

Englewood Area Orchid Society



January, 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



We won't be having a regular meeting in December because of our dinner at La Stanza. I believe that over 30 people have signed up for the dinner. I am sure it will be a lovely evening and that the food and service will be great. Enjoy!

Things are progressing well with the show. We have all of our vendors and we've received money from 4 of them already. That's great news. We have 4 Silver Sponsors and 1 friend paid already and I am sure others will be following soon.

I am sure you are all looking at your plants and checking to see that they are all staked and cleaned, so when the show comes in Feb. and Mar., your plants will be ready too. We'll hear more about that at the meeting.

We had a great speaker in November and if you missed Bill Thoms speak, you missed a really good program. He's fun, knowledgeable and informative.

January will be a new year and it will be time for dues which are \$15.00 per household. It's quite a bargain. Your dues go towards speakers, hall rentals, etc.

May 2016 be a great year for you all.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 2 & 3 – Sarasota show

Jan. 11 – Regular Meeting
Preparing for the shows

Feb. 5 – Setup for VAOS
Show

Feb. 6 & 7 – VAOS Show

Absolutely!

There was never a word that meant so much. Recently I asked Jana to do something for me and her reply was "absolutely". There wasn't any hesitation or excuse...just absolutely...meaning I'll be glad to do it. It really made me feel great. I am hoping at our January meeting when we ask members to sign up for committees, food, etc., the response will be "absolutely". What a wonderful society we have and I know that you will do your share in making our 2016 Show and Sale a huge success. Thank you in advance!

Mary Anne

Wanted... show volunteers

Here are some of the jobs that you can volunteer for:

Clerks – Friday, March 4, 2016, 7:30 a.m. Work with AOS judges finding and pointing out plants in the exhibits and placing ribbons. This is a great learning experience as the judges share their knowledge of what makes a quality plant and flower.

Front Door Admissions – Sell admission tickets on Friday and Saturday. This is a sit down cashier job.

Membership Table and Culture Table - Sign up new members, sell books, distribute culture sheets and answer questions.

Raffle Table – sell raffle tickets for the hourly drawing and also for the basket of orchids and for the two Sandi Olsen prints.

Show set up – Set up tables, put up dividers, plastic on floor to get the hall ready for the vendors and societies to set up their displays.

Show take down – Take down and clean up hall.

Hospitality/kitchen and Food – Bring your favorite dish Thursday, Friday or Saturday: hot or cold main dishes, casseroles, pastries, platters, desserts, etc. (Chili, meatballs, sloppy joe's, lasagna, ham, turkey, hot dogs, salads, etc.).

Sign up for what dish and what day you'll bring the food. Mary will need assistants in the kitchen also.

Review and be ready to sign up in January.

Wanted...someone with a hitch!

Do you have a hitch on your car or truck? EAOS needs you. We need to transport our trailer full of supplies from its location in Englewood Isles to Venice on Feb. 5th for the display at the Venice Show. It will need to be returned to the Englewood Isles location on Feb. 6th. On March 2nd or 3rd, the trailer needs to be moved to the Englewood United Methodist Church for our

show. It then will need to be returned to the Englewood Isles location on March 5th. If you could do one or both of the moves, please contact Mary Anne at 697-9237 or at tommaryanne@centurylink.net. Thanks for your help.

Show Sponsors - 2015

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Thanks to these sponsors, our 2015 show was a success. Patronize the businesses and thank them for their support. Tell them that we would appreciate their support for our 2016 show.

Election scheduled for March

In March, we will be electing officers to serve for the next 2 years. All of the offices will be open for nominations. The election is held during the March meeting and the new officers are installed at the April meeting. Ask any of the current officers and they will be glad to tell you about their jobs:

President

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 so the organization maintains a good image. The president may also be in charge of overseeing all other member activities and is the one to whom all the other officers must report.

Vice-President

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.

Corresponding Secretary

An organization's 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.

Recording Secretary

One important secretarial duty is taking minutes at board meetings, covering the discussion of each agenda item. Then it is a matter of transcribing and filing the notes, making them available as necessary.

Treasurer

The treasurer is in charge of all financial aspects, accepting payments from members directly or through the secretary. The treasurer also prepares and provides financial statements to the organization and tracks all deposits, expenses and other financial dealings.

May we have lots of volunteers step up and say, "I'll be glad to do that!" Let Mary Anne DiGrazia know at the January or February meeting if you are willing to help.



December Dinner Meeting

Thirty-one people attended the December meeting and enjoyed a meal at La Stanza. Organized by Jana Kewley and Jo Ann Royal, the evening featured an auction of orchids, fine food and a chance to talk with fellow EAOS members.



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. You can expect a return email either saying that the plants have been registered or asking for further information. At the January meeting there will be more detailed instructions. Also see the PowerPoint presentation which is at <http://eaos.org/showprep.pdf>.

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 5 pm.

Selby plans orchid exhibit

The Orchid Show: Celebrating 40 Years at Selby Gardens. More than 1,000 orchids from the sub-tropics and tropics of the Americas will be on display Feb. 14 – March 27, 2016 in the Selby Gardens' conservatory in Sarasota. The stunning display will be a spectacle of this vibrant plant that has impacted history. Admission to this show is included in regular admission \$19 Adults, \$6 Children, 4-11

Dues in January

Plan to pay your dues at the January meeting. The \$15 covers your family for the year. For that bargain price, you will receive the monthly newsletter and learn about orchids at our monthly meetings. We hope that you will join us for another year.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Bal. forward (Nov. 30)	\$9817.11
Income	283.00
Expense	926.97
Balance (Dec. 18)	\$9173.14

Elaine Squires, Treasurer

2015 EAOS Officers:

President:	Mary Anne DiGrazia
Vice President:	Edna McClenney-Willis
Treasurer:	Elaine Squires
Corresponding Secretary:	Jo Ann Royal
Recording Secretary:	Carol Nissen
Newsletter & Webmaster:	Ken Woodward
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