



ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

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Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

Show frenzy continued into February with the Bedazzled by Orchids Venice show. We set up a beautiful display on Friday February 4th with 39 plants entered by 12 members. Alas, we didn't win a display ribbon this time, but 22 ribbons were awarded to 10 members including a trophy to Carol Nissen for her Oncidium (Odontocidium Sunlight (Oncidium Mexico x Odontocidium Crowborough)). Congrats Carol. We grow great orchids in our society!



The following summarizes members' exhibited plants and awards:

Member	# Plants	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Carol Nissen	3	1		
Corey Plasek	2		1	1
Ken Woodward	13	4	1	2
Irene Murray	2			
Richard Mueller	4		3	1
Catherine Varney	2			
Anna Sibille	1			1
Edna McClenney-Willis	6			3
Kay Heisner	1	1		
Toni Marie	3	1		
Pam Bombardieri	1			1
Gail Hopper	1		1	

Now on to our show. We had a show meeting prior to our February meeting and many members signed up to work on committees and bring food for 1, 2 or 3 days. **We need lots of help.** We're a small group with a really big show, so sign up at our March meeting and join in the show fun. We need everyone to come out and help at the show this year. No experience necessary. And don't forget, you'll see all of the displays and items for sale before the public – fun and rewarding, I'd say.

Ken Woodward is chairing our show display this year. It will be his third display in 2011, in case you haven't been counting. Thanks a million Ken. Last

year we won the prestigious AOS trophy – can we repeat our success this year???? Show your orchids and I bet we can! Don't forget - you'll earn one free raffle ticket for every plant displayed in the SOS, VAOS and EAOS shows. PLUS, if you're a first time displayer in 2011, you'll earn an extra ticket for each show in which one of your plants was displayed. Ken is in the lead with number of plants displayed at the first two shows – maybe someone can catch up to him at our show. The raffle tickets will be good for our EAOS show raffle only – we always get stellar plants from our vendors, so show your plants to earn free tickets.

I hope all of you are busy drumming up support for our show. Don't leave home without a sponsorship letter ([to see sponsorship materials click here](#)).

If you're eating out, give them the letter and ask the manager for a gift card, after you get a haircut or massage or pedicure, ask for a gift card, while at the doctor or dentist, at the store - you get it. It takes a little effort, but there are lots of generous business people around here. It helps to add the personal touch and their gifts will make our silent auction and raffle so much better.

There is a summary of the benefits of sponsorship elsewhere in the newsletter. It is helpful to discuss some of these when you talk to people. This year, a new benefit will be an *escorted tour of the show*. We need a few members willing to provide tours and we will discuss this in more detail at our March meeting. See you at our next meeting on March 14th. The focus of our meeting will be our show, with a presentation by Mary Ann. Deadlines, committees, sponsorship, advertising – we'll cover it all.

Don't forget to donate to our March raffle table. Orchid plants, bare roots, pots, and supplies are all welcome as are food donations for our refreshments table.

We also need old orchid magazines and books to sell at the show as well as Silent Auction items.

Gail Hopper
EAOS President



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A Valentine's cake, made by Toni Marie, and heart-shirts worn by Carol Nissen and Corey Plasek made the meeting on Feb. 14th a special occasion. Those who wore red were given a free raffle ticket.



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President:.....Gail Hopper
Vice President:.....Mary Anne DiGrazia
Treasurer:.....Ann Baldwin &
Noreen Spencer
Corresponding Secretary:....Kay Heisner
Recording Secretary:.....Jerome Thompson

Orchids needed for EAOS Show

The EAOS show is coming soon and we need the help of all members. Even if you only have one blooming orchid, let us display it at the show. There is a good chance that your orchid could be a winner.

Here is what you do:

- 1) On March 21st or 22nd, email a list of your orchids with your phone number to Pam Bombardieri. Give the complete name from the tag and the color of the flower. If it is a Cattleya (species or intergeneric hybrid), state whether the flower is over or under 5" across. If it is a Phal, state whether the flower is over or under 3" across. Pam's email is pbombardieri@comcast.net or call her at 941-828-0153. No plants can be entered after 10 am on Feb. 23rd.
- 2) Clean up your plants. Clip off any dead leaves and old flower spikes. Stake the flowers if needed. Wipe off the leaves and tape a card with the orchid name and your name on the pot.
- 3) Let us know how you plan to get your orchid to the show on Thursday, Mar. 24th. Plants need to arrive between 9 and 10 am.
- 4) Claim your plants at the end of the show on Saturday, Mar. 26 at 5 pm or arrange for someone else to claim them.

