



Englewood Area Orchid Society

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Newsletter

From the President's Desk

MM MM GOOD – that's what everyone said after our June picnic. We had a nice group of about 30 in attendance and lots of great food. The pulled pork and chicken from Food Is Love was a great hit and so plentiful that we sold the extras to take home. Members really outdid themselves with the side dishes and desserts – so many yummy sides to choose – stuffed shells, baked potato salad, jello salad, rice, baked beans, cole slaw, potato and macaroni salads, cornbread casserole just to name a few. And then we had to choose a dessert or two or three – pecan pie, chocolate cake, pink and yellow chocolate lollipops in floral shapes, brownies and cookies – I must stop remembering them as I can feel my waistline expanding just thinking of them all.



We all voted on our favorite side dish and desert. The side dish winner was Mary Anne DiGrazia's "Mom's Cranberry, Pineapple, Jello, Walnut Salad" and Mary Anne won a white and purple phalenopsis for her efforts. There was a three-way tie for the desert winner. Nancy Hegele took the prize for her delectable floral – shaped lollipops and won a dendrobium for her hard work and ingenuity. We members sure can cook and bake. Thanks to all the participants for making the picnic yummy and fun.

Several members brought in plants to swap and during dinner we were treated to a lovely slideshow of that Jan Plummer supplied of Selby Gardens Orchids as well as some of Ted Kellogg's orchid photos. Did anyone notice Queen Elizabeth among Ted's photos? Better ask Ted why he's hobnobbing with the Queen!

After dinner, Mary Anne DiGrazia shared her

slideshow of our 2010 show from set-up to finished displays. Great to see our beautiful show again – did it inspire anyone to want to chair the show or a show committee or two???

For our out-of-area members, hope you're all enjoying yourselves. We're continuing to simmer down here but we're starting to get some afternoon rains to cut the heat index to 88 or 90 – brrr, get my sweater fast. Free water for our lawns and plants anyway.

Hope to see everyone at July's joint meeting with VAOS. Katie Caldwell, a member, great orchid grower and recipient of many awards and kudos is our speaker. Her topic is **Tolumnias** - which will be very informative and helpful to all. Also, we'll be having our annual silent auction fund raiser with blooming orchids, Vera Bradley purses and a few other surprises. So don't forget your wallet or checkbook. Our raffle table sounds like it will be loaded as well, so if you don't win a silent auction prize, you'll still have a chance for a great plant or bare root. We hate to see people leaving empty-handed!

Please help feed our guests and members with savory or sweet snacks for the meeting as well. Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7 PM. See you on July 7th!

Gail Hopper,
EAOS President



Members watch the slide show at the June meeting.



Edna tidies the picnic goodies.

Treasurer's Report

Jun-10

Checking Account

Balance 05/13/10 **6194**

INCOME

Book sale from May	16.55	
Plant Sales from donated plants	45	
Commissions from plant sale	10	
Picnic	45	
Donations for food	48	
card sales	45	
<u>Raffle June</u>	<u>105</u>	
Total deposits to 6/15/10	314.55	314.55

Pulled pork and chicken for picnic	-	177.82
Bank charge	-17.18	
purchase of Vera Bradley items for silent auc	-	108.07
orchid purchases for July silent auction	-150	
plants for prizes & buns	-38.77	
deposit on Hill CC for Christmas party	-100	

U Store It for July, Aug, Sept -94.5

Rent for July & Plant sale Nov -125

Total expenses to 6/15/10	811.34	<u>811.34</u>
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Balance in checking June 15, 2010

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Respectfully submitted:
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Treasurer

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Maribeth Wilson shows the raffle plant she won.

July Meeting

The July meeting is held jointly with VAOS at Christ Lutheran Church in Englewood. The speaker will be Katie Caldwell. A silent auction fundraiser for EAOS will be held at the meeting. Bring sweet and savory snacks to serve.

Upcoming Events

July 12th

Joint meeting with VAOS at EAOS. Speaker: Katie Caldwell. Silent auction fundraiser for EAOS. Need sweet and savory snacks to serve.

August 4th

Joint meeting with VAOS at VAOS. Doors open at 6:30; Meeting at 7 --Venice Community Center, 326 South Nokomis Ave. Venice.

September 13th

Regular Meeting

October 11th

Regular Meeting
Nominees for [2011 Board of Directors](#) positions

November 6th

EAOS PLANT SALE at Christ Lutheran Church. 7 vendors so far. We still need a team to manage this event as well as EAOS members to bring plants to sell.

November 8th

Axel from Amazonia Orchids will discuss Cattleyas.
Election for [2011 Board of Directors](#)

December 13th

Holiday Party
Our annual Holiday Dinner party Carol Nissen and Corey Plasek are chairing – see them to help.

Happy Time starts at 5:30 with dinner and a brief meeting.
The Hills Restaurant @
Rotonda Golf & Country Club

Repotting Triage

(Dot Henley, Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Newsletter Editor from *Orchids*, *The Bulletin of the American Orchid Society*, June 2010)

YOU will not be able to repot every orchid that deserves to be. What to do? Repot the needy:

1. Repot any new orchid that you bought and have not repotted. Many growers save labor costs by selling plants that need to be repotted. The potting medium used by growers probably won't match what you use and will need to be watered differently.
2. Orchids with dying pseudobulbs and leaves or leads probably have a rot beginning. Repot fast before the whole plant is lost. Cut off the sick or dying area and keep cutting with sterilized clippers for every cut until you reach clean tissue.
3. Repot orchids with established weeds to eliminate weeds and prevent them from spreading to your whole collection. If you pull baby weeds every week you won't have established weeds.
4. Repot orchids with an infestation of scale or mealybugs. Remove all the old medium, give the plant a hose bath (unless it has tender leaves), spray the nude plant with an insecticide, and repot the plant in a clean pot with a clean medium.
5. Orchids giving off a foul odor that are not bulbophyllums in bloom probably have rotten roots and need fresh medium.

Triage may let you delay repotting the less needy. Congratulations, you just became an orchid doctor.



Nancy Hegele, Dessert Contest Winner.