

# Englewood Area Orchid Society

March, 2024

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## From the President's Desk

What an evening! To say I was surprised is an understatement. As our speaker, Natasha, was finishing up, she mentioned it was "President's Day". She called me forward and I was presented with a bag full of cards from members and they were all so thoughtful and kind. Natasha presented me, from the club, a beautiful mounted orchid that she had made. At the Venice show, she was awarded 2 AOS Artistic Awards for her two orchid sculptures, which were outstanding and well deserving of awards. She also presented me with a large mug that she had made. She is really quite talented. For the break there was a beautiful cake decorated with edible orchids. Oh, what a night. My heart was full and I thank you all for making these last 10 years as president a wonderful experience. I couldn't have done it without you all and I love you for it.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,  
EAOS President



## Calendar

Meetings (except Aug. and Dec.) are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:00 pm.

**Mar. 18** - Regular Meeting –  
5:30 plant table – 6:00 meeting.

**Apr. 15** - Regular Meeting –  
5:30 plant table – 6:00 meeting.

Try the EAOS facebook group.

If you don't have a facebook account, you will need to set up a new account in order to sign in.

Click below ->

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1181804719190767/>



## Time to Renew your Membership

It's the new year, so time to pay your dues for 2024. If you paid in Oct. - Dec. 2023, you are good for the new year. It is \$15 per household and if you can't make the meeting, please send your check to EAOS to P O Box 257, Englewood, Fl. 34295. The dues help cover costs of speakers, programs, location for the meetings, etc. It's a great bargain. Invest in EAOS and help our society grow and prosper.

## EAOS Election

The March meeting will include the election of officers for the society. Nominated at the February meeting are Natalia Romero, President; Terri Carr, VP; Kitty Saddler, Treasurer; Jami Hess, Corresponding Sec; and Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary. Members will be asked to vote for the slate of officers at the next meeting. These officers will assume their duties at the April meeting and serve a 2 year term until April 2026.

## Committee Reports --

### From our Hospitality Committee:

Thanks to everyone who signed up to bring a food or beverage item to share with the group.

We still need someone to bring fresh fruit, fresh vegetables with dip, a cold beverage, and a few more people to provide something sweet for our table—many thanks to all of you. To add your contribution to the list please text or call Mary Jo [941-830-0842](tel:941-830-0842) (text preferred) .

### From the Membership Committee:

We had 51 members attend February's meeting, 4 guests came, and we had 2 new members join.

What a great meeting! A guest that came won the Birthday raffle, which was donated by Natasha, Thanks a bunch for that Natasha!

**DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!!** we still have 44 members that have not paid.

We officially have over 100 members now YAY, keep spreading the word to your friends, we have lots of exciting stuff coming up. As soon as we get done with the show, and I can breath again LOL Jami will send out an email with some of our upcoming events and speakers.

Also, just FYI.... Our storage unit is finally arranged and organized!!!  
WOOHOO

## VAOS show report

In the EAOS display at the Venice show 51 plants were entered and 35 were awarded ribbons. Our display received 3rd place. Besides the ribbons, we had 5 special awards:

## 2024 Show Sponsors

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## Feb. Plant Table



*1st place Oncsa. Sweet Sugar  
Karen White Rogers*

Best Oncidium - Debbie Robbins  
 Best Diversified Genera - Sybil Levine  
 Best Cymbidium - Sybil Levine  
 Best Miniature - Don Smart  
 Best Specimen Species - Don Smart

Besides that, Ken Woodward received AOS awards on two of his plants, Max. richii getting an HCC and Van. Crownfox Frazzle Dazzle earning an AM.

Natasha Romero received two AOS artistic awards for orchid sculptures.



2nd Z. Advance Australia 'H.O.F.'  
 Kitty Sandler



2nd Ctt Varut Startrack 'Golden Tiger'  
 Michelle Speyrer



3rd Oeonla. polystachys  
 Natasha Romero



Speaker's Choice Tolu. Jairak Firm  
 'Carnival' Candy Bott



EAOS display at Venice

## EAOS Treasurer's Report

**BANK BALANCE** as of 01/01/2024 **\$18,970.42**

### INCOME

SHOW SPONSORS	\$300.00
SHOW VENDORS	\$1,400.00
SAOS 3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE PRIZE	\$50.00
JAN. RAFFLE	\$165.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$525.00
INTEREST	\$ .31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,440.31</b>

### EXPENSES

NEW STORAGE UNIT (2YEARS)	\$1,512.99
PREVIOUS STORAGE UNIT	93.61
ST. DAVIDS RENTAL(JAN-JUNE)	450.00
TRINGALI RENTAL	1,225.00
PS PRINTING(SHOW EXPENSE)	395.00

<b>SPEAKER &amp; PLANTS</b>	<b>385.00</b>
<b>MISC. (ORCHIDS, SUPPLIES, FOOD, ETC.)</b>	<b>195.40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,257.00</b>

**BANK BALANCE AS OF 01/31/2024**                      **\$17,153.73**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**  
**KITTY L SADDLER, ASSISTANT TREASURER**

## Looking for Orchid Caregivers

Francena Monell-Simard is developing a list of members who would be willing to care for orchids for members who are snowbirds or who are away on long trips. If you plan to be away and need someone to care for your orchids, you can contact Francena to get more information. Likewise, if you are available to care for another member’s orchids, let Francena know. She hopes to be able to match members to provide this service. Contact Francena at [francenam@hotmail.com](mailto:francenam@hotmail.com) or call her at 207-310-8392.

