



ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

May
2011
Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



WOW –May already. Show season is over for the year, lots of our members have gone up north, and summer is starting to sizzle. Early summer, not enough rain but still a few cooler nights here and there – how are your orchids faring???

Our April meeting was impressive – we had over 60 people there to hear Bob Hague talk about water requirements for orchids. Bob brought and sold plenty of cattleyas at bargain prices then donated the rest to the raffle table. We had a great raffle – plenty of folks went home with a new orchid or two and everyone enjoyed Bob's talk and culture help. Water – an essential element in orchid success.

And what a members' display table – it was one of the most varied tables we've had recently – EAOS members grow some beautiful and unusual orchids. Ted and Bob were able to give us info on all of them and tips to help everyone cultivate similarly great plants. Thanks to everyone who participated in the display table and congrats to April's ribbon winners.

There is still a lot to do in the next few months. If you're missing show season and sales and need a new orchid or two or ten, don't forget – the Redland sale of all sales for southern Florida is May 13-15. See the info on the [VAOS bus trip](#) and reserve your seat now. I've heard nothing but good feedback on the trip. Unfortunately, I will be trekking back and forth to Ohio for my nephew's college graduation so I won't be able to take the trip this year.

I'll also miss our May meeting, but the rest of the board members will take over. And with Paul Phelps as our guest speaker, it sounds like a great meeting. Paul owns Phelps Farm Orchids in Tampa and will discuss "What's Bugging My Orchids?" It's a comprehensive look at common pests and diseases that affect orchids.

Twenty-two years ago, Paul and Patricia Phelps opened an orchid nursery on their five-acre property in Citrus Park, near Tampa. They began breeding

and selling orchids from a single greenhouse, and today, they tend their stock of 30,000 plants. Tucked away in a rural residential neighborhood, the nursery relies on word-of-mouth business and a strong Web presence. The couple breed and sell orchids of all varieties. Their specialty is Cattleyas including a wide selection of mericlones, quality hybrids, and some species. They also grow hybrids and clones of Paphiopedilum, Oncidium, Dendrobium, Bulbophyllum, Gramatophyllum, Vanda and other genera.

One of their outstanding orchids is the AOS Award of Merit winner "Brassia Sunrise Glow", with 18-inch-long flowers. That one, and other select divisions cut from their breeding stock, retail for \$350. Paul will bring some of his other orchids to sell at our meeting and some for the raffle table as well.

Prior to the May meeting, Sandi Olsen-Engel is holding an Art Inspiration Workshop at 6 PM . Please plan to attend and start working on artwork for our 2012 show. The workshop details are included in this newsletter.

We are ordering tee shirts for anyone interested – 2 styles (women's scoop neck and polo/golf shirt style) and several colors are available. Ann will discuss this and take the orders at the May meeting. Shirts will be delivered at the June meeting with payment either at the May or June meeting.

The May meeting is also the time to sign up for our June indoor picnic. We are doing well financially so we've lowered the cost to only \$2 per member. Picnic details – including the plant swap that will also be held at the June meeting – are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Enjoy the May meeting – don't forget we always needs snacks for the refreshments table as well as plants for the raffle and members display table. Come early – stay late – help set-up and clean-up – and have a groovy time at the May meeting!

Gail Hopper
EAOS President



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

EAOS welcomes our newest members:

Jeanne Friend and Ralph Romano - Rotonda
Jean Soto - Cape Haze

We're glad you joined our society



Bob Hague of Venice Orchids was the April speaker, discussing how to water your orchids.

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April Plant Table

First Place: Roy Klinger – Blc. Ojai ‘Verde’

Third Place: Margaret Bustamante – Den. agregatum

Best Species: Ken Woodward – Lycaste macrophylla

Members’ Choice & Second Place: Roy Klinger - Den. thyriflorum

Speaker’s Choice: Chysis bractescens



Roy Klinger took the top spot on the plant table with Blc. Ojai ‘Verde.’





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Den. thysiflorum from Roy Klinger received the Members' Choice and Second Place.



Margaret Bustamante's *Den. agregatum* got the Third Place ribbon.



Lycaste macrophylla took Best Species for Ken Woodward.



