

# Englewood Area Orchid Society



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## From the President's Desk

Can you believe that this year is almost over? It's been a difficult year for most people, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel, I am sure.

I hope you all had a very very Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah. It's the time of year that we all remember family and friends, but unfortunately this year we didn't get to enjoy their company like we normally do.

We've had a few cold spells which some of our orchids don't always enjoy. May the winter be mild for us. I know we still have 3 or 4 months to deal with cold fronts coming our way. We can only hope they won't be too bad.

With the vaccinations coming our way, hopefully in several months we will be able to start looking ahead to a closer normal than we have now. We all need to take advantage of the shots, when offered, and continue to wear our masks, social distance and avoid large crowds. We have to get this virus under control, so that we have some control of our lives.

May 2021 be filled with much happiness, good health and happy orchids. Stay safe.

Mary Anne DiGrazia  
EAOS President



## In Memoriam

Bob Carr, husband of EAOS member Terri Carr passed away in September. The members of EAOS extend their thought and prayers to Terri in her loss.

## 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.

**No EAOS meetings are currently scheduled**

**Sarasota area shows are cancelled for 2021**

**Jan. 6 – VAOS Zoom meeting – 7:00 pm**

## The Virtual Plant Table Continues

Send pictures of orchids that are currently blooming to [orchids@eaos.org](mailto:orchids@eaos.org). Include your name, the name of the plant, and the size of the flower (measured across the face). Plants without identification are not eligible for trophies, but pictures may be printed in the newsletter. Trophies will be presented when meetings resume.

## December's Plants



*Lha. micrantha*

# Blue Pagoda

Stop by and find an orchid for the holidays. The store at 895 S. Indiana Ave. is open Tues. – Sat., 10 – 4 or by appointment. Call Mickey at **941-474-3255**. He also delivers locally.

## Light and Shade for orchids

Cattleyas, dendrobiums, oncidiums and phragmipediums flourish in bright light with 15% to 30% shade. That is about what a screened patio, lanai or pool cage provides or a shade tree. East or south exposure is best. Slowly acclimate your new orchids to higher light conditions to avoid sunburn. Phals, paphs and bulbos require bright, indirect light. They often do well well under a patio overhang providing them protection from the sun and rain. Vandas require high light. The most frequent reason for lack of blooming is too little light. There are micro climates in every growing area and often moving a plant to another area will improve blooming. Watch for and adjust for seasonal changes in sunlight exposure in your growing area. Two layers of screen seem to be great light for growing phalaenopsis and angraecums. One layer can be your pool cage screen and the other layer can be suspended over your plants. They can tolerate this light level all day.

## AOS Webinars

Two webinars are scheduled for January:

Greenhouse Chat – Thurs. January 7, 8:30 pm

Mounting Orchids - Wed. January 13, 8:30 pm (members only)

Look at AOS.Org to register and to find the many recorded webinars that are available. Some are restricted to members. Join AOS and you can enjoy them all.

## Treasurer's report

July - Nov. 2020

Beginning balance	\$18,363.54
July Income	
Dues	30.00
Interest	7.61
Expenses	
Trailer Storage	150.00
Liab. Insurance	551.00
Ending Balance	\$17,700.15

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen McClaskie, Treas.



*Onc. Nanboh Waltz*



*Rlc Mahina Yahiro*



*Max. richii*



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## VAOS Zoom meeting

The VAOS Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan 6 at 7:00 pm. Look for an email in advance of the meeting so that you can sign in and take advantage of hearing the speaker. January's speaker is Peter Lin, a grower in California who specializes in miniature orchids.

We are grateful to VAOS for making this available to us. A number of EAOS members have come to previous meetings. Why not give it a try. You don't need a camera on your computer to listen in and see the presentation.



Onc. maculatum