EAOS Orchid Show –
March 25 & 26



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ORCHID SHOW & SALE

"ORCHIDS-Here and Now"

Friday & Saturday
March 25th & 26th
10 am - 5 pm

\$3 Admission
Plenty of Parking!
Children Under 12 Free

Over 9,000 square feet
of
Sales & Exhibits

Retail Orchids & Supplies - Raffle
Books & Free Culture Information

Show Located Inside Fellowship Hall
United Methodist Church
700 East Dearborn St
Englewood




Jim Roberts of Florida Suncoast Orchids speaks to members about raising orchids outdoors.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

EAOS welcomes our newest members:

Mary Commer

Barbara Reitz

Sherry McAlpine

We're glad you joined our society!

Treasurer's Report

February 2011

Checking Account

Balance Forward **\$7,384.96**

INCOME

Feb. Raffle \$122.00

Membership Dues \$125.00

Fenders - Show Vendor
payment \$325.00

Blue Pagoda - Show Vendor
payment \$325.00

Byrd's Orchids - Show
sponsor payment \$325.00

Dr. Lipkin (Silver) \$200.00

Key Sgency (Sponsor) \$100.00

Card Sales \$25.00

Total deposits to 1/22/11 \$1,547.00

Expenses:

Raffle plants (1503) \$45.00

Speaker fees (1503) \$175.00

Charlotte County Fee \$20.00

Mis Expenses
(1500,1501,1502) \$555.60

Food supplies \$18.00

Directory Exp \$35.00

Bank Charges

Total expenses to 2/14/11 \$848.60

Balance in checking Feb.

14, 2011 \$8,083.36

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Baldwin/Noreen Spencer, Treasurers



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February Plant Table

First Place: Dick Mueller – Dtps. Jiuobao Red Rose

Second Place: Jo-Ann Carroll – Vasco. Viboon Velvet ‘Viboon’

Third Place & Members’ Choice: Dick Mueller – Phcal. Kryptonite

Best Species & Speaker’s Choice: Ken Woodward – Epi. Ciliare ‘Sten’



Dtps. Jiuobao Red Rose won First Place for Dick Mueller.



Jo-Ann Carroll won Second Place with Vasco. Viboon Velvet ‘Viboon’.



Dick Mueller’s Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite took Third Place.



Epi. Ciliare ‘Sten’ won Speaker’s Choice and Best Species for Ken Woodward.



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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

*Mar. 14 - Regular Meeting -
Show preparation slide show*

*Mar. 25 and 26
EAOS Orchid Show*

*April 11 - Regular Meeting -
Bob Hague on "Water"*

Setup will begin at 8:00am on Thursday, the 24th. Signup sheets have been placed at the front tables for several needs. The committees need to know who will be bringing food items, and what the items will be. They also need bodies to help with serving, kitchen duty, registration, set up and take down, and others..... Marianne also needs people to assist the judges. She says that this job is quite a learning experience. Folks, we need a whole lot of help from everyone in order to make this show a success.

Today is the last day to get your name placed into this year's membership directory. OK? Now on to the break!

After the break, we watched a power-point presentation on growing orchids outside, presented to us by Mr. Jim Roberts. He gave us a wonderful talk on his experiences in different countries and back here in the states. We were able to observe orchids growing in some pretty unique places. Thanks Jim for the opportunity to meet with you. Come back again.

We then moved on to the flower judging. Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to all who entered.

The raffle was held, then the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM

Jerome Thompson: Recording Secretary

Membership has its advantages

[Click here for a membership form.](#)

Minutes

FEBRUARY 14, 2011

Gail brought the meeting to order at 7:14pm. The secretary and treasurer's reports were voted on and approved as they were written. We welcomed new members Sherry, Barbera, and Mary to our organization, along with 3 guests. We still need help with the audit committee.

As to the Venice show last week, our group did pretty well. Out of the 39 plants we entered, 22 received recognition. Great Job!. Many thanks to those members who entered their flowers and to all that helped at the show.

Gail then spoke on our upcoming show scheduled for March 25 thru 26. March 16 will be the last show meeting. Meeting starts at 6:00 PM.



*EAOS participated in the VAOS Orchid Show -
Bedazzled by Orchids.*



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Silent Auction to include [OrchidWiz](#)

Come join the fun at the **Englewood Area Orchid Society Show's Silent Auction** on **Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26** and bid on some great plants, gift baskets and, of course, [OrchidWiz](#).

