

Englewood Area Orchid Society



July, 2022 Newsletter *Also online at eaos.org*

Calendar

Meetings (except Aug. and Dec.) are on the 3rd Monday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:30 pm.

July 18 – Joint Meeting with VAOS at Englewood - 6:30 Plant Table setup, 7:00 meeting – Speaker: Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids

Aug. 3 - Joint Meeting at VAOS

From the President's Desk

We had a great meeting on June 20th with Rick Belisle as our speaker. He was extremely informative and gave us all such great useful bits of knowledge. His program of "Orchids 101" was useful for new members and those of us that have been around for a while. We always have to keep learning.



Rick's presentation instilled in me the nudge that I needed to spend more time with my orchids. My plants said "thanks".

Next month's speaker will be Phillip Hamilton from Bredren Orchids. He'll be speaking on Novelty Phalaenopsis. Sounds like it will be quite interesting. Don't forget that Venice Area Orchid Society will be joining us at our meeting, so come out in force to welcome them.

Thanks to those who signed up for committees. We always have room for more so if there is committee that interests you, please let me know so we can add your name to the lists. By getting involved with the society you and the society will benefit.

We had a number of beautiful plants at our plant table. If you have a blooming orchid, bring it so we can see and enjoy.

We still have a few t-shirts available for purchase at \$5.00.

Welcome to all of our new members and thank you for joining EAOS. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. If you have any questions about your plants don't hesitate to ask any of us. If we don't have the answer, we'll find someone that does.

June Plant Table

1st Place



B. Little Star
Marie Nardi

2nd Place



Cattleya x unknown
Jo Anne Rothe

Don't forget on August 3rd, we'll be guests of Venice Area Orchid Society in Venice at the Venice Community Center at 326 Nokomis Ave. Let's have a great showing of EAOS at that meeting.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President

Summer meetings

As we have done in the past, we will be hosting Venice Area Orchid Society at our July meeting with Phillip Hamilton from Bredren Orchids, as our speaker. Venice will not be having their regular meeting that month.

In August, we will be guests of VAOS at their August 3rd meeting at the Venice Community Center. We can car pool to Venice if you'd like. We will not be having a meeting at St. David's on August 15th, as our meeting on August 3rd will be our monthly meeting.

It's a great opportunity to interact with our sister society in Venice. By having Venice here and their having us in August saves both societies facility rent and speaker fees for one month each. Good for us both.

Please plan on being at our July meeting to welcome our guests.

Let's hear your ideas

Do you have an idea that might make EAOS a better society? Do you have an idea for a program that you'd like to see? Do you have any ideas that we might benefit from? If the answer is yes, write down your ideas, plans, etc. and submit them. Just email them to orchids@eaos.org. We can then plan a time when we can get together...idea makers and officers, and we can discuss the ideas to see how they might be implemented. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for wanting to make EAOS a better society.

A trip to look forward to

Redland International Orchid Festival will be held on October 7-9, 2022. It is held at the beautiful Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead. It looks like Venice Orchid Society will be getting a bus so this gives us an opportunity to go and enjoy the wonderful outdoor festival. If you've never been, it is really something to see. Each vendor has their own tent with their orchids for sale. Keep this date in mind and there will be more information closer to date. Don't miss out...plan to attend.

3rd Place



Den. X unknown
Candy Bott

Speaker's Choice



Vanda x unknown
Joan Gertz



Rick Belisle spoke at the June meeting of EAOS.

July Speaker

Speaker at the July meeting will be Phillip Hamilton, of Bredren Orchids.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Phillip inherited his father Claude's passion for orchids and grew up working in his parents' orchid nursery, Hamlyn Orchids. Phillip's passion leaned heavily toward Phalaenopsis, which he has been growing and hybridizing since the age of eight.

Phillip earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida in Gainesville and is an American Orchid Society Senior Judge.

