



Englewood Area  
Orchid Society

January, 2017 Newsletter

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## From the President's Desk



'Tis the season. We had a really nice dinner at the Hills Restaurant with quite a few members and friends attending. The food was really good. I hadn't been there before, but was pleasantly surprised how good it was. The strawberry cheesecake was delicious. I believe everyone enjoyed themselves and many went home with a beautiful orchid or poinsettia as a raffle prize. Maybe if those orchids are still looking beautiful they'll find themselves in the display at the Sarasota show. I want to thank Jo Ann Royal and Helen McClaskie for arranging the lovely dinner and getting the raffle plants, etc. so that we could enjoy the fellowship of our members and friends. Thanks to Neal and Eunice for taking care of the raffle.

We only have a few weeks before our Sarasota show, so hopefully you have been grooming your plants to put in the display. Ken really needs lots of plants for the display, so talk to your plants and tell them to be in prime condition for the show with lovely flowers. I've been talking to mine, but not sure if they are listening. The Sarasota show is January 7th and 8th, with set up on the 6th. Plants will need to be collected on the 4th and 5th. More information about that will be coming.

I look forward to having Vern Bloch speak at our January 9th meeting. Everyone come out and welcome him and I know he'll give us a great program. You don't want to miss it.

If your plants aren't blooming for the January show, maybe they'll be blooming for the VAOS show on February 4th and 5th. Preparing your plants early promises to give you show plants when they are blooming.

## Calendar

Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave., 6:30 pm.

Jan. 6 – Setup for SOS show

Jan. 7 & 8 – Sarasota show

Jan. 9 – Regular Meeting  
Speaker: Vern Bloch on spotted Cattleyas

Feb. 3 – Setup for VAOS Show

Feb. 4 & 5 – VAOS Show

Feb. 13 – Regular Meeting  
Speaker: Mickey Carnell

After the first of the year we will have signup sheets for the various committees for our April 7th and 8th show. It's never too early to get things organized and in place so that our show will be a success. With your help, we will have a successful show.

I want to wish you all the very best of the New Year and look forward to 2017 being a great year for EAOS. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President*

## December Dinner Meeting

Thirty-one people attended the December meeting and enjoyed a meal at The Hills Restaurant. Organized by JoAnn Royal and Helen McClaskie, the evening featured an auction of orchids, fine food and a chance to talk with fellow EAOS members.



*Eunice and Neal Shattauer run the raffle table. Right, members and friends enjoy the holiday dinner.*

## 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 needs your Orchids

Members of EAOS make it possible for us to participate in orchid shows. We would not be able to fill our display if our members didn't grow beautiful orchids and allow them to be shown. The first show of the season is at Sarasota on Jan. 7 & 8. Get your plants ready. Remove dead leaves and old flower spikes. Clean the leaves and register your plants on Jan. 3rd and 4th. Send the names of the plants you want to enter to Ken Woodward at [ken@kwoodward.net](mailto:ken@kwoodward.net). List the full name of the orchid, the color and the approximate size of the flower (a picture would help). You can expect a return email either saying that the plants have been registered or asking for further information. Also see our PowerPoint presentation which you can find at <http://eaos.org/showprep1.pdf>.

Bring your registered plants to the Sarasota Auditorium at 9am on Friday, Jan. 6. Pick up your plants on Sunday Jan. 8 at 5 pm.

## Minutes 11/14 Meeting

The Nov. meeting was called to order by MaryAnne DiGrazia at 7pm.

One guest was in attendance.

Members were welcomed back from the north.

Christmas dinner-needs 40 people. So far we have 20. It is December 12 at the Hills Restaurant.

Tips are needed for the newsletter.

Sarasota orchid show setup on 1/6.

Need someone with a truck or SUV with a hitch. Also need someone to bring orchids up to Sarasota and back.

Any other old business?

Call for break

7:25: The speaker, Bill Thoms, explained the way he grows orchids, Which he called the "wafhlse" technique. Water all sides. If you water first, food goes longer, Air: fresh air at night. Food: once weekly. Light: make sure you have plenty. Home: neem oil kills everything that needs air to live. Palmolive dish detergent, 2oz nim oil pour into Palmolive turns into yellow milk spray in the evening. 1 tablespoon Epsom salts per gallon of water once a month. The thicker the leaf the more sun it can take.

Raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

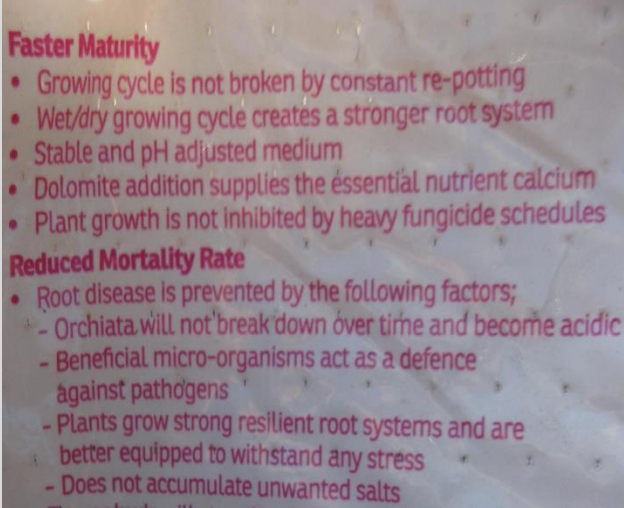
Joan Komarnitzki  
Recording Secretary

# Growing Tips: Orchiata

I purchased a bag of Orchiata from Mickey at Blue Pagoda. I am now on my second bag and have been very pleased with how the orchids seem to like it.

Stop by and talk to Mickey, at Blue Pagoda to find out more about it.

Mary Anne DiGrazia



Orchiata bag gives some of the properties of this medium.

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