



Englewood Area Orchid Society

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Newsletter

From the President's Desk



Now that the show season is behind us we can get back to playing with our plants with a little less stress. We will be starting to plan for the 2009 show already and Pam has secured the new site at the Methodist church for us at a major, major savings. As usual, another great job by Pam. Speaking of great jobs we truly appreciate the job Katie Caldwell did for us with the equitant talk. In case you all didn't know, Katie will not accept a check from us so the society, in order to thank her properly, got her a collection of beverages made mostly from grapes - Red grapes. Our May speaker is Jerry Meola from Pelican Coast Orchids out of Fort Myers. This will probably not be your standard orchid talk because Jerry is not your typical orchid grower. I met Jerry many years ago in New Jersey when neither of us new what an orchid was other than something you got for a prom date once in a lifetime. We ran into Jerry years after that when he was selling tropical fish. My old boss, Jack, and I used to visit him so Jack could secure fish. Now Jerry has discovered orchids. This will be fun. He is inventive also. Three years ago at the Sarasota show, Jerry was selling lady slippers in fish bowls, water and all. I cannot make this machine do paragraphs so bear with me and the newsletter's longest paragraph. Bring a plant to the meeting for the raffle table and bring your \$10 to pay for the June picnic. The picnic will also be a plant swap meeting. Very easy: you bring plants to trade with other people. Bring a lot of plants because it will increase your odds of getting one of Joe Crook's plants and that is why we really have the swap meet. If I could grow as

well as Joe does I wouldn't be so interested but I can't so I am. Also I'm hoping that Ted Kellogg brings a box of plants to trade. While you are repotting and dividing your plants now (and you should be) remember the plant sale in November - not that far away when you think how fast time flies down here. Much slower up north. Put the divisions away so you can sell them. The society gets 20% of all sales and we need the funds to get ready for another season of shows. Even attending other society shows costs us money so we have to get a little egg together. In closing, I would like to compliment our members for the plant table display at the last meeting. You kids can grow some orchids. One more thank you to Pam for her interpretation of Rocky and the presentation of the AOS trophy. This continues to be a fun group of orchid people. Stay safe, bring a plant, bring a friend and I'll see you at the May meeting.

John Masters,
President

Upcoming Events

- Mark Your Calendar -

May 12

EAOS meeting
Speaker - Jerry Meola

June 9

Annual Picnic
and plant swap

Minutes

March 10, 2008

President John Masters opened the meeting and welcomed new members and guests. He showed some prints donated by Sandi Olson to be raffled at our Show. Sandi also showed a painting that won her a Blue Ribbon at the World Orchid Conference in Miami.

John called on Pam for a report on our show. Pam thanked Michelle Glembocki for the advertising and for the idea of an art show for Kids. Pam asked everyone to support our show and to wear name tags at the show. Everyone who helps will receive a black Tshirt like the one Pam was wearing.

Food for Thursday will be hot dogs and hamburgers, On Friday there will be a grilled lunch for Judges and staff. We need more salads. Marylou to do interview at WENG.

For those bringing plants to the Sports Center on Thursday, please fill out the entry form that Pam sent with last month's newsletter and bring it with your plants or send it to Pam via Email.

The program was given by Bob Hague.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Evans

Minutes - Apr. 14, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President John Masters. He announced that the Redlands Orchid Sale will be on May 17, and the Venice Orchid Society will be sponsoring a bus trip to it. The cost will be \$50.00 all expense included. If interested call 941-923-7746.

All new members were given a black T-shirt when joining. Pam Bombardieri gave a report on the EAOS Show last month. Almost all members present took part in some facet of the show and Pam thanked every one for their participation. The financial report was not yet ready. Lots of advertising, especially radio helped to make it a success. Approximately 200 people attended.

The possibility of looking for a new place for next year's show was discussed. A possible candidate was the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The Sports Complex is raising the rent for next year. We also need more people to solicit sponsors for the show.

Pam waved the American Orchid Society Trophy all around for everyone to see and explained the judging process in awarding the trophy.

The Christmas Dinner Meeting will be held again at the LaStanza on Monday December First.

The Society needs a new Historian to replace Catherine Varney. The Speaker was Katie Caldwell who spoke on Equitant Oncidiums.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marylou Evans



Ted Kellogg displays the AOS award for Best Exhibit, won by EAOS at the annual show.

This Month's Meeting

May 12, 2008

at

Christ Lutheran Church

7 PM

Speaker:

Jerry Meola

from

Pelican Coast Nursery in Fort Myers

April Plant Table

Fourteen members brought 31 plants for the plant table. The largest plant and very well bloomed was a Dendrobium with its name hidden deep inside the pot. Grown by Joe Crook, this plant earned the **First Place** ribbon, the **Speakers Choice** ribbon and shared the **Members' Choice** award. Joe Crook also exhibited a very nice plant of Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow ' Hybrid Y x O' which earned the **Second Place** award. The **Third Place** ribbon went to an interesting intersectional hybrid Paphiopedilum Oberhasuen Diamante shown by Blue Pagoda. Bill and Bestey Scevola showed a very floriferous Dendrobium aggregatum which earned the **Best Species** award and tied for the **Member's Choice** award. Thanks to all who brought in plants.

Ted Kellogg



Joe Crook earned a 2nd place for his Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow.



Joe Crook's dendrobium won multiple awards: 1st Place, Speaker's Choice, and tied for Member's Choice.



Best Species went to the Scevolas' Dendrobium aggregatum, which also tied for Member's Choice.

Orchids on the Internet

Some websites specialize in a particular family of orchid. There are sites dedicated to Cymbidiums and Encyclias among others. One of the more interesting specialty websites is Nina Rach's Stanhopea Pages at <http://stanhopea.autrevie.com/>. The site contains lists of species and hybrid stanhopeas with pictures of many. In addition, there is a page about the pollination of stanhopeas and gongoras. Related species are also included. One section is devoted to culture with links to numerous other websites with cultural information.

One page has a listing of stanhopeas pictured on postage stamps. Unfortunately, many of the links are broken, so you can see only a few of the stamps described. A page of links to sources of plants is somewhat dated: Dabbert's is listed as a source with others that have been out of business even longer.

Treasurer's Report

April 2008

Checking Account

3/25/08 Balance		4,754.35
Deposits	1	392.00
Checks	8	(2,064.85)
4/22/08 Balance		<u>3,081.50</u>

Savings Account

Balance 4/22/08 -

Total Cash 3,081.50

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Perrault, Treasurer



Katie Caldwell, speaker at the April meeting, displays some of the Tolumnias she grows.