In 2013 he formed his own business, Bredren Orchids, to facilitate the small-scale sale of some of the more unique Phalaenopsis and Broughtonia species and hybrids he grows and breeds

EAOS Treasurer's Report

BANK BALANCE as of 05/01/2022 \$20,513.56

INCOME

DUES	\$15.00
INTEREST	<u>.34</u>
TOTAL	\$15.34

EXPENSES

SCHOLARSHIP	\$500.00
PICNIC (Food and Orchids)	260.85
TRAILER STORAGE thru 2022	315.00
AOS	100.00
SERVICE FEE *	<u>3.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,178.85

BANK BALANCE AS OF 5/31/2022 \$19,350.05

AS OF 5/31/2022 THERE IS \$60.00 UNCLEARED CHECKS

*SERVICE FEE WILL BE REFUNDED BY BANK

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED -
KITTY L SADDLER, ASSISTANT TREASURER

EAOS Minutes 6/20/2022

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne DiGrazia welcoming members, new members and guests. She thanked all who brought plants tonight and reminded everyone to please vote so they could award 2nd and 3rd place ribbons and of course the speaker would give the speakers choice award as well.

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Old Business:

The president expressed her thanks to all that helped and brought desserts to our picnic last month; about 30 members were present for a really great time. A little business was done at that meeting, a vote was taken on the nomination of Debbie Kugler as corresponding secretary, it was noted that Beth Lanni has been assisting her.

Mary Anne had posted in last month's newsletter and reminded us tonight that they are looking for new ideas and suggestions to help make our society even better. One suggestion that was given was that we sell our left over t-shirts from this year's show. The shirts were put on a table for \$5 and were selling. Another idea given was that we have a brief plant clinic before each meeting which will be discussed further with Bonnie whose idea it was.

New Business:

We were reminded that next month will be our joint meeting with VAOS (Venice Area Orchid Society) and held here on July 18th. The two joint meetings during the summer will save both societies hall and speaker fees, plus it gives us a chance to interact with other orchid growers. It will be much appreciated if we could bring cookies to the next meeting as we will have lite refreshments.

Our August joint meeting with VAOS will be held on August 3rd In Venice at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave., Venice. The meeting will start at 7pm, but, as we do here, we will want to go early to add our blooming plants to and check out the plant table and the raffle table. The speaker will probably have plants to sell, so that will be something to also check out.

We were reminded that there will be no meeting in Englewood on August 15 so be sure to mark it on our calendars. Anyone interested in wanting to car pool to the Venice meeting should get together to discuss with suggestions on where to meet etc.

We were also reminded that committee members are needed for various committees that are in need of help. The sign-up sheets were left on the membership table so as many as possible can get involved in helping to make the society even better. The president would like to be advised of any committee she may have forgotten. We are reminded that the more we put into the society, the more we get out of it.

The speaker Rick Belisle was introduced.

The program 'Orchids 101 ' was so informative. He went over what orchids need, using the acronym FLAW (food, light, air, water). He explained the containers and mediums to use with what orchids and showed samples. We learned about watering and fertilizing as well as how to know what light is right and how to use the shadow from your hand to tell how much light is in the area you are thinking of placing your orchid. The thinner leaves can take higher light, the thicker the leaves the lower the light should be. When repotting using bark be sure to soak the bark overnight before you repot. He showed us what looked like roots but explained they were really the velamen... ..the white or gray velamen covering the thin aerial roots act like a sponge and usually get more green when wet. He covered so much... wow.. .so much to learn or relearn. We were given a few resources to consider.... AOS (American Orchid Society), St. Augustine Orchid Society, also purchase tags for your plants on amazon and of course all should have the book FLORIDA ORCHID GROWING by Martin Motes, Phd. Also mentioned... .on the 2nd Thursdays of the month they have 'ER for plants' at 7pm at the VAOS meeting location and we are welcome if we need help with an ailing orchid. He then left us with a couple of sayings... ..'When in doubt — dry it out' & 'People kill them with kindness'

A lot of information packed into a wonderful helpful program, we will be very fortunate to see him again at our joint meetings with VAOS.

The program was followed up with the plant table display and the winning ribbons were given to the following members.

1st place Marie Nardi 2nd place Joanne Rothe 3rd place Candy Bott and the speakers choice went to Joan Gertz. The raffle took place with lots of wonderful items to choose from and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candy Bott (filling in for Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary)