



Englewood Area Orchid Society

June, 2023

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From the President's Desk

Seems like we are getting into the dog days of summer with our very high heat each day and not much rain. Know we all could use a few more afternoon showers to help cool off the day and refresh our plants like just watering won't do.



Kitty and I had a nice time in North Port meeting lots of people and inviting them to check out EAOS. It was their New-Comers Day and they had a pretty good turnout. They have events two other times of the year, so EAOS will be participating in them also.

Every year we have our annual plant sale and our annual show and sale and some of the proceeds always go to a \$500 scholarship to a LBHS senior. I was proud to present our scholarship to Olivia Becker who will be going to Fl. Gulf Coast University or University of South Florida. The community always supports EAOS this is our way of giving back to the community.

If you haven't yet signed up for our picnic for June 19th at 6:00 at our regular meeting place, don't put it off. You don't want to miss the wonderful food and fellowship. The girls have been working on making it a fun evening.

Just a reminder that the Venice Area Orchid Society will be our guests at our July meeting. We will want to make them feel welcome. There will be a sign up sheet for refreshments at our picnic. If any of you are dividing plants and have an extra plant or two, please consider donating it to the raffle table.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to sign up for one of our committees to help the society, please consider it. I know they need a few extra on the raffle committee. Thanks for volunteering,

Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President

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.

June 19 - Picnic meeting - 6:00 pm

July 17 – Joint meeting with VAOS at Englewood- 6:45 Plant Table, 7:00 meeting.

Aug. 2 – Joint meeting with VAOS in Venice - 7:00 meeting.

May Plant Table



1st Place - Alcra. Marfitch
'Howard's Dream' Matt Palucci

June 19th - Picnic

Come one, come all to our annual picnic to be held at our usual meeting location at 6:00. The society will be providing the meat and drinks and if you'd like to sign up to make a side or dessert, that would be great. Give Edna a call or email to let her know that you'll be coming. Her number is: 941-525-8102 and email: collinandedna@aol.com.

We need to know by the 12th of June so that they can plan for the meat. Hope to see you there.

Bylaw Changes Approved

The membership at the May meeting approved amendments to the EAOS By-Laws. The changes to Article VI (a) and (b) are effective 5/15/2023 and read as follows:

“Article VI: Committee, Historian, Librarian, and AOS Representative

(a) The standing committees of EAOS shall be Membership, Outreach, Media, Raffle, Plant Table, Hospitality, Show, and Finance. Duties of the standing committees shall be, but not limited to the following:

1. Membership committee shall maintain membership list, attendance records, name tags, develop membership activities and monitor member status.
2. Outreach committee will develop strategies to communicate with local organizations, businesses, and communities such as North Port and Port Charlotte to provide education about EAOS and recruit potential members.
3. Media committee will maintain website and newsletter, maintain social media presence such as Facebook and will be responsible for all technical equipment at meetings.
4. Raffle committee will be responsible for monthly raffle which includes set up of donated items, selling tickets and announcing winning numbers.
5. Plant Table committee will manage monthly plant table including set up, oversee voting process, announce winners, and taking photos.
6. Hospitality committee will set up donated snacks and drinks at monthly meetings. Will plan and organize annual picnic and holiday dinner.
7. Show committee will be responsible for annual show. Recruit volunteers as needed for all aspects of show.
8. Finance committee will be chaired by Treasurer, shall supervise finances of EAOS

(b) Committee chairs will be chosen annually by the committee volunteers. Ad Hoc committees shall be created by the President or the Executive Board as needed.”

The full text of the Bylaws can be seen at EAOS.org.



2nd Place Den lindleyi Candy Bott



3rd Place Brs. Rex Carl Ivanik



Speaker's Choice Den. uniflorum
Kitty Saddler

From the Corresponding Secretary -

Hello Members!

Thank you to everyone that helped out at this month's meeting. You guys are great and we couldn't do it without you!

Please make sure you have my email address saved in your contacts so you don't miss any important emails, that email address is:

EAOS_secretary@eaos.org

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.

EAOS TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2023

BANK BALANCE	as of 04/01/2023	\$22,630.77
INCOME		
DEPOSIT-RAFFLE		\$150.00
DEPOSIT-DUES		\$150.00
INTEREST		<u>\$ 0.37</u>
TOTAL		\$ 300.37
EXPENSES		
Rent		\$ 300.00
VARIOUS EXPENSES		<u>\$ 802.86</u>
TOTAL		\$1102.86
BANK BALANCE AS OF 04/30/2023		\$21,828.28

As of May 14, 2023 appears there is \$527.60 in uncleared checks.
This statement was completed to the best of my ability with information provided by the Treasurer and President.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
KITTY L SADDLER, ASSISTANT TREASURER

Orchids: What's in a name?

Having a name is as important for an orchid as it is for a person. You can gain important information just by looking at the label on your orchid. You will learn the genus, which in some cases will help to guide you to the right conditions for growing your plant. Be careful, though, because it does not mean that all orchids in that genus grow under the same conditions. The genus Dendrobium, for instance, is divided into 21 sections with plants that appear to be very different and may take very different growing conditions. Orchids that grow at the base

If you have not received any emails from me, then please email me so we can get you caught up!
Looking forward to a super fun Summer Gathering, AKA "Picnic"! We have some fun stuff planned so don't miss out, if you haven't given us your RSVP yet, please do so now so we know what to plan for.