Francena says, “Once I have a rough idea of people’s abilities and willingness, I will try to match up the best plant owners, introduce you , and leave it to the two of you to determine the best way to work out this mutual project.”



*Natasha shows some of her mounted plants at the February meeting.*

## EAOS Officers

President – Mary Anne DiGrazia  
 V.P. – Matt Palucci  
 Treasurer - Helen McClaskie  
 Recording. Sec. – Laurie Motter  
 Corresponding. Sec. – Jami Hess

## Standing Committees

Membership Committee - Terri Carr, Kitty Saddler, Jami Hess, Candy Bott, Yolanda Goll, Dottie Johns, Sally Hathley

Raffle Table Committee - Joann Royal, Bonnie Swanson

Plant Table Committee - Candy Bott, Debbie Robbins, Lisa McNaughton

Hospitality Committee - Mary Commer, Mary Jo Holleran, Edna McClenney-Willis, Betsy Agro, Karen Jay

Show Committee - Mary Anne DiGrazia, Suzette Crawford, Terry Bowes

Media Committee - Ken Woodward, Jami Hess, Michelle Speyrer



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# FEBRUARY MINUTES

Minutes of EAOS meeting February 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President MaryAnne DiGrazia welcoming members, new members and guests.

## Old Business:

We were reminded of article 6 in our bylaws that referred to the appointment of an audit committee that we need to change as we only need a review committee. A vote to change it to read an appointment of a review committee was voted on and approved.

Volunteers to review the 2023 accounting records were requested.... Those volunteers are Candy Bott, Debra Remic and Paul Heslin

MaryAnne gave us a follow-up of how well our society did at the Venice show...

We were congratulated on our 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon for our EAOS display.

Our members entered 51 plants for the display and received 35 ribbons.

5 special awards went as follows...

Best Oncidium – Debbie Robbins

Best Diversified Genera – Sybil Levine

Best Cymbidium – Sybil Levine

Best Miniature – Don Smart

Best Specimen Species – Don Smart

Ken Woodward was awarded 2 AOS awards...HCC and AM

Natasha Romero won 2 separate AOS artistic awards

Congratulations to all...what a great showing!

We were reminded of our EAOS Show....

Set up starts 8am this Thursday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>....

There are still a few openings for volunteers for the show we were asked to see Jami Hess to sign up. Plants are also still needed for the display; we were also asked to give our name and plant name to Jami so that she can make name tags. We are reminded to clean and stake the plant if needed.

It was announced that volunteers are still needed for the show as we feed the volunteers and the vendors all three days. If you can bring a case of bottled water or snacks or desserts that would be great and asked to please let Edna Willis know if you can contribute so she can plan for the show. Edna also asked for folks to sign up to bring treats for our meetings.

## New Business:

Palmer Orchids will be having an open house on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 5.

Location is 22700 Taylor Rd. Bradenton, FL.

Elections of officers for 2024-2026 with nominations coming from the floor were as follows; and will be voted on at our March meeting.

President - Natasha Romero  
Vice President – Terry Carr  
Treasurer – Kitty Saddler  
Recording Secretary – Laurie Motter  
Corresponding Secretary – Jami Hess

Francena Monell-Simard told us about her idea of starting a foster or orchid sitting team to match those that would be away and need their orchids looked after and those that would be willing to look after them and explained in wonderful detail as to how it would work

If you would like more info call Francena at 207-310-8392

Natasha Romero then took the microphone and proceeded to tell us about the 10 years Mary Anne has served as President of our society and presented her with a beautiful piece of hand sculpted artwork and a beautiful handmade mug both made by her. Jami Hess then gave her a bag full of individual cards from the members and announced there was a cake for all to celebrate and thank her for so many years which was then accompanied by a standing ovation.

Our speaker for tonight was Natasha Romero, a member of our society and has a huge following on her 'JUST ONE MORE ORCHID' on YouTube . Natasha showed us many unique mounting techniques as well as many of the items she has made on which to mount orchids. Her demonstration was fun, interesting and informative. What beautiful items she has made as well as items she has repurposed for mounting orchids. I think we all came away with some great ideas.

Ribbons were awarded to the winners of the plant table, raffle tickets were called and the meeting was adjourned.

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