

Englewood Area Orchid Society

February, 2015 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



If you missed last month's meeting you missed a great speaker. Bruce Weaver had a very interesting presentation with lots of great photos about his trip to Peru and Ecuador. Nice job, Bruce!

It won't be long and the Venice show will be here. Hope you've had a chance to check out your plants and get them ready for the show. Ken and Barb and their committee really need lots of plants for our 10' x 10' display. That is a lot of space, so let's all see how many beautiful flowers we can enter. It is always such a great show.

It's time for dues, so don't forget to bring your check for \$15 for a household. It's really quite a bargain for \$15. You receive great speakers at a convenient, large location for our meetings, a chance to win orchids on our raffle table, get lots of really good advice about growing and taking care of your orchids, fellowship with other orchid growers, and many more benefits.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4th, we have been invited to hear Dr. David Benzing who will be speaking on "Why orchids have so many species", at the Venice Orchid Society meeting at the Venice Community Center. It should be a very interesting presentation and I look forward to seeing lots of Englewood members attending to hear him. Don't miss this opportunity.

We are still looking for sponsors for our show in March. The sponsors will receive a lot of advertisement from their donation. Ask your dentist, doctor, bank, insurance man or any business to be a sponsor for our show. There are lots of expenses and their sponsorships help to cover some of the cost of the show, plus it goes towards the scholarship that we give each year to a graduating Lemon Bay High School senior.

Next meeting we will be our last meeting before our show, so there will be lots of things to discuss. Carol and Corey have been working very hard on our show, so let's show our support and help them where needed. The more we do, the more we enjoy the show.

See you the 4th in Venice and the 9th in Englewood.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*



EAOS members listen to VP Edna McClenney-Willis.

Time for membership dues

It's that time of year again to pay our annual dues which are \$15 per household. That's quite a bargain. If you haven't already joined for 2015, bring your money to the meeting Feb. 9 so we can start to work on our 2015 directory.

All members who have paid dues will be in this year's directory.

EAOS display needs orchids

We need your orchids for the EAOS display at the Venice show next week. If you have blooming plants, show them off. Enter them. You'll be surprised how many ribbons you can win.

Register plants for the show by Feb. 4. 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.

Show setup : Feb. 6 at Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave. If possible bring your own plants. Plants need to be there between 1:30 and 2:00 pm. Call Barbara Reitz (631-456-0243) or email designitreitz@yahoo.com if you have no way to bring your orchids and we'll try to find an alternative.

To pick up your orchids, come to the Community Center at 4:15 pm on Feb. 8th or arrange to pick them up at the meeting on Feb. 9.

January Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on January 12, 2015 at the Christ Lutheran Church. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Mary Anne DiGrazia.

Our Holiday Party was a great success and everyone had a good time and a delicious meal. Thank you Jo Ann Royal and Jana Kewley for all the work you put in to make it a lovely time.

Our annual dues of \$15.00 for a single or a household is now due.

Barbara Reitz has volunteered to bring plants to the Venice Show. Edna McClenney-Willis encouraged everyone to register their plants as Venice is a floor display and many plants are needed.

Our speaker for the evening was Bruce Weaver. He talked about Orchids of Peru and Ecuador. How Orchids have adapted to the extremes in climate. The Epiphytes orchids absorb moisture from the air and nutrients from decaying organic matter that collects around their roots. Masdevallia and Pleurothallis were most interesting and different.

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

Sarasota Orchid Show

EAOS again entered a display in the Sarasota Orchid Show. Five members entered orchids in the show and were awarded a total of 9 ribbons. Edna McClenney-Willis entered 11 plants and was awarded 2 first place ribbons and 2 second place ribbons. Ken Woodward



entered 10 orchids and won 2 first place, 1 second, and 1 third place ribbon. Mary Commer, Barbara Reitz, and Joan Miller each entered an orchid and Mary won a second place ribbon.

Thanks to those who helped with the display.

CULTURE CLASS

Monday, Feb. 9

at BLUE PAGODA ORCHIDS

895 South Indiana Avenue

with MICKEY CARNELL,

Owner of Blue Pagoda Orchids

5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in orchid growing is welcome.

There is plenty of parking behind Blue Pagoda.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 4 – VAOS -
7:00 pm special speaker

Feb. 6 - Venice Orchid
Show setup 1:00 pm

Feb. 7-8 - Venice Orchid Show

Feb. 9 – Regular Meeting
6:30 pm

Mar. 6 & 7 – EAOS show

January Plant Table

1st & Members' choice – C. Mari's Song – Wayne Kewley

2nd - C. Green Veil 'D' - Joanna Shaw

3rd - Bct. Booth Lee 'Venice' – Roy Klinger

Speaker's Choice - Onc. Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby'
– Joanne Rothe



C. Mari's Song was a winner for Wayne Kewley.

Special speaker at VAOS

Dr. David Benzing will be a joint guest of the EAOS and VAOS on Wed., Feb. 11 at the Venice Community Center. The title of his talk is: "Why are there so many different kinds (species) of orchids?"

Dr. Benzing is the Jessie B. Cox Chair in Tropical Botany at Selby Botanical Gardens and the Robert S. Danforth Professor of Biology at Oberlin College. His research includes the impact of orchids and bromeliads in tropical forests and the use of epiphytic bromeliads for monitoring air quality. At Oberlin, he taught plant systematics, ecology, evolution, and environmental science. He is a founding member of the Selbyana Editorial Board and currently the Associate Editor. Dr. Benzing has a B.A. in zoology from Miami University and a M.S. in biology and Ph.D. in botany from the University of Michigan. Most of his publications deal with the phenomenon of epiphytism or the adaptive biology and evolution of bromeliads and orchids.



2nd Place went to Joanna Shaw's *C. Green Veil*.



Bct. Booth Lee 'Venice' was the 3rd Place winner for Roy Klingner.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance - - - - - \$6939.50

Expenses - - - - - 1070.83

Deposits - - - - - 2062.00

Jan 23 Balance - - - - - \$7897.97

Elaine Squires, Treasurer

2014 EAOS Officers:

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Speaker's choice went to Onc. Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby' brought by Joanne Rothe.