



Englewood Area Orchid Society

February, 2024

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From the President's Desk

Show season has begun. I am so proud of EAOS and our display team and all of you who contributed plants for our display. I saw the video that Natasha did on U tube and our display looked great. Thanks team for doing a wonderful job.



We had 9 members exhibit plants in the display with a total of 35 orchids. Out of that number we had 29 ribbon winners! That is an 83% result, which is out of sight. There were 13 Blue ribbons, 7 red ribbons and 9 yellow ribbons. The icing on the cake is that Debbie Robbins won Best in Laelinae and Sybil Levien won Best of Cattleya. Congratulations to the special award winners and all the other ribbon winners. Thanks so much for participating.

Now that we've seen what you all can do, lets really talk to our plants and see if we can't get twice that number for our Venice display. Usually there are more plants available at that time of year. If you've got a blooming orchid and it has been cleaned and staked and ready for the show, watch for Ken's announcement for registration and be sure to give him all the information that he'll need to register the plant. For the newer members, don't think that your plant can't win a ribbon. Many newcomers have been pleasantly surprised.

If you haven't signed up to help at the Englewood show, it is time to step up and do it now. Contact Jami at eaos_secretary@eaos.org.

I will be retiring as president after 10 years I've been a member of EAOS since 1994 when they were meeting at Lemon Bay Park. Wow! That is 30 years. I would like to see a smooth transition to the new officers for the new term, but I need your help. If you are interested in being President, V President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, or Treasurer, I would like you to contact me so that I can discuss what is involved in your duties. The duties are also listed in this newsletter. The Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer should be familiar with computers. Kitty has an accounting program set up for the books and I know she'll be happy to help get it set up for you to use.

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.

Jan. 28,29,30. - Register blooming plants for the Venice show. .

Feb. 2 Venice display setup - 1pm

Feb. 3 & 4 - Venice Orchid Show. Community Center, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

Feb. 19 - 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/>

It's be an honor and a privilege to serve as president for these 10 years. I won't be going away, so you'll still see me at the meetings and as past president I'll still be on the board.

It would make me very happy to know that a new team is ready and willing to carry on as officers of EAOS. If you could do it, please step forward and raise your hand at the February meeting when we'll put forward a slate of officers. They will be voted on at the March meeting and take over at the April meeting. We do ask that you be a full time resident. Thank you all so very much for your great support for all these years.

Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year and may all your orchids bloom for the show.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President

It's show time 2024

The first of the orchid shows for 2024 was in Sarasota. EAOS members entered 35 orchids. There were a total of 29 ribbons and Debbie Robbins and Sybil Levien were winners of major awards for Bc. Suncoast Cernuan Chords and C. Melody Fair 'Carol'.



The EAOS display at the Sarasota show.

Next is the Venice show. The registration period is from Jan. 28 – 30. For help with orchid names or labels email Ken Wood kenwood@eaos.org Jan. 28 when the registration starts.

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](https://www.eaos.org/Show%20Prep%202024.pdf). You will find



Mickey Carnell from Blue Pagoda shows Jewel Orchids at January's meeting.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

BANK BALANCE		
as of 12/01/2023		\$20,794.68
INCOME		
SHOW SPONSORS		\$550.00
HOLIDAY DINNER		\$350.00
NOV. RAFFLE		\$120.00
MEMBERSHIP		\$65.00
INTEREST		\$.33
TOTAL		\$1,085.33
EXPENSES		
STORAGE UNIT	\$	42.79
OVERPAYMENT REFUND	\$	5.00
HOLIDAY DINNER		\$1,055.00
PLANT SALE		
PROCEEDS TO MEMBERS	\$	756.80
POST OFFICE BOX RENTAL	\$	176.00
TRINGALI RENTAL DEPOSIT	\$	500.00
HARTMAN PRINTING		
(SHOW EXPENSE)	\$	25.00
MISC. (ORCHIDS, SUPPLIES, FOOD, ETC.)	\$	349.00
TOTAL		\$2,909.59
BANK BALANCE		
as of 12/31/2023		\$18,970.42
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,		
KITTY L SADDLER, Assistant Treasurer		

information on all the shows in which EAOS will participate and you will find out how to enter your orchids in the shows.

EAOS needs volunteers for the display setup in Venice on Feb. 2 at 2:00 pm. We are looking for members to work with our orchids to prepare them for display. The pots need to have covers placed on them. Names also need to be attached. This is your chance to learn more about orchids and how to prepare them for our shows. You can find out what goes into making the displays and learn more about the orchids that other members grow. If you are interested, email Ken at ken@kwoodward.net or Jami at jamishane06@hotmail.com.

