

# Englewood Area Orchid Society



*February, 2023*

*also at EAOS.ORG*

## From the President's Desk

Show season has begun and our first show, Sarasota, was a huge success. Hope you had a chance to check it out.



Ken did a wonderful job of putting in a display for the show. He had only 21 plants to work with, so his job was not an easy one, but he really did a great job. Out of the 21 plants exhibited, 13 were awarded ribbons. That is a pretty good percentage.

Venice members and others were so impressed with Ken's work under pressure, that they contributed a check to him to help with expenses for the Venice show. Hopefully with the Venice show there will be more blooming plants from the members, so that his job will be so much easier. Don't forget to register your plants. I don't remember who won the beautiful Vanda, but if it is still blooming, be sure to enter it. There were other lovely plants on the plant table and hopefully they still will be nice enough to enter. Let's see if we can't help him and his team out.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our annual show at the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional gym this year. The Red Cross used the gym as a shelter from the hurricane through December. Now the county is waiting on the Red Cross and insurance to come through to do the necessary repairs at the facility. They don't expect it to be completed until April or later.

We were able to contract for the Tringali Community Center for our show. Unfortunately we are going from 9,000 sq. ft. to a room just over 2,600 sq. ft. We will have our orchid vendors participate in the show and will put on a table display of blooming orchids, so hopefully you'll have something

## Calendar

Meetings (except Aug. and Dec.) are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:30 pm.

**Feb. 4&5** – Venice Show

**Feb. 20** – Regular meeting - 6:30  
Plant Table setup, 7:00 meeting.

**Mar. 3&4** -- EAOS Show at  
Tringali Community Center



to display. We will not have our normal judging. Hopefully next year we will have our normal show.

Thank you Lisa for volunteering your husband, Tom, to drive our trailer to Venice for the show. Thank you Helen & Bill for volunteering to bring it home from the show.

Thank you Jami Hess for stepping up to be our new Corresponding Secretary and to Laurie Motter for agreeing to take care of the membership spreadsheet and name tags.

I still need more volunteers for our show, so hopefully when you read this newsletter, you'll call me or email me to sign up for the empty slots. It's important that you contact me by the first week of February as I have to order t-shirts, and I need to know sizes to order. I know you won't let me down. I am counting on you all!

Mickey gave a great presentation and made a beautiful mounted group of orchids. Everyone wanted one just like it. There is a picture of it in the newsletter. It's always nice to have Mickey speak as he touches on so many aspects of orchid growing and it helps us all learn a little more.

Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President



Mickey Carnell demonstrates attaching orchid to a mount.

## EAOS needs your orchids

Venice orchid show is another chance for you to win ribbons and other awards for your orchids. To register, your orchids must be in bloom and have a valid name. Each plant must be registered in advance. That must be done by email during the week before the show. So, if you have an orchid that will be in bloom at the start of February, be sure to look at the presentation on the EAOS website. You can find the PowerPoint at <http://www.eaos.org/Show%20Prep%202023.pdf>. Send the name of the orchid with your name and a picture of the flower to [orchids@eaos.org](mailto:orchids@eaos.org) between Jan. 30 and Feb. 1. You will get a reply confirming or asking for more detail. The setup for the show is on Feb. 3rd.

## January Plant Table



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Den. Burana Jade - Laurie Motter



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Den. x - Laurie Motter



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: B. Little Stars – Debbie Robbins



Jan. speaker Mickey Carnell presents the orchids on the plant table.

## Show season is here

The first of the regional orchid shows took place in Sarasota on Jan. 7&8. The EAOS display featured 21 orchids from our members.

Second in line is the Venice show at the Venice Community Center on February 4 & 5. The Englewood show closes the local show season on March 3 & 4 at Tringali Community Center, 3460 N Access Rd, Englewood

EAOS will have an orchid display in Venice with members invited to show the orchids they have in bloom. Be sure to register the orchids that you intend to show. Start cleaning up your plants, removing all dead spikes from previous blooms. Judges want to see plants that have been cared for.

## Dues are payable for 2023.

Just a reminder that we are in a new year and that dues are now payable of \$15 per household. This help covers our meeting place and speakers and many other expenses to offer a learning place for members to find out more about orchids and meet people with like interests. There are many opportunities for you to get involved in the club and we look forward to working with you.

