

March, 2018 Newsletter

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### From the President's Desk

We are down to crunch time and the show is coming quickly. Won't be long and it will be Show Time.

I really enjoyed Rick Belisle's presentation on Dendrobiums and I hope you did also. His program gave us lots of good advice and information.



The Venice show is over and I want to thank Ken and his team for a great display. We received 2nd place with 40 plants from 10 people, winning 34 ribbons. I think that is just wonderful. I am so proud of you all. We also had three awards, one to Ken Woodward for Best Diversified, Carol Nissen, Best Miniature, Barb Reitz, for Best Phal. Congratulations to you all.

It's dues time, so if you have not paid for 2018, please send a check to EAOS, P O Box 257, Englewood, Fl. 34295. It is \$15 for a household and is quite a bargain.

During our show, Mary Commer needs lots of help in the kitchen. We feed the vendors, volunteers and judges for the three days, so that takes lots of food and we have some great cooks! Please send Mary an email to let her know what you could bring. Her email is: <a href="mscommer@aol.com">mscommer@aol.com</a>. She is also looking for someone to help her in the kitchen. It is a lot of work. Please send her an email to let her know that you'll help her out.

Be sure to tend your plants and get them ready for the show. Be sure and register them with Ken so that he'll have all the necessary information to be sure they are classified correctly. I have a couple of Phals. that are in spike and I hope they'll be ready for show time and not the day after!

Thank you all for volunteering to help make this year's show the best ever.

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., 6:30 pm.

Mar. 1 -Setup for EAOS show

Mar. 2&3 - EAOS Show

Mar. 12 – Regular Meeting – Vern Bloch, Speaker



Rick Belisle showed a presentation on Dendrobiums at the February meeting.

# Show your orchids

We need your blooming orchids for the EAOS Orchid Show. Get your orchids ready. Remove dead leaves and old flower spikes. Make sure that the plants are free of insects. Clean the leaves. You'll be surprised at the ribbons you can win.

Register your blooming plants on Feb. 26 and 27. Send the names of the plants you want to enter to <a href="mailto:orchids@eaos.org">orchids@eaos.org</a>. List the full name of the orchid as shown on the label, the color(s) and the approximate size of the flower. Email a picture if at all possible. You can expect a return email either saying that the plants have been registered or asking for further information. Also see our PowerPoint presentation which you can find at <a href="http://eaos.org/showprep1.pdf">http://eaos.org/showprep1.pdf</a>.

Bring your registered plants to the United Methodist Church hall by 10:30 am on Thursday, Mar. 1. The show is on Mar. 2 & 3. Pick up your plants on Saturday, Mar. 3 at 5pm.

# Dues for 2018

It is time to pay your dues for 2018. A membership for the year is \$15 per household. Pay at the next meeting or mail your check to:

EAOS, P.O. Box 257, Englewood, FL 34295.

### Officers to be Elected in March

At the March 12th meeting, officers will be elected to serve for the next 2 years. The following members have indicated a willingness to serve: President - Mary Anne DiGrazia, VP - Edna McClenney-Willis, Recording Secretary - Laurie Motter, Corresponding Secretary - Judy Russell, and Treasurer - Helen McClaskie. Others may be nominated at the meeting. Then, officers will be voted on. The officers elected will be installed at the April meeting.

### Feb. Plant Table

Best Species & Speaker's Choice -

Paph. spicerianum

Ted Kellogg

1st Place - Dendrochilum cobbianum

Roy Klinger

2nd Place - Angem. Alabaster 'Williamsburg' - Ed Opaturny

3rd Place - Rlc. Hawaiian Prominence 'America'- Judy Russell

# Treasurer's Report DECEMBER, 2017

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 1/1 balance
 \$15,425.89

 Income
 1,821.14

 Expenses
 2,863.42

 1/31 Balance
 \$14,332.36

Respectfully submitted, Helen McClaskie, Treas.

### Plant Table



Best Species & Speaker's Choice



1st Place

# Sponsors needed for our show

If you have a doctor or dentist or someplace that you do business with, ask them if they would like to be a sponsor of our show. Let Mary Anne DiGrazia know and she'll forward the forms so they have all the information that they need. Thanks for your help in getting new sponsors for the show.

# Volunteer to help

We still need people to fill a few of the slots at the show:

Culture table --

Friday: 10:00 to 12:30 or 3:00 to 5:00

Saturday: 3:00 to 5:00

Admissions -

Friday: 3:00 to 5:00

Raffle ---

Saturday: 12:30 to 3:00

Give Mary Anne a call at 941-697-9237 or email her at tommaryanne@centurylink. Thanks for volunteering.

# February Minutes

February 12, 2018 Meeting -

President Mary Anne Digrazia called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and new members.

#### Old Business:

At the Venice Orchid Show we had 40 plants in our display and we received 34 ribbons. We took second place for our display thanks to Ken Woodward and his team. Ken and team were asked to stand and be recognized for this accomplishment. We also received awards for Best Diversified - Ken Woodward, Best Miniature - Carol Nissen, Best Phalaenopis - Barbrara Reitz . Congratulations to all winners. The Venice Show had 3800 people attend their show and signed up over 100 new members.

Dues of \$15 per family are now due. If you have not paid, please do so. Also check to make sure name, address and E-mail are correct in directory.

#### New Business:

EAOS Show will be March 2 and 3 with set-up on March 1. We still need lots of volunteers for show. Please sign up for as many spots as you can. Also make sure your t-shirt size is by your name. T-shirt



2nd Place & Members' Choice



3rd Place

#### **EAOS Officers**

President – Mary Anne DiGrazia

Vice President – Edna McClenney-Willis

Corresponding Secretary – Jo Ann Royal

Recording Secretary – Fran Ostertag

Treasurer – Helen McClaskie

Contact us at: orchids@eaos.org

orders must go in by February 13 in order to arrive on time for the show. We do not want to leave anyone out.

Ken Woodward will be sending an E-mail to register plants for the EAOS Show. He will need lots of blooming plants so be getting them ready.

Mary Commer needs help in the kitchen for the show and is taking donations for money for food and supplies. Also please sign up for prepared items you will be bring to help feed the vendors, judges and volunteers working the show. We are known for the good food prepared by our members. Please check with Mary for what is needed.

March will be election of officers. Ken Woodward presented the slate for new officers: President - Mary Anne DiGrazia, Vice-President - Edna McClenney-Wills, Recording Secretary - Laurie Motter, Corresponding Secretary - Judy Russell and Treasurer - Helen McClaskie. There were no other nominations from the floor. Election will be held at the March meeting and installation of new officers will be at the April meeting.

A break was taken for refreshments, to visit the plant table to vote for favorite plant, to buy raffle tickets and to sign sign-up sheets for the show.

After the break the speaker for the evening, Rick Belisle, gave an informative presentation. He is a member of the Venice Orchid Society. He has 7-8 years of experience growing orchids and discussed methods of how he grows his orchids. His favorite to grow is the dendrobium. One of his methods is using LECA (Light Expanded Clay Aggregate) medium in clay pots. It does not break down and feels it meets his watering methods.

The meeting adjourned, and attention went to the raffle table where numbers were drawn for donated items.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Ostertag Recording Secretary



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