bowes

Media Committee - Ken Woodward, Jami Hess, Michelle Speyrer



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