



## Englewood Area Orchid Society

July, 2016 Newsletter

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### *From the President's Desk*

Now is the time of year to be watching your orchids that are outside. Is it overly hot or are we having lots of rain? We have to be sure the plants are getting enough moisture, but we don't want them to drown. When you have plants outside you need to be growing orchids in mixes that can dry out and keep the plants healthy. Old mixes will retain lots of water and break down and not be good for the plants. Always keep an eye on them. They'll thank you for it.

We had a great speaker in June, Jerry Sellers. His presentation was about *Bulbophyllum* orchids and their history of hybridization. They are a unique orchid and fun to grow. Several of our members have some wonderful plants that they have shared with us as they bloom. If you don't have one in your collection, try one if you get the opportunity.

Corey and Carol have worked hard on our annual picnic and I'm sure it was lots of fun. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I am sure there was lots of delicious food. We have plenty of good cooks in the society.

July will be our joint meeting with Venice here in Englewood on the 11th of July. Let's all come out and welcome our guests. If you've been working with your plants and have been dividing them, consider bringing a division to the raffle table. Also, let's have a nice assortment of goodies for everyone to enjoy.

Our speaker for July is Jim Roberts from Florida Sun Coast Orchids and his program sounds like a really good one. Hope to see you all there.

Roy Klinger, thanks for bringing orchids to sell at the meeting since our speaker did not bring plants. If you were lucky enough to get one of Roy's plants, you'll be pleased with it. He grows some beautiful plants.

Don't forget in August coming up, we'll be meeting in Venice at the Venice Community Center on August 3 and there will be no meeting in Englewood in August. Let's turn out in full force at Venice. I am sure they will have a great speaker for us.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President*



### Calendar

Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave.

July 11 - regular meeting  
hosting VAOS. Speaker:  
Jim Roberts

August 3 - Joint meeting with  
Venice at Venice – Alan Koch,  
speaker



*The auction table is ready for the June picnic meeting.*

## July Meeting, Joint meeting with Venice

There will be a joint meeting with the members from VAOS on July 11. The meeting will be at Christ Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. Members are asked to bring snacks for everyone to enjoy. Also bring plant divisions for the raffle table.

The speaker will be Jim Roberts of Florida Sun Coast Orchids. He first discovered orchids in 1979, during his college years in Northfield, Minnesota. He was put in charge of the St. Olaf greenhouse and its repository of orchids. After graduating, he moved to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands where he joined the local orchid society and learned much about growing in a tropical, arid environment.

Returning to Minnesota 3 years later, he worked in the horticulture industry, served in various capacities with orchid organizations and lectured to many garden clubs. He also had the privilege of traveling extensively around the United States, Europe and Hawaii, visiting all of the major orchid nurseries.

In 2001 he moved to Florida with a small collection of plants and the dream of operating an orchid nursery became a reality. He currently grows orchids in three gutter-connected greenhouses encompassing 10,000 square feet of growing space.



*Neal Shattauer and Ted Kellogg test their skill at picnic games.*

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*Members enjoy picnic treats at the June meeting.*

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