Tata for now
Jami Hess
Corresponding Secretary

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Orchid Fun Fact

Orchids constitute around 10 percent of all plant species on the planet.

of a mountain may like jungle conditions, with high heat and humidity, while those a thousand feet higher on the mountain may like cooler conditions.

One thing that you may want to know is whether your plant is a hybrid or a species. One resource to use is orchidspecies.com, which is free to use on the internet. This website lists 25,000 orchid species, no hybrids. For many species it can tell you the growing conditions the plant favors, whether it is fragrant, and when it is likely to bloom.

If you have a hybrid, a search on the internet may tell you the growing conditions for your orchid. If you can't find any guidance on the growing conditions, maybe you can still find the parents of your hybrid. If those are species, then you can get an idea of the conditions in which your orchid will thrive.. If both parents like hot and wet conditions, then the hybrid should be similar. If the conditions in which the parents grow are dissimilar, it may indicate that the hybrid may accept a wider range of conditions.

When it comes to orchid shows, an orchid without a name is at a clear disadvantage. It can never receive an AOS award. But you may think that your orchid is the most beautiful that you have ever seen. It may be, but the judges have no way to compare it to others of that same name. They would not know that the size of the flower is larger than others of that same name or that the color of the flower is remarkable for that orchid. As a result, the judge would be unable to give your orchid the AOS award it deserves.

When buying an orchid, always look for the name tag. If it doesn't have a name, think twice about buying it.

EAOS Officers

President – Mary Anne DiGrazia
V.P. – Matt Palucci
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Corresponding. Sec. – Jami Hess



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May Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting May 15, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne DiGrazia welcoming all guests and new members and to all our returning members. Would all new members please stand up so that we can welcome you.

Dues are now payable for 2023 at \$15 per household. This is quite a bargain as it helps pay for the rental on this room, our speakers among other things. Please make your check payable to Englewood Area Orchid Society. If you haven't paid yet, please do so on the break.

Plant Table: Please bring your blooming plant to show off at the meeting. The cut-off time is 6:45 PM for orchids to be on the Plant Table. Vote for your favorite plant on the plant table. The top 3 will be our winners. Thanks for bringing in the lovely plants.

New Business:

In July, VAOS will be our guests for the meeting. We would like to welcome our guests with snacks and goodies. If you'd like to sign-up to bring something, please let Edna know. Katie Caldwell will be our speaker for the evening. If any of you are doing any dividing of your plants, we could use some donations to the raffle table for the July meeting.

August 2nd, we will be guests of VAOS at their meeting at the Venice Community Center. We have done this for a number of years and it is a nice way to get to know our sister society in Venice.

Kitty and I were in North Port for their New Comers Day. We got to talk to lots of people and let them know about EAOS. There was a lot of interest and we look forward to having them join us.

Every year we have a plant sale. Also, an annual show and sale and some of the proceeds always go to a \$500 scholarship to a LBHS senior. I was proud to present our scholarship to Olivia Becker who will be going to either Florida Gulf Coast University or University of South Florida. The community always supports EAOS and this is our way of giving back to the community.

Old Business:

June 19th we will have our picnic here at the hall at 6:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the front table, so be sure and sign up. The society will be providing the meat and if you would like to bring a side or a dessert, please sign up and indicate what you would like to bring. It should be a fun evening. The ladies have a fun evening planned so be sure and sign-up. We will need a final count by the 12th of June so they know how many to plan for.

At the April meeting, Ken Woodward made a motion for the finance committee to conduct the yearly audit of the books of EAOS and to review the society books starting in September 2023. Further the committee will bring to the membership in November 2023, recommendations on how to restructure the finances of the society as well as report on the financial state of EAOS. Motion was passed. Further discussion at the May Meeting. At the May Meeting, Kitty gave an update on several companies that could assist with organizing our bookkeeping. Mary Anne also has a neighbor that is a bookkeeper that is willing to help. Update will be provided at a future meeting.

At the April Meeting, Kitty Saddler of the Membership Committee proposed amendments to the EAOS By-Laws dated April 18, 2022, Article VI. This will include the removal of Technology, Social, and Plant Table Committees from the Ad Hoc Committees. Technology, Newsletter and Website committees will be merged into the new Media Committee. Social Committee will become the new Hospitality Committee. There will be a new Outreach Committee formed. Also, a change in the process for selection of committee chairpersons. Propose the By-Laws to read as follows: Article VI shall read as follows:

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Jami Hess sent out the proposed amendment to all members for their review. At the May meeting, a motion was made by Mary Anne and 2nd by Mary Commer. All were in favor of the Amendment.

During the break, buy raffle tickets, and vote for your favorite plant on the plant table.

Our speaker tonight will be Roy Krueger who will be speaking on 3 steps off the Garden Path. He has served 5 years as President of the Manatee Orchid Society and four years in various capacities with the Sarasota Orchid Society. He teaches a series of culture classes to various societies and authors a monthly article entitled Orchids We Should All Grow that appears in numerous newsletters

Roy Krueger presented the plants on the plant table with informative descriptions of each plant. Ribbons were awarded for the plants.

Attention then went to the raffle table where numbers were drawn. Winning numbers choosing from the plants and items that were donated for the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary