

Englewood Area Orchid Society

July, 2015 Newsletter



Also online at eaos.org

Meetings at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave, Englewood, on the 2nd Mon. of each month.

From the President's Desk



What a great picnic we had. If you missed it, you missed lots of really good food and fellowship. Thanks to Robin and Robert Nydam for heading up the picnic. Robert did a great job cooking the hot dogs which went with the yummy Publix fried chicken. We have lots of wonderful cooks in our society and they showed their stuff in style. Thanks to all that came and enjoyed the evening. We had a very nice plant table and we awarded a members choice ribbon. Thanks Ted for doing the plant table. Thanks, too for those who brought plants for the plant table.

Next month will be our joint meeting with Venice coming to our meeting on July 13th. We want to have a really nice raffle table so if you've been dividing plants, consider bring one to the meeting to add to the raffle. Also we want to have a refreshment table with lots of goodies, so think about something to bring and share. Thanks. Our speaker will be Rafael Romero of Plantio La Orquidea Orchids.

Our scholarship recipient was unable to join us at the picnic because she was working.

Don't forget in August we'll be joining the Venice Orchid Society at their meeting on August 5th. Their meetings are held at the Venice Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Let's have a large showing of EAOS members. I am sure they'll have a great speaker and you'll enjoying mixing with the members of VAOS. We will not be having a regular meeting at Englewood, so Venice will be our meeting for the month.

To our northern members, we hope you are having a nice summer and we look forward to your return in the fall.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*

July joint meeting

The July meeting will be a joint meeting hosting the Venice Area Orchid Society, held in the regular meeting place at Christ Lutheran Church. Members are asked to bring something for the refreshment table. The speaker will be Rafael Romero.



Carol Nissen presents a birthday cake to Corey Plasek at the annual picnic.

Culture Classes

Mickey Carnell's culture classes will not be held during the summer months, but will resume in the Fall. Make a note of all your questions and watch the newsletter for the announcement of when they will resume.

New Member

EAOS welcomes Carolyn Schoner. We hope you enjoy our society.

July Speaker Rafael Romero

The July speaker will be Rafael Romero of Plantio La Orquidea in Sarasota. Rafael Romero was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1960. He attended Universidad Simon Bolivar, graduating in 1984 with a degree in biology. In 1986 Rafael started working with orchids with a man who would later become his father-in-law, Henrique Graf. Henrique owned the largest and oldest orchid nursery in Venezuela; Plantio La Orquidea which has approximately 5 acres of covered greenhouses. In August of 2003 Rafael came with his wife and children to the United States and established Plantio La Orquidea in Sarasota, Florida.



Other orchids from the table make a beautiful display.



June Plant Table

Members' Choice –
Epidendrum Green Hornet,
grown by Kathleen Beck



Kathleen Beck's Epidendrum Green Hornet was the Members' Choice at the June meeting..Only one ribbon was awarded.



Ted Kellogg explains the culture of an orchid from the plant table.

August Meeting

The August Meeting will be hosted by the Venice society at the Venice Community Center. The meeting will be held at their usual meeting time of 7 pm on Wed., Aug. 5. Please note the change of day and time.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance - - - - - \$11124.66

Expenses - - - - - 1330.39

Deposits - - - - - 261.91

May. 22 Balance - - - - - \$10056.18

Elaine Squires, Treasurer



32 members enjoy the picnic delicacies.



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

July 13 – Regular Meeting
Hosting VAOS
Speaker: Rafael Romero from
Plantio la Orquidea

Aug. 5 – Joint meeting with
VAOS in Venice

2015 EAOS Officers:

President:	Mary Anne DiGrazia
Vice President:	Edna McClenney-Willis
Treasurer:	Elaine Squires
Corresponding Secretary:	Jo Ann Royal
Recording Secretary:	Carol Nissen
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High School Senior awarded EAOS Scholarship



The recipient of our Englewood Area Orchid Society 2015 scholarship was Alex Miranda Conrad. She will be attending University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee in the fall. At the awards and scholarship night at Lemon Bay High School, Alex received several awards and scholarships.

Mary Anne DiGrazia awarded Alex the scholarship at the evening's program. Mary Anne stated, "There were so many young people receiving awards and scholarships and looking at them makes me think our future is in good hands. I am glad that we are giving back to the community with this scholarship."



In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness we report the death of Margaret Bustamante, who was a long time member of both the Englewood and Venice Area Orchid Societies. She passed away on June 18, 2015 from a freak accident. She will be greatly missed and we all join in extending our sincere sympathies to her family.

