

Englewood Area Orchid Society



February, 2016 Newsletter

Also online at eaos.org

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

From the President's Desk



Hope you are all having a good new year. Let's make it the best.

It is almost time for Venice Area Orchid Society show on February 6th and 7th. With this cool weather it is important

to take care of your plants. I am sure that Ken has a great display planned for Venice and he'll need your beautiful plants for the display. Ken presented an informative talk on getting your plants ready for the show and the registration that is required. Lots of good information. I am sure you have started staking your plants and the bloom spikes and have been cleaning them to be ready. Don't forget to get all the important information to Ken so that he can register the plant. Something new the past few years is that you can now exhibit a plant without a name and still win a ribbon. That is good news as many of us have GOK's...beautiful plants without names. If you can, send a picture of your plant, flower and name tag, it will give him information that he'll need. On cattleyas you'll need to tell him how large the flower is. May we all have a plant or two or three to put in the show. Let's make a great showing.

Once the Venice show is over, we'll only have one month before our show. We still need lots of volunteers to be clerks, be at the membership table, culture table, raffle table. Also, Mary will be looking for your wonderful, delicious contributions to the kitchen for the 3 days of set up and show. She will also need help in the kitchen. Give her a call or send her an email at: 941-423-1283 or mcommer@aol.com.

We are still in need of sponsors for our show. Check with your doctor, dentist, realtor, or anyone that you

might think would like to be a part of the show. I am having Ken attach the two forms you'll need. [Click here to download both of them.](#) You can print them out and give them to any prospective donor. The sponsors get a lot of advertising and they help us greatly.

I know you will all step up and help make our 2016 the best show ever. Any questions about the show, please give me a call at 941-697-9237 or tommaryanne@centurylink.net. Thanks to all of you for your help!

March we will have election of officers for the coming term. Jo Ann has agreed to continue as Corresponding Secretary. We need volunteers to be Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President. How about it? Try it...you'll like it. Let me know if you'd be willing to help in one of the positions available. Thanks.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*

Jan. Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on January 11, 2016 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mary Anne DiGrazia.

Old Business

Mary Commer reminded the members that we need food for our orchid show starting on March 3th for set up and the 4th and 5th.

Mary Anne is looking for someone with a vehicle that has a trailer hitch to take our storage trailer to the Venice and Englewood shows.

We need sponsors for our show so please ask your doctors, hair dressers, etc.

7:00 - PM Break

7:25 - PM - Meeting resumed

Ken Woodward was our speaker for the evening on preparing orchid for the shows.

Ken will be registering plants for the Venice and Englewood shows. He lectured on cleaning and preparing your orchids for our displays.

Please email Ken with the name of your plant, color and size of bloom.

Please tape the number Ken will send you on the leaf of your plant.

For further information on registration go to our web site.

8:00 - PM Plant Table – Ted Kellogg

8:15 - PM - Raffle

8:30 - PM Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nissen, Recording Secretary



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Feb 2&3– Register plants
For VAOS show

Feb. 5 - Setup for VAOS
Show 1:00pm

Feb. 6&7 – VAOS show

Feb. 7 – Pick up plants
and take down 4:00pm

Feb. 8 – Regular meeting

Orchids needed for VAOS show

Members of EAOS make it possible for us to participate in orchid shows. It would not be possible if our members didn't grow beautiful orchids and allow them to be displayed in the shows. The first show of the season is at Venice on Feb. 6 & 7. Get your plants ready. Remove dead leaves and old flower spikes. Clean the leaves and then get ready to register your plants on Feb 2nd and 3rd. Send the names of the plants you want to enter to Ken Woodward at ken@kwoodward.net. List the full name of the orchid, the color of the flowers and the approximate size of the flower. A picture would be a big help. You can expect a return email either saying that the plants have been registered or asking for further information. See the PowerPoint presentation from the January meeting at <http://eaos.org/showprep.pdf> for more information.

Bring your registered plants to the Venice Community Center between 1 and 2 pm on Feb. 5. Pick up your plants on Sunday Feb. 7 at 4 pm.

Jan. Plant Table

1st Place - Bc. Hippodemia, Judy Russell

2nd Place - Dendrochilum bicallum, Michelle Glembocki

3rd Place- Den auriculatum, Ted Kellogg

Best Species & Members' Choice – Ren. bella, Ken Woodward

Speaker's Choice - Paph. spicerianum, Ted Kellogg



Den auriculatum



Bc. Hippodemia



Ren. bella



Dendrochilum bicallum



Paph. spicerianum

Time to Pay your dues

Dues for 2016 are must be paid as soon as possible. At \$15 per year for a family it's a great bargain. You can mail your check to:

EAOS
P O Box 257
Englewood, Fl. 34295

Feb. speaker

Vern Bloch will be the speaker at the February meeting. He is a retired Navy pilot who first became interested in orchids after leaving the service in 1987. Two years later, Vern, and his wife, Helen, became owners of the Palm Bay Orchid Range and participated in many orchid shows around the state. They sold the nursery in 2004 but continue to do business on a small scale. For the past twenty years, Vern has conducted programs for numerous orchid societies ranging from the Florida Keys to North Carolina. Vern's main interest has always been in the cattleya alliance. His presentation will focus on the Epidendrum, Encyclia and Prothechea genera. Many orchids were originally misclassified as Epidendrums and Vern will show you how to differentiate between them and provide culture tips on how to grow them here in Florida. All are members of the cattleya family and their hybrids, Epicatts, have become very popular in recent years. They are easy to grow in Florida, providing us with a wide range of colors and shapes. Vern will be happy to answer questions and will have an assortment of plants for sale.

Speaker for March: Louis del Favero



Ted Kellogg shows the members the 1st place winner from the plant table.



Ken Woodward shows a presentation on Preparing for the Orchid Shows.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Bal. forward (Dec. 30)	9071.95
Income	470.00
Expense	81.15
Balance (Jan. 24)	9460.80

Elaine Squires, Treasurer

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