## Show volunteers needed

I still have openings for raffle, culture, membership and admissions. We need more help in the kitchen during the show. We have to feed the vendors and volunteers lunch each day along with morning coffee and pastries, etc. It's an important job. We've always been known for providing delicious food, so please help us out.

We also need members to donate a case of water or bottles of soda, or chips or snacks or desserts or any other food items that we might be able to use.

Needed: one or 2 Volunteers to hand out our fliers at the Farmers Market on Thursday, March 2nd. There are hundreds of people that go to the Farmers Market and this would give them someplace to go.

Please email MaryAnne or call her to let us know what you would like to contribute. Email [tommaryanne@centurylink.net](mailto:tommaryanne@centurylink.net) or call 941-697-9237.

Thank you so very much.

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# January Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting January 16, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne DiGrazia welcoming all guests and new members and to all our returning members. Nice to have you all here.

## **Old Business:**

Dues are now payable for 2023 at \$15 per household. Please make your check payable to Englewood Area Orchid Society. If you haven't paid yet, please do so on the break.

Plant Table: Please bring your blooming plant to show off at the meeting. Vote for your favorite plant on the plant table. The top 3 will be our winners. Thanks for bringing in the lovely plants.

We will be having Culture Classes at 6:30 at the meetings. You can bring troubled plants for answers. Great way to get extra training and more orchid knowledge. We need a volunteer to conduct the classes.

During the break, buy raffle tickets, and vote for your favorite plant on the plant table. Also, check out Mickey's plants.

Christmas Dinner meeting was a wonderful success. If you missed it, you missed a great evening and wonderful food.

Venice Area Orchid Society 2023 Orchid Show is February 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and February 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Venice Community Center.

Sarasota Orchid Show: Ken did a wonderful display with about 20 plants for the show. He is to be congratulated for putting together such a great display with so little plants to work with. Venice was so impressed by his efforts that they gave him a check for show supplies for the Venice show. I am very proud too and you all should be also. He entered all but 4 plants for the show from his garden. We won 3 1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 6 3<sup>rd</sup> place which is a pretty good percentage of the plants. Our display received third place ribbon and check. Thank you so very much Ken for your hard work and the team that helped him.

Englewood Orchid Show: Our show will be here in less than a month and a half. It is really important that we can have more blooming plants for the show to make Ken's job so much easier.

I need everyone to sign up for as many positions as possible so that we can put on a great show. The sign-up sheets are on the front table and if you haven't signed up yet, please do or call me so that I can know who will be helping. I have to order the t-shirts the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February and I need to know what sizes to order. It takes a village and I am counting on all of you.

We had a bump in the road with our location. The location we had last year was used as a Red Cross shelter through December. The county is now dealing with the Red Cross and insurance to get their building usable. It will require a lot of work and possibly not be opened even by April. We have secured the Tringali Community Center as our new location. Unfortunately, it is a much smaller venue, but we don't have any other choices.

We need someone with a truck to pull the trailer to the Venice Community Center on Friday, February 3, 2023 and pick it up on Sunday, February 5 after takedown to bring back to where we park the trailer. We can have one person take it and another bring it back, if we have two volunteers.

Hospitality: We need volunteers for the Hospitality Team for the Orchid Show and also the Meetings.

Personal Note: I need help learning my new 10 computer with Microsoft Excel (old) installed.

## **New Business:**

Our current Corresponding Secretary is unable to continue due to personal reasons. We need someone who knows Excel to do the membership roll and also make the name tags for the new members. Laurie Motter has volunteered to take this position.

Another responsibility of the Corresponding Secretary is to notify the paper and Englewood Review of our meetings to get into the papers. Jamie Hess has volunteered to take on this responsibility.

Our speaker tonight will be Mickey Carnell from Blue Pagoda. Mickey talked about ways to attach your orchids to trees. He also talked about the different types of bugs to look for on your orchids and the different products you can use. He also showed us how to attach mini orchids to a clay container. What a beautiful way to display orchids!

Mickey Carnell 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. Winning numbers choosing from the plants and items that were donated for the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary