



# ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

July 2005

Minutes 6/6/2005

*Please Note:*

*Due to the 4th of July being a Holiday, our next meeting will be on July 11th, at the Christ Lutheran Church*

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*Our new website address:  
[www.eaos.org](http://www.eaos.org)*

*This month's Speaker*  
will be Jeff Heigel from Orchids Etc. in Sarasota. He will speak on Orchid Culture. He specializes in species and will bring plants to sell. Jeff is also a member of the Venice Orchid Society.



The meeting was called to order by President Anna Sibille

The Secretary and Treasurers reports were accepted as printed in the minutes.

Mary Lou Evans and Lynda Strum will co-chair next years show.

The South Florida Orchid Society has published a book for beginners titled Introduction to Orchids. The club has purchased copies of this book to be sold to members at cost (approx. \$9.00). We will also sell the book at our next show (at an increased price) to raise revenue.

Pam Bombardieri, chairman of fall plant sale, announced that the sale will be held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 2, at the church grounds. If you are going to sell your plants yourself, bring your own table and plants. All monies will be collected at a central place. Pam will take the clubs 20% and send you a check for your share. If you drop your plants and leave, your cut will be 50/50.

Of course, you can always donate plants for sale, but please keep your trees.

The club is planning a visit to Palmer's Orchids for our September meeting. The date will be announced in the next newsletter. We now have a website which will include newsletters, links, etc.

The address is: [www.eaos.org](http://www.eaos.org)

A red and white cooler was left at the picnic. If it's yours let Anna know.

Our speaker was Norman Fang, from Norman's Orchids who spoke on *paphiopedilums*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo Axelson  
Recording Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

As of 06/07/05

### Checking Acct

05/0905	\$2,730.02
0 Deposits	00.00
5 Checks	<u>393.93</u>
06/07/05 Balance	\$2,336.09

### Savings Acct

03/31/05 Balance	\$3,001.81
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### CD's

03/10/05 Balance	\$1,052.63
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Pam Bombardieri  
EAOS Treasurer

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## Phalaenopsis

\* **TEMPERATURE:** *Phalaenopsis* are warm growing. Temperatures of 62°F nighttime low to 85°F daytime high are ideal. Daytime temperatures in the 90's can be tolerated if there is enough moisture and air movement. Plants should be protected against temperatures below 58°F. The exception to this rule is in later summer or early fall when a drop to between 55° and 60° F will help set flower spikes.

\* **AIR MOVEMENT:** *Phalaenopsis* like fresh air. Gentle moving fresh air is probably the greatest deterrent to bacterial and fungal diseases.

\* **LIGHT:** *Phalaenopsis*, like all blooming plants, get their energy to bloom from light. They do best in a light range of 1200 FC to 2000 FC, based on seasonal day length. Plants must be protected from direct sunlight and over heating.

\* **WATER:** Successful growing of *Phalaenopsis* requires proper watering. Frequency of watering as well as quality of water is important. Water with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0 is ideal; however, most drinking water can be used. City water tends to have a higher pH, but the plants will tolerate the higher pH within reason.



### *Recipe for Evans 'Repot Spray'*

At the last (June) meeting, several of our members asked for the 'recipe' for the repot spray that Lynda Strum used at the potting demo. We include it below.

To 1 gallon of water add:  
2 tsp 7-9-5 fertilizer  
½ tsp superthrive  
1 tsp KLN  
¼ tsp ProTec (optional)  
2 tsp RD 20 or Physan 20

Clean the old media off of the roots, trim of dead roots, and spray the whole plant with a fine mist, especially in the cut areas. (We also spray the entire plant, roots and all with neem oil)

Place the plant in the pot and fill in with media. The media should be firm in the pot so that the plant does not 'wiggle'. If possible, use a rhizome clip to keep the plant firm.

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*When to water: As often as necessary! It would be impossible to give you an exact watering schedule for *Phalaenopsis* or any other orchids. Each person has different growing conditions, different potting material, pot size, drainage, temperature, humidity, and probably the most important factor, different air movements.*

*Phalaenopsis should never be allowed to become completely dry. Water when the potting material becomes damp just below the surface. Water thoroughly. Let the water flush through the potting material at least every second or third watering. This will "leach" the potting material and prevent a buildup of "salts" in the media. If a buildup of salts is allowed, the root system will be damaged and eventually die off, leading to death of the plant.*