Between August 2009 and 2010, OrchidWiz helped Societies to raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000 by providing OrchidWiz software for auction/raffle at the annual fund raisers. OrchidWiz wants to support and promote the societies because the societies are the backbone of the orchid world. They provide a place to learn about orchids, exhibit them, and to have fun while doing so.

OrchidWiz encourages everyone to join any society's auction/raffle. There are always beautiful orchids for amazing prices, great supplies that are needed for successful growing of plants, and this year, OrchidWiz Software.

OrchidWiz helps you to explore the world of orchids. This program makes it easier:

- ✓ To determine cultural requirements for a wide range of orchid species and hybrids
- ✓ To assist in plant identification (those which were unlabeled or poorly labeled)
- ✓ To know the currently "preferred" name of a plant as well as its "aliases"/prior names
- ✓ To keep track of your plants (watch how they are doing over time, compare cultural conditions)
- ✓ To track when to repot and what media to use
- ✓ To know the genetic makeup of your hybrids
- ✓ To know how to pronounce names
- ✓ To track specific location of plants in the greenhouse
- ✓ To learn on a map where a species originated from
- ✓ To compare your orchid with photos of other like orchids
- ✓ To avoid the hours and expense of trying to find this information from multiple sources and locations (AOS, RHS, AOC, NZOC, SAOC, books, web)

OrchidWiz provides you with an easy and fun way to learn about orchids! The more you know about them, the more there is to appreciate!

INTERESTED IN GHOST ORCHIDS?

Fakahatchee Strand, in the Everglades, is the nation's bromeliad and orchid capital and has more of these species than anywhere else on the continent.

Want to know more? Come join Gail and Steve Hopper at Peace River Audubon's annual banquet -- there is still room at our table. Learn about Fakahatchee, eat dinner and help our local Audubon Society at their March 17th banquet in Port Charlotte.

Join the Peace River Audubon Society for
"An Evening with Audubon"
Our 34th Annual Banquet & Fundraiser
Thursday March 17th, 2011
Florida Department of Environmental Protection's
Mike Owen presents:
Fakahatchee Strand and Ghost Orchids

Come listen to Mike Owen's engaging presentation where he will talk about Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park and the wildlife and plants that can be found there. Fakahatchee Strand is the nation's bromeliad and orchid capital.

At Charlotte County's Cultural Center
2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte 33952
Cash Bar - 5:30 pm / Dinner - 6:30 pm

For info contact Phyllis Gady at 941-266-7638, cgady@peaceriveraudubonsoc.org or visit PeaceRiverAudubon.org

Includes:
Dinner - Menu Options: Prime Rib or Mahi Mahi
Auction - Silent bidding on many great items (Don't forget your checkbook!)
Photo Display - Find out the winners from the photo contest in December

Seats are limited so make a reservation today!
Non-members welcome

Reservation deadline March 3rd
Tickets NOT available at door

Special Discount!
Register by February 17 and receive \$3 discount per person

Mail check for \$35/ person to:
PRAS c/o Phyllis Gady,
425 Firebell Ct / Punta Gorda, FL 33950
***Include name(s), phone, & mail check**

Sponsor a whole table (8 people) for \$255 and receive special recognition in our newsletter and website

Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Fakahatchee Strand and PRAS's Environmental Education Programs

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Committees need your help

To make our Orchid Show a success, we need the help of all our members. Come to the next meeting and sign up to help or contact any of the committee chairs to find out how you can help. There are many different ways you can be part of the effort. No prior experience is necessary for most jobs.



Gail Hopper looks over the EAOS display at the Venice show.

2011 SHOW COMMITTEES

Committee	Chair
Show Chair	Gail Hopper
Set Up	Pam Bombardieri
Breakdown	John Masters
Hosts and Greeters	Noreen Spencer
Admission Desk	Cathy Msarak
Culture & Info Table	Anna Sibille
Raffle	Eunice and Neil Schattauer
Hospitality & Food	Toni Marie
Clerks	Marianne DiGrazia
AOS Judges	Ted Kellogg
Entries and Classification	Ted Kellogg
Society Exhibit	Ken Woodward
Sponsors	Kay Heisner
Signs	Rosemary Hutchinson
Advertising & PR	Nancy Hegele



*Carol Nissen's *Odontocidium Sunlight* wins Best Oncidium Alliance award.*