

# Englewood Area Orchid Society



## March, 2016 Newsletter

Also online at [eaos.org](http://eaos.org)

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

### From the President's Desk



We are on count down for the show. Lots of things have been completed and more to do and then it is SHOW TIME! It's going to be a great show with everyone's help. I am looking forward to having a great crowd at our show. May lots of the people that went to the Venice show, now come to ours. When I passed out flyers at the Venice show, I was telling the folks we were easy to find. Coming from Venice they were to take 776 and then turn left on Dearborn. How easy is that?

We have a very good speaker, Louis del Favero, for March 14, so you don't want to miss it. Let's have a good turnout to hear him.

We still need volunteers to be Vice President and Treasurer. Please consider the opportunity and give me a call. Election of officers is in March with the new slate taking over in April. Let's have a full slate of officers.

Thanks to Ken and all of his team for a lovely display in Venice. We won 3rd place and received a trophy. Well done to all that helped. We had 46 entered orchids with 16 blue ribbons, 13 red, 9 yellows for a total of 38. We also had a blue and yellow in the arts and crafts. Congratulations to you all!

I trust you have all been grooming your plants for the show. Make sure they are cleaned, staked and that you've sent the information to Ken for

registration. Lots of flowers make a beautiful display and I am sure that Ken and his team will have a beautiful display.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2016. We'll be doing a membership directory soon and want to have all our members names included. Send in your check or bring to the next meeting and be sure to check last year's directory to see that we have your correct information listed.

Looking forward to working with all of you at the show. Let's go for the GOLD!

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,  
EAOS President*

The Englewood Area Orchid Society  
"ORCHIDS BY LEMON BAY"  
At Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 East Dearborn St., Englewood



#### 2016 Annual Orchid Show Schedule

March 3, 2016	Hall Preparation Display set up Sales Area set up Plant Entries	7:00-5:00pm 11:00-5:00pm 10:00-5:00pm 12:00-5:00pm
March 4, 2016	Judging Sales & Show	8:30-12:00pm 10:00-5:00pm
March 5, 2016	Sales & Show Take Down	10:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm

## Feb. Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on February 8, 2016 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mary Anne DiGrazia.

We had two guests in attendance.

At the Venice Orchid Show our display took a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy.

Ken Woodward won the Best Miniature Orchid in the show.

Out of the 46 plants entered 38 received ribbons.

Mary Commer reminded the members that we need food for our orchid show starting on March 3<sup>th</sup> for set up and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. She is looking for desserts, main dishes, Iced tea, etc. If you can't bring in a dish, cash is always accepted. Please let Mary know what you plan to bring so she can plan her menu.

Our March meeting will be the election of officers for next two years. We need a Vice President and Treasurer. The Treasurer needs to live in Englewood. Corey Plasek will do Membership but is willing to pass the Membership on to someone else who would like the position.

Please pay your annual dues if you have not already paid. Please check your name, address, and email when paying dues.

Ken talked about registering plants for our show. Please let him know the color and size of the orchid. A picture would be very helpful. Make sure the plants are staked, clean and bug free. For more information on registering plants visit our web site EAOS.org.

7:25 PM - Break

7:45 PM - Meeting resumed

Vern Bloch was our speaker for the evening. His subject was *Brassavola nodosa*. One of the easiest orchids to grow. His goal was to educate a little bit, be entertaining and be interested in *nodosa* hybrids.

*Brassavola* species can be found from Mexico to South America, the Caribbean Islands, Key West to Columbia.

Growth is very diverse and can be found on rocks, cliffs and trees. They like bright light, high humidity,

rain in the summer, drier in the Fall, temperatures like our own.

They are vigorous growers, frequent bloomers and have long lasting flowers.

8:25 PM – Plant Table - Vern Bloch

8:35 PM – Raffle

8:50 PM - Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Nissen, Recording Secretary



*Jana Kewley's birthday was the occasion for a cake and good wishes from members.*



## Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 29 & Mar. 1 – register  
Plants for the EAOS show

Mar. 3 – setup for EAOS  
Show

Mar. 4 & 5 – EAOS show

Mar. 5 – 5:00 pm, pick up  
Plants

Mar. 14 – Regular Meeting

plants on Feb 29<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>. Send the names of the plants you want to enter to Ken Woodward at [ken@kwoodward.net](mailto:ken@kwoodward.net). List the full name of the orchid, the color of the flowers and the approximate size of the flower. A picture would be a big help. You can expect a return email either saying that the plants have been registered or asking for further information. See the PowerPoint presentation from the January meeting at <http://eaos.org/showprep.pdf> for more information.

Bring your registered plants to the Englewood United Methodist Church between 9:00 and 10:00 am on Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pick up your plants on Saturday Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

## Feb. Plant Table

1st, Speaker's Choice, Best Species, Members' Choice: *Dendrochilum Cobbiaum* – Roy Klinger

2nd – Coel. Jannine Banks – Carol Nissen

3rd – Ren. Kaloon x *Philipinensis* – Josh Peterson



*Dendrochilum Cobbiaum*



EAOS display placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Venice show.

## Orchids needed for EAOS show

Get your plants ready. It's time for the EAOS annual show. Remove dead leaves and old flower spikes. Clean the leaves and then get ready to register your



*Coel. Jannine Banks*



*Ren. Kaloon x Philipinensis*

## Time to Pay your dues

Dues for 2016 must be paid as soon as possible. At \$15 per year for a family it's a great bargain. You can mail your check to:

EAOS  
 P O Box 257  
 Englewood, Fl. 34295

## Mar. speaker

Speaker for March is Louis del Favero. In 1968 he began working for Jungle Orchids after school, weekends and summers. They imported tree fern and orchids from Guatemala. A year later he established

Louis Del Favero Orchids in Miami. For the past 20 years he has travelled to Mexico, Central, South America and the Caribbean.

In 1981 Louis moved to his current location in rural Tampa where he used his extensive contacts to continue importing specie orchids from their native countries.

He and his wife Bonnie have more than 13,000 sf of greenhouses open to the public of which half are warm tolerant species, the other half comprised largely of Encyclias, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, and compact to large flowered Cattleyas with an emphasis on fragrant orchids.

## WE NEED HELP

Be a volunteer and play a part in our annual show Mar. 4 & 5. Fill one or more of the following slots:

Raffle table:

Friday – 1 person from 3:00 to 5:00  
 Saturday – 1 person from 10:00 to 12:30  
 Saturday – 1 person from 3:00 to 5:00

Culture table:

Friday – 1 person from 3:00 to 5:00  
 Saturday – 2 people from 10:00 to 12:30  
 Saturday – 1 person from 12:30 to 3:00  
 Saturday – 1 person from 3:00 to 5:00

Membership:

Friday – 1 person from 3:00 to 5:00  
 Saturday – 1 person from 12:30 to 3:00  
 Saturday – 1 person from 3:00 to 5:00

Many hands make light work. Please call or email Mary Anne DiGrazia to let her know which spots you'll cover.

Thanks for your help.



Members examine the raffle table at the Feb. meeting.

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## Officers Needed

Help keep our society running. We need officers for the following positions:

### Vice President – duties:

The vice-president's duty is to preside over all meetings and events in the absence of the president. It is the duty of the vice-president to schedule speakers for meetings. (We are now booked for speakers through February, 2017, so that is helpful to you).

### Treasurer: – duties:

The treasurer is in charge of all financial aspects, accepting payments from members directly and through the secretary. The treasurer checks the post office box for mail, deposits checks, writes checks and other financial dealings.

All officers serve for the next two years.

## In Memoriam

Gerald "Jerry" Marallo, a member since last year, passed away on January 8th, 2016. You might remember when he and his wife, Lorraine brought lots of bare root plants for sale from some very beautiful plants of theirs.

Our condolences go to Lorraine and all their family.



*Vern Bloch sold orchids and talked at the Feb. meeting.*

## **2015 EAOS Officers:**

<b>President:</b>	Mary Anne DiGrazia
<b>Vice President:</b>	Edna McClenney-Willis
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Elaine Squires
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Jo Ann Royal
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Carol Nissen
<b>Newsletter &amp; Webmaster:</b>	Ken Woodward
<b>Membership:</b>	Corey Plasek
<b>Historian:</b>	Mary Anne DiGrazia
<b>Librarian:</b>	Anna Sibille
<b>Contact us at:</b>	<a href="mailto:orchids@eaos.org">orchids@eaos.org</a>

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT THE MARCH MEETING**