

Englewood Area Orchid Society



January, 2015 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



It doesn't seem possible that the year is almost over. Does anyone know where it went? It certainly passed quickly.

It's been a good year and great things are happening at EAOS. We had our Christmas dinner meeting at La Stanza and there were 40 in attendance. Jo Ann and Jana did a great job of planning and coordinating our dinner and getting the beautiful raffle plants. I think everyone that attended the dinner felt that La Stanza did a really fine job accommodating us for the evening and the food was excellent. I highly recommend the chicken.

Ken reminded us about having plants for the January 2nd setup for the show in Sarasota. He'll need information prior to the show to verify plant names and to help plan his display. May we all have some nice plants for the show. I have a plant that is going to be spectacular but don't think it will last until the show. It is coming about 2 weeks early. Don't forget to stake and clean your plants to get them ready.

Between now and January I want you all to practice writing your name to be ready to sign up for all the different committees and time slots for the show. We need everyone's help and the more hands the merrier. The more you sign up for, the more fun you'll have. For those who won't be able to volunteer their time, Mary could still use your delicious food for the kitchen and if you don't have time to prepare the food, I am sure she could use any money donations to buy what is needed to feed the large group of people for the 3 days.

We still need sponsors for the show. Talk to your doctor, dentist, insurance man, bank, and just anyone that has a business and see if they might like to be sponsors for our show. We'll have a large screen and

their logo and name will be playing continuously both days so that all that come to the show will see who are sponsors are. It is a great way for them to advertise at a very reasonable cost. There will be forms at the meeting to pick up or contact Carol Nissen or Corey Plasek and they can email you the forms to use. Good luck and let's get some new sponsors for the show. Thanks.

Our speaker for January will be Bruce Weaver and he'll be telling us about and showing us the Orchids of Peru and Ecuador. It promises to be a very good program. Don't miss it.

Dues will be due in January and they are only \$15 per household, which is a great bargain. Let's all try to pay early so that we can get our new membership books ready to hand out in March or April.

This past year has been a really good year for the society and I am looking forward to 2015 and think it will be an even better year for EAOS. Thank you all for making my job so much easier by volunteering and participating in our different events. It makes it fun for all.

May you have very Happy New Year and resolve to buy more orchids! It will be one resolution that will be fun to keep.

Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President



EAOS members enjoy the dinner meeting at La Stanza.

CULTURE CLASS

Monday, Jan. 12

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.



Time for dues

It's that time of year again to pay our annual dues which are \$15 per household. That's quite a bargain. Be sure to bring your money to the January meeting so that we can start to work on our 2015 directory. All members who have paid dues will be in it.

Show Season Starts Now

The show season is starting. If you have questions about the displays, want to volunteer time setting them up, or have plants to display email Ken Woodward at ken@kwoodward.net. Setup for Sarasota is on Jan. 2nd 8 am to 2 pm.



1. Register plants for the show by Dec. 30.

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.

2. Show setup : Jan 2 for Sarasota 8 – 2

If possible bring your own plants to the Sarasota Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail. Plants need to be there no later than 9:00 am. Let me know if that is a problem for you.



Members and their guests enjoyed the annual dinner meeting at La Stanza on December 8.

Jan. speaker Bruce Weaver

Bruce Weaver is a Maryland native who has been a gardener for about 55 years.

He just started growing orchids in Florida a couple of years ago and took a trip to Ecuador and Peru last year. He returned with some nice photos of the native orchids. The terrain there is varied and presents problems for the enthusiast who tries to grow those orchids here. Most of the presentation will deal with weather, how orchids have adapted, and how we might get Andean genera to grow in Florida.

Though he doesn't pretend to be an expert, he has had experience in devising microclimates for plants and proposes to come up with some solutions with audience participation.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 2 - Sarasota Orchid Show setup

Jan. 3-4 Sarasota orchid Show

Jan 4 Sarasota Orchid pickup
5pm

Jan. 12 – Regular Meeting
6:30 pm
Speaker – Bruce Weaver

SARASOTA ORCHID SOCIETY
A Symphony of Orchids



58th Annual Orchid Show
An American Orchid Society Judged Show

Saturday, January 3, 2015 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, January 4, 2015 10 AM - 5 PM

Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
801 North Tamiami Trail (US 41)
Sarasota, Florida

Admission \$5.00
Students With Valid ID \$1.00
Children Under 8 Free

Free Educational Classes

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Visit www.sarasotaorchidsociety.org for show details

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance ----- \$7569.98
Expenses ----- 1022.98
Deposits ----- 389.00
12/17 Balance ----- \$6936.50

Elaine Squires, Treasurer

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