Bylaw revision up for vote

A proposal to change Section VI. (d) of the EAOS Bylaws was presented at the November meeting. This section currently reads:

VI. (d) The executive board shall appoint an audit committee in September of each calendar year. The audit committee shall audit the financial records of EAOS and report the results of the audit to the membership in November at the regular monthly meeting.

The change proposed eliminates the need for a full audit, which would be too costly and is not required by state or federal law. Instead, the new wording would require a review of the books and call for the creation of an ad hoc committee which would perform that review. The revised bylaw would read:

VI. (d) The executive board shall appoint a review committee in November of each year. The committee of 3 to 5 members who are not members of that executive board or finance committee shall review the financial records of the society for the calendar year ending in December and report to the membership no later than the March membership meeting.

The membership will be asked to approve the new wording of Section VI. (d) at the meeting on Feb. 19, 2024.

Time to Renew your Membership

It's the new year, so time to pay your dues for 2024. If you paid in Oct. - Dec. 2023, you are good for the new year. It is \$15 per household and if you can't make the meeting, please send your check to EAOS to P O Box 257, Englewood, FL 34295. The dues help cover costs of speakers, programs, location for the meetings, etc. It's a great bargain. Invest in EAOS and help our society grow and prosper.

EAOS Election

February's meeting will include the nomination of members to fill the officers' posts and the March 2024 monthly meeting will feature the election of officers for the society. Don't feel that you need to be an orchid expert to be an officer: the speakers are our experts; the officers are our organizers and leaders. 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 until April 2026.

2023 Show Sponsors

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Jan. Plant Table



*1st and Speaker's Choice –
B. Little Stars – Debbie Robbins*

- 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 chairperson of the finance committee which is responsible for all financial aspects of EAOS. The treasurer or finance committee designee accepts payments from members directly or through the corresponding secretary. The treasurer also prepares and provides financial statements to the president and to the newsletter committee and tracks all deposits, expenses and other financial dealings.



2nd Place – Paph.(Small World x Hama Chilwin) x Paph Queenslanders "The Queen"
Natasha Romero



3rd Place – Bc. Suncoast Cernuan Chord –
Debbie Robbins

Committee Reports --

FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

We had 54 people attend our meeting, and 5 guests join us, most were from an invite from a current member so keep up the invites!

Warmest Welcome to our newest members that joined at our meeting, we are so happy to have you join us:

John Masters & Shelli Diamond (John came back in July 2023 and displayed his cedar planks, and Shelli took a 1st Place & Speakers Choice ribbons with her Bc. Clear Stars plant in that fabulous wooden basket)

Mike & Cindy Cloutier

Gregory & Inna Fishbein

We had 2 January birthdays, of which Debbie Lavoie went home with an adorable Jewel Orchid from the raffle. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Debbie Lavoie and me, Jami Hess! We will do the Birthday raffle every month, if you attend and your birthday is in that month, you get entered to win an extra prize in a separate raffle!

We also kicked off our "volunteer appreciation" raffle. For every time you volunteer, even at the meetings, your name goes in the bucket and we will draw winners at the end of the year. Make sure you put your name on the ticket along with the date and where you volunteered and toss it in the bucket. It is

your responsibility to add your name to the bucket. I am still trying to pick out the best gifts for this, but I promise they will be GREAT!

FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

We have a couple openings left for you to gain some entries into the drawing.... Please email me if you can spare a few hours to do any of these;

eaos_secretary@eaos.org

- 1) We need 1 more person to attend an event in North Port, on Saturday 2/3 from 10am-noon. You just have to talk to anyone that is interested in Orchids and let them know about our society. This is just a way to make sure the newcomers of North Port know that we exist and what we do. Very simple and no frills.
- 2) We need 2 people to pass out flyers at the farmers market on Dearborn before our show. This would be on Thursday 2/22 and how much time you can spare would be great!
- 3) We also still have a couple for volunteers at the show.... Friday from 12:30-3 and 3-5 and on Saturday from 10-12:30 and 3-5. If you are available on those days and times let me know and I will put you in a spot.
- 4) We could probably use 1-2 more sets of hands for the Venice show display set up, this will be on Friday 2/1 at 1pm, probably only for an hour or 2 to help us get tables unloaded and set up and then we can cut you loose if you need to leave.
- 5) We also need to add a couple members to our financial review committee, this will just be once a year review of our books, just to make sure we are on the straight and narrow, dotting our I's and crossing our T's.... Who is good with a checkbook balance??

