

# Englewood Area Orchid Society



*January, 2023*

*also at [EAOS.ORG](http://EAOS.ORG)*

## From the President's Desk

If you missed our holiday dinner at St. David's, you missed a lovely evening with great food, socializing and a special raffle. Plan on attending next year so you don't miss out. Our meal was catered by the Cape Haze Convenience Store Market & Deli located on Placida Rd. near where Leverocks is located. The food was really delicious and presented nicely. The bread pudding was quite good too. Kitty purchased a beautiful, delicious cake for the club. Thank you Kitty.



I want to thank those that helped with the dinner which included Kitty Saddler, Dottie Johns, Helen McClaskie, and Candy Bott. Hope I didn't leave out anyone.

We had a special raffle which we enjoyed. Thank you Helen for contributing your delicious jellies to the raffle.

Now we really have to concentrate on getting ready for the Sarasota Show which has set up on January 6th, with the show on January 7th and 8th. Check out your plants, talk to your plants, stake the flower spikes and do what needs to be done so that we have the plants necessary for a lovely display at the Sarasota Show. Plants like the jewel orchid, which has lovely colored leaves, can be exhibited with no flowers and are judged on the foliage. If they are blooming, they can be entered into another class and judged on the blooming plant. Let's all do what we can to help with the display. I know you'll all do your part if you have something in bloom.

In the newsletter is a section listing all the possibilities for volunteering for our March 3rd & 4th show, with set up on the 2nd. We will need an

## 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.

**Jan. 7&8** – Sarasota Orchid Show

**Jan. 16** -- Regular meeting - 6:30  
Plant Table setup, 7:00 meeting.

**Feb. 4&5** – Venice Show

## **Become an AOS Judge**

**The American Orchid  
Society Judging Program  
is seeking highly motivated  
orchid enthusiasts to join  
the judging ranks**

army of volunteers to put on our show and I know you won't let us down. You may sign up for as many spots as you'd like and can do. For the newer members we put on an annual show with the Venice and Sarasota orchid societies joining us with displays, we have orchid vendors selling beautiful plants and supplies. Last year was our very best show and I'd like to see it repeated this year. We have lots of fun and for volunteering, you'll receive a EAOS t-shirt. I will need to have everyone sign up really early so that I'll know what sizes to order for the t-shirts. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President

## EAOS needs your orchids

This is your chance to win ribbons and other awards. The orchids you register must be in bloom and have a valid name. Each plant must be registered in advance. That must be done by email during the week before the show. So, if you have an orchid that is in bloom at the start of January, be sure to look at the presentation from the October meeting. You can find the PowerPoint at <http://www.eaos.org/Show%20Prep%202023.pdf>. Send the name of the orchid with your name and a picture of the flower to [orchids@eaos.org](mailto:orchids@eaos.org) between Jan 2 and Jan 4. You will get a reply confirming or asking for more detail. The setup for the show is on Jan 6.

## Show season starts in Jan.

This is the start of our local show season. Sarasota Orchid show is the first on the schedule at the Municipal Auditorium in Sarasota. The show includes displays of orchids and orchid vendors on January 7, 9am to 5pm and on January 8, 10 am to 4 pm.

Second in line is the Venice show at the Venice Community Center on February 4 & 5. The Englewood show closes the local show season on March 3 & 4 at Dever Regional Park on San Casa Dr.

EAOS will have an orchid display in each of the shows with members invited to show the orchids they have in bloom. Be sure to register the orchids that you intend to show. Start cleaning up your plants, removing all dead spikes from previous blooms. Judges want to see plants that have been cared for.

## December dinner meeting



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## Help needed Jan.6

We need someone to transport plants to Sarasota on the morning of Jan.6. If you have an SUV or other large car, EAOS needs you to pick up plants in North Port and transport them to the Municipal Auditorium in Sarasota. We need to provide greenery for the display which we will be setting up that morning at 9 am. If you have some time that day, let us know at [orchids@eaos.org](mailto:orchids@eaos.org).

Also we need someone to assist in setting up the display from 9 am to 3 pm on Jan 6. No experience is necessary. If you want to see how the display is done and want to learn a little about orchids in the process, we'd love to have you volunteer. Please let us know at [orchids@eaos.org](mailto:orchids@eaos.org).

## EAOS show needs volunteers Mar. 2, 3, & 4

**SET UP** - Help set up auditorium for show on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Many hands make light work.

**TAKE DOWN** - Help to clear the auditorium and help load trailer with boxes, etc. There again, many hands make light work.

**CLERKS** - The clerks will help the AOS judges in awarding the ribbons for the plants. It's a great way to learn more about the orchids and what the judges are looking for in the plants and flowers. Mary Anne needs 23 volunteers.

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Also, volunteer groups needed for 2 ½ hr. shifts on March 3<sup>rd</sup> or March 4<sup>th</sup>:

**RAFFLE** - Sell raffle tickets to the people that come to the show.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Encourage visitors to join EAOS and answer questions about the society.

**CULTURE** - Hand out culture sheets on the various orchids and AOS booklets.

**ADMISSIONS** - Sell tickets to visitors to the show. With admission, they get a ticket for the hourly drawing.

**KITCHEN** - Help in the kitchen to get food ready for the volunteers, vendors and judges.

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Most jobs are sit-down jobs, except for the clerks, set up and take down.

**Be prepared to sign up at the Jan. meeting or call or email Mary Anne at 941-697-9237 or [tommaryanne@centurylink.net](mailto:tommaryanne@centurylink.net).**

We cannot do it without our great volunteers, so we are counting on you to sign up soon to make the job easier.

You will receive an EAOS t-shirt for working. Sign up for as many time slots as you can. The more you are involved the more fun it will be.

We know you will not let the club down. Thanks for volunteering.