



Englewood Area Orchid Society

January, 2024

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From the President's Desk

Can you believe that the year is about over? I can't. Where did 2023 go? Seems like it went by way too fast.

If your orchids are like mine, they've been blooming up a storm. Guess they couldn't wait for the Sarasota show, although I do hope some will last and will be entered. Be sure to check your plants often as they sometimes seem to produce a beautiful flower and you hadn't noticed before. I know that has happened to me many times. May we have lots of surprises and have lots of beautiful flowers for our display in Sarasota. Be sure and let Ken know so that they can be registered.

If you were unable to attend our Holiday dinner at the Italian American Club in Venice, you missed a really lovely evening. The food was delicious. Two lucky people at each table were winners of beautiful orchids. We also had some Santa's helpers at the party. Natasha Romero and her daughter, Margaret, handed out beautiful ornaments for each person attending. The other Santa's helper was Martha Everson who gave everyone a beautiful orchid card that she had made. Thanks for thinking of your fellow orchid club members. Thanks to Jami, Terri and Kitty for their work on the evening. Hope everyone enjoyed the delicious bread made by our own, Matt Palucci. Good job, Matt.

If you haven't already signed up for our EAOS show to help, please give Jami a call so she can schedule you. There are still lots of openings and great opportunities. Don't forget, when you volunteer for the show you'll receive a beautiful t-shirt designed by Jami. You'll want one for sure, so don't hesitate as she needs to know your size so that she'll have enough shirts for all volunteers.

We are starting to get colder spells, so be sure and protect your orchids if it gets really cold. Some varieties can take colder weather than others.

Let's all get ready for a great show season and make it the best ever.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President



Calendar

Meetings (except Aug. and Dec.) are on the 3rd Monday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:00 pm.

.Jan 1-3 - Register blooming plants for the Sarasota show. .

Jan. 6-7 - Sarasota Orchid Show. .
Municipal Auditorium,
Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4

Jan. 15 - Regular Meeting –
5:30 plant table – 6:00 meeting.

Try the EAOS facebook group.

If you don't have a facebook account, you will need to set up a new account in order to sign in.

Click below ->

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1181804719190767/>

Committee Reports

We need several members to volunteer for the outreach and show committees. We need members who are willing to go out and attend events to help spread the word about our great society! Call Jami at 407-908-1914 or email her at jamishane06@hotmail.com. Thanks for your help.

From Hospitality Committee;

Let's start 2024 off with some treats.... We Need SNACKS for JANUARY meeting, please email me with what you would like to bring (EAOS_secretary@eaos.org)

From Membership Committee;

Starting in Jan 2024 we are going to do a Birthday raffle! Every member that comes to the January meeting, and has a birthday in the month of January, will receive 1 raffle ticket. We will have a separate raffle drawing for a nice plant or some supplies (may change and vary).

We are also working on some ideas for a volunteer appreciation drawing. So for every time you volunteer in 2024 you will get a raffle ticket and at the end of the year we will have a FABULOUS gift to giveaway (still ironing the fine print on this idea, more info soon).

Stay tuned for the 2024 Show shirt design (almost have all the wrinkles out)

Now we will also need some help for our financial review committee, a couple members to glance over the books periodically and make sure we are keeping track the correct way and we haven't missed anything.

From Raffle Committee;

We always welcome donations, if you have extra supplies or plants that you don't have room for, or pots that you don't use.... We would greatly appreciate your donations.

It's show time 2024

The first of the orchid shows for 2024 will be in Sarasota. The setup for the show will be on Friday, Jan 5 at the Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail. If you are entering orchids in the show, you can bring them to the Auditorium at 9:30 on Friday, Jan.5, or you can ask for help transporting them when you send in your registration. For help with orchid names or labels email Ken Woodward at ken@kwoodward.net before Jan. 1 when the registration starts.

For those who want to register orchids for the show. Look at the presentation on the website. Go to <https://www.eaos.org/Show Prep 2024.pdf>. You will find information on all the shows in which EAOS will participate and you will find out how to enter your orchids in the shows.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

BANK BALANCE	
as of 11/01/2023	\$17,640.75
INCOME	
SHOW SPONSORS	\$300.00
TRAILER SALE	\$2,000.00
HOLIDAY DINNER	\$ 10.00
PLANT SALE	\$1,759.00
INTEREST	\$.32
TOTAL	\$4,069.32

EXPENSES	
STORAGE UN	\$ 52.99
EAOS USERNAME FEE	\$ 54.00
PLANT SALE vendor share	\$123.40
RENTAL PLANT SALE	\$100.00
CASH FOR PLANT SALE	\$300.00
SPEAKER FEE/PLANTS	<u>\$285.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 915.39

BANK BALANCE	
AS OF 11/30/2023	\$20,794.68

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QUICK SIGNS

EAOS needs volunteers for the display setup in Venice on Feb. 2 at 1:00 pm. We are looking for members to work with our orchids to prepare them for display. The pots need to have covers placed on them. Names also need to be attached. This is your chance to learn more about orchids under the watchful eyes of experienced members. Volunteers will also learn how to place orchids in a display. This is your chance to find out what goes into making the displays and learn more about the orchids that our members grow. If you are interested, email Ken at ken@kwoodward.net or Jami at jamishane06@hotmail.com.

EAOS Election

The March 2024 monthly meeting will feature the election of officers for the society. If you are interested in serving as an officer, nominations will be welcome at the regular meeting in February. There are 5 officers: President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer each serving a 2 year term.

- 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. The president also oversees all member activities and is the one to whom all the other officers must report.
- 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.
- The Corresponding 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.
- The Recording Secretary records the minutes at membership meetings and board meetings, covering the discussion of each agenda item, transcribing the notes and making them available as necessary.
- The Treasurer is in charge of all financial aspects, accepting payments from members directly or through the corresponding secretary. The treasurer also prepares and provides financial statements to the organization and tracks all deposits, expenses and other financial dealings.

NOVEMBER MINUTES

Minutes of EAOS meeting November 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the President MaryAnne DiGrazia welcoming members, new members and guests. She pointed out the beautiful plants on the plant table and those on the back table brought in by our speakers from Florida Orchid House for sale and reminded us to buy raffle tickets.

Old Business:

Dec. dinner meeting



EAOS members enjoy dinner at the Italian-American Club in Venice on Dec.4.

EAOS Officers

President – Mary Anne DiGrazia
V.P. – Matt Palucci
Treasurer - Helen McClaskie
Recording. Sec. – Laurie Motter
Corresponding. Sec. – Jami Hess

The president informed us of the success of the plant sale we had on Nov 4th and thanked all who participated in selling, helping and purchasing. Our society made \$469.

We were reminded of our holiday dinner at the Italian American Club in Venice on Dec 4th and to sign up and be sure we are paid up tonight.

We were also reminded of all that is needed for the upcoming Sarasota, Venice and Englewood Orchid shows. Help is needed to drive the U-Haul, load and unload as well as much needed help at the shows. Signup sheets were available at the back tables. Jami Hess designed and will be ordering shirts for those working at the shows so shirt size was also needed.

New Business:

The president announce that we have sold the utility trailer and secured a 10'x10' storage unit at Store Ease north of Englewood and will be paying monthly to store all our supplies for the shows or prepay and get a month free. Because this expenditure will be slightly over \$1000 the membership will have to vote. Matt made the motion to approve this expenditure, it was seconded and passed.

Ken Woodward then gave a presentation on how to prepare our orchids and what is needed for the show. He also put out a call for Spanish moss that is needed for the displays, and to see him after the meeting if any questions. All the instructions and registrations for your orchids can be found on our EAOS website.

We had a short break before our speaker while all those that had not voted for their favorite orchid on the plant table voted.

Our speaker for tonight was Ti and Henry from Florida Orchid House. Ti gave a wonderful informative presentation with questions and answers. I think we all walked away learning much especially that we must have a 'live eye' on our orchid in order to get a good divided plant.

Ribbons were awarded to the winners of the plant table, raffle tickets were called and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candy Bott (filling in for Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary)

Standing Committees

Membership Committee - Terri Carr, Kitty Saddler, Jami Hess, Candy Bott, Yolanda Goll, Dottie Johns, Sally Hathley

Raffle Table Committee - Joann Royal, Bonnie Swanson

Plant Table Committee - Candy Bott, Debbie Robbins, Lisa McNaughton

Hospitality Committee - Mary Commer, Mary Jo Holleran, Edna McClenney-Willis, Betsy Agro, Karen Jay

Show Committee - Mary Anne DiGrazia, Suzette Crawford, Terry Bowes

Media Committee - Ken Woodward, Jami Hess, Michelle Speyrer



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