FROM HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Big THANK YOU to everyone who brought snacks!!! Meetings are just better with snacks am I right? And when a handful of us bring one dish it makes for a good variety and just the right amount.

Sooo, who wants to bring snacks for February? For March?? and for April???

We will have a sign up sheet set out with multiple months on it moving forward and AS ALWAYS WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

FROM RAFFLE COMMITTEE:

YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING!! We had multiple members bring plants for the raffle table for January, so big thanks to you guys.... especially Ralph, whom brought like 6 orchids to share BRAVO YIPPEE

We can always use your plants for the raffle, if you have cuttings or seedlings, or plants that don't do well at your place BRING them in! One mans extras is another mans treasures!

We could also use a few more people to join the raffle committee, so we can spread out the work a bit more, email the secretary if you are interested..

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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Orchid Show & Sale

Fri. & Sat. February 23-24, 2024 10 - 5 pm

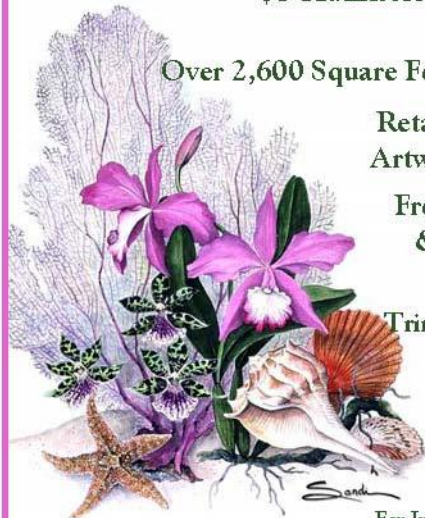
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For Information: www.EAOS.org

JANUARY MINUTES

January Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting January 15, 2024

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

Plant Table: Please bring your blooming plant to show off at the meeting. The cut-off time is 5:45 PM for orchids to be on the Plant Table. Vote for your favorite plant on the plant table. The top 3 will be our winners. Thanks for bringing in the lovely plants.

Old Business:

Our Holiday Dinner was held at the Italian American Club in Venice. You missed a really lovely evening. The food was delicious. Two lucky people at each table were winners of beautiful orchids. Natasha Romero and her daughter, Margaret, handed out beautiful ornaments for each person attending. Thanks to Jami, Terri and Kitty for their work on the evening. Hope everyone enjoyed the delicious bread made by our own Matt Palucci.

The Sarasota Orchid Show we had 9 members enter plants. We had 35 orchids in the display. We received 29 ribbons and 2 special awards. Great job!!

The Venice Orchid Show is February 3rd and 4th. Set up for the show is February 2nd. Ken will need lots of groomed, beautiful blooming plants for the show. Registration for the show starts on January 29th. Please send pictures to Ken at orchids@eaos.org. You will need to have its proper name and parents (which should be on your plant tag that it came with). If you don't know the name, send it to Ken anyway...if he has enough time to research it, he may be able to identify it.

Mary Anne will need help to hand out fliers at the Venice Orchid Show on Saturday, February 3rd from 10:00 – 1:00 and Sunday, February 4th from 10:00 – 1:00.

The Englewood Area Orchid Show is February 23rd and 24th. Set up for the show is Thursday, February 22. We will be needing lots of blooming plants and lots of volunteers. The sign-up sheets are on the table so please sign up to help our show be a success.

We will need your t-shirt size so we can order shirts for the volunteers that are participating.

By-Law Change: Kitty presented Article 6 Appointment of Audit Committee. Change to Review Committee. The Change was presented at our November meeting. We will vote on the change. We will then need 3 volunteers to review the year financial records.

Starting this meeting, we will be doing a Birthday raffle. If you attend and your birthday is in that month, you get entered to win an extra prize in a separate raffle. We had two January birthdays, of which Debbie Lavoie went home with an adorable Jewel Orchid from the raffle. Happy Birthday to Debbie Lavoie and Jami Hess.

Mickey Carnell from Blue Pagoda did a presentation on Jewel Orchids which are terrestrial plants. They are also great indoor plants.

During the break, please check out the plants on the raffle table. Also check out the beautiful plants from Mickey Carnell from Blue Pagoda.

Ribbons were awarded to the winners of the plant table.

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