

Englewood Area Orchid Society

July, 2012
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From the President's Desk



Hello members! Our June 11 meeting was attended by 30 members, 7 guests, and one new member. Welcome new member Miriam Rullan-Alba.

EAOS scholarship recipient Parker O'Bannon was a guest speaker describing his future career in land conservation. He will be attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia.

Mary Anne DiGrazia presented a slide show with many beautiful pictures taken at orchid shows and Orchid World located in Bridgetown, Barbados. Thank you, Mary Anne.

Hospitality Chair and V.P. Jana Kewley and member Carol Nissen cooked and served a lasagna dinner. Many members brought side dishes and desserts to share. Thanks to all members who brought delicious side dishes and desserts. Winner for best dessert was Robin Nydam; best side dish was Mary Anne DiGrazia.

The raffle table was full of blooming orchids from Joe Hayden's store in Placida.

Show & Tell's winner was Jan Plummer's "Port of Paradise."

Our first member tour was June 9 at Tom and Mary Anne DiGrazia's home in Gulf Cove.

The next EAOS member tour will be on July 28 from 9 am until noon. Carol Nissen and Ann Baldwin will be hosts at their homes in Englewood Isles. Directions: from Englewood, north on 776 to left on Englewood Isles Parkway (first light after Dearborn Street.) then 5th left on Gladstone Blvd. Call Ann Baldwin at 941-475-5097.

Our July 9 meeting will be a joint meeting with Venice Orchid Society. We will have a plant raffle and our annual silent auction. Bring blooming plants for the Show & Tell table and snacks to share. The guest speaker will be Michael Polen from St. Pete. His topic will be repotting and mounting orchids. Michael's business "Art Stone" started as a hobby in 1986 he is a member and past president of Florida West Coast Orchid Society. He will bring some plants to sell at the meeting. See you there!

Ann Baldwin, EAOS President
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Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report is now being read at the meeting and will no longer appear in the newsletter. The Board decided on this at our last meeting and it was announced at the monthly Monday meeting.

Thank you,
Noreen

2nd Garden Tour planned

EAOS is ready for another garden tour. Come and see the orchids and other plants in Carol Nissen's and Ann Baldwin's gardens.

WHAT: Garden tour
WHEN: Sat. July 28th
TIME: 9:00 to 12:00
WHERE: Gladstone Blvd., Englewood Isles
Phone: 941-475-5097

DIRECTIONS:

from Englewood, north on 776 to left on Englewood Isles Parkway (first light after Dearborn Street.) then 5th left on Gladstone Blvd.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

July 9 - Joint Meeting with
VAOS at Englewood
Michael Polen, speaker

July 28 - Garden Tour,
Englewood Isles

Aug 1 - Joint meeting with
VAOS at VAOS



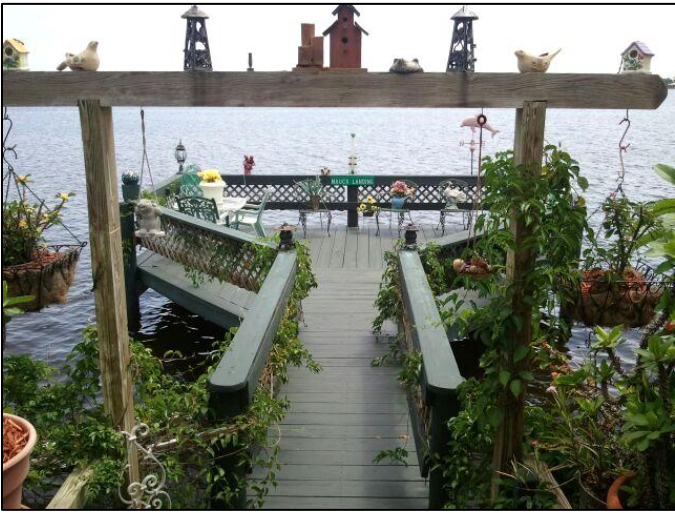
The annual picnic meeting featured desserts by members.

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EAOS Tours DiGrazia Garden

In case you missed it, Saturday, June 9th was our first EAOS member tour, at the home of Mary Anne and Tom DiGrazia. The DiGrazias have carved out their own little slice of paradise on the banks of the Peace River. Their 12 year gardening endeavors include beautiful paved walkways with overhead trellises that provide plenty of shade and a cool respite from the sun, as well as some comfortable chairs and swings for reading a good book or watching the many butterflies flitting around. Besides caring for hundreds of plants, flowers, and tropical fruit trees, Mary Anne and Tom also have a greenhouse with several hundred orchids. It was a rare treat to see so many beautiful plants displayed in such a spectacular setting. A big thank you to both Mary Anne and Tom for being such gracious hosts and sharing their personal Garden of Eden with fellow members.



Mary Anne Digrazia shares her garden with the members of EAOS.



Plant Table



The Plant Table winner for June was Rlc. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isles' brought by Jan Plummer.

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2012

The Englewood Area Orchid Society met at 6:30 pm. Board members present were Ann Baldwin, Edward Baldwin, Jana Kewley, and Noreen Spencer. These items were discussed:

1. New member survey.
2. Insert for directory w/ meeting schedule.
3. Thanks for dinner served at meeting.
4. Raffle table.
5. Fairchild bus trip.
6. Member tours
7. July 9 meeting.
8. Holiday party December 10.
9. T-shirts
10. Summer replacement
11. Purchase of trailer.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm.

Edward Baldwin
Recording Secretary