Chysis bractescens was the Speaker's Choice.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

May 9 – Regular Meeting - Paul Phelps on Pests & Disease

May 14 – Redlands bus trip

June 4 – Byrd's Orchids Sale

June 13 - Annual picnic and orchid swap



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Treasurer's Report

April, 2011

Checking Account

Balance Forward **10201.59**

INCOME

April. Raffle 204
Membership Dues 30
Coffee donations 22

Total deposits to 4/11/11 256

Expenses:

Food for show (1522) 97
Misc. for show (1525) 249.45
Directory Printing (1523) 84.92
Speaker Fees and Plants (1524) 220

Total expenses to 4/11/11 651.37

Balance in checking April. 14, 2011 9806.22

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Baldwin/Noreen Spencer

Treasurers

JUNE 13TH Orchid Swap & Picnic Meeting

The June 13th meeting is our annual **Orchid Swap & Picnic**. The cost is \$2 per person. Please sign up at the May meeting or call Ann on 941.475.5097 by June 3rd to reserve your spot. You can pay at the door but we need to know the headcount.

Our menu is pulled pork and pulled chicken from *Food is Love* with side dishes and desserts supplied by our members.

We'll vote on our favorite side dish and dessert and the winner will get a prize!

The June meeting will begin a little earlier than normal so we can swap and eat.

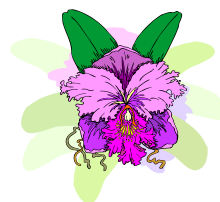
Here's the plan:

Doors open at 6:00. Set up and browse but no swapping! Swap period is 6:15 – 6:30 (and throughout the evening, if necessary) Picnic starts at 6:30

We'll have a raffle table and a members' display table but there will be no judging of plants for this meeting. Just bring in your pretty plants for all to enjoy if you'd like.

We're also having a hat contest – decorate and wear your hat and you may win a prize!

Please come to the picnic and bring a side dish or dessert and join in the fun.



Art Inspiration
Workshop
Monday, May 9th at
6:00 PM

Member-artist, Sandi Olsen-Engel judges our show's Arts & Crafts exhibit and hopes to inspire more people to exhibit at our 2012 show by offering this free workshop





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- Bring your project(s) or project ideas and Sandi will offer guidance and encouragement. Get inspired – be creative – have fun.



- Work and learn alongside other EAOS members

Sandi will be available all year to help you with your project. **Now is the time to get started on an artistic expression of orchids for our 2012 show.**

Questions???? Call Sandi on 941.698.0458



Byrd's Orchids Annual Spring Sale

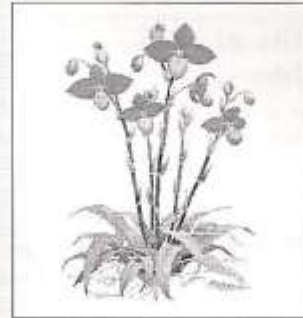
Saturday June 4, 2011
9am to 5 pm

6302 Green Road,
Lakeland, FL 33810

Directions: from I-4 take Exit 32 (US Hwy. 98 N) north to Daughtery Rd. Turn left and go to traffic light. Turn right onto Green Rd. Phone: 863-859-5060

VAOS Bus Trip to Redland International Orchid Festival

Fruit & Spice Park
Homestead, FL



-More than 60 vendors from all over the world*-

Saturday, May 14, 2011

**\$38. per person,
includes \$10 festival admission**

Departure Times and Locations:

- Depart 7:00 a.m – South Sarasota – Bank of America parking lot at Gulf Gate Drive & Route 41.
- Depart 7:30 a.m. – Venice Community Center (south parking lot)
- Depart 8:00 a.m. – Punta Gorda – Wal-Mart SuperCenter, Taylor Road

Arrive at least 15 minutes before departure times.

Return Trip:

Bus will leave the festival at 4:30 p.m. for return home.

Cost includes admission to the festival, bus trip, gratuity for driver, and goodies for the ride.

Suggest that you bring a hat, sunscreen, jacket or sweater for bus, and small cooler since the bus will not be stopping for dinner on the way home. There is food for sale at the park.

Payment by Wednesday, May 4th, please, and **no refunds after May 4th**. You may sell your seat, but please notify Barbara Wagner in advance if you do.

Make check payable to VAOS and mail to Barbara Wagner, 6834 Anchor Way, Sarasota, FL 34231

Need more info? Call Barb at 941/923-7706.

* Visit www.redlandsorchidfestival.org to view list of invited vendors.