

Englewood Area Orchid Society

May, 2015 Newsletter



Also online at eaos.org

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

From the President's Desk



Well, we are into a new year for the club. We've elected the same slate of officers that we had in 2014-2015 and look forward to a good year. We've also revised our By-Laws, so that is a good thing.

To all of our snow bird friends, we'll miss you during the summer months and look forward to your return in the fall. Come back early. You are a big part of EAOS.

I attended Mickey's culture class this last month and thought he did a great job. If you have a chance, don't miss his next class at Blue Pagoda at 5:15 on May 11th. Mickey has the store set up for people to sit and enjoy the class. Bring a question or your plant that you need help with.

I hope you enjoyed Jim Thomas's presentation as much as I did. Well done, Jim. He was very down to earth and gave us a wealth of information. Like he says...we are always learning. Thanks for coming to EAOS to speak.

If you haven't made your reservations to go to Redland's with the VAOS, email Sharon at social@vaos.org and see if there is room. You'll enjoy it and have a great time. It's \$35 for the day and is well worth it with lots of extra perks.

We'll be having a picnic in June which will be a covered dish. EAOS will furnish the chicken and hot dogs and you'll furnish the salads and desserts. Should be lots of fun and definitely lots of really

good food. Come and enjoy the fellowship and good eats with our members. Be sure to sign up at the May meeting so Robin and Robert will have an idea how many will be coming. It will be held at our regular meeting location.

Next month's speaker is Roy Krueger and it will be nice to have him back with a new topic. He is a really great speaker so don't miss the May meeting.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*



Jim Thomas speaks to the April membership meeting.

May speaker: Roy Krueger

Roy has been growing orchids for over 10 years. When he moved to Florida, he bought a house and inherited three plants left by the previous owner. He soon found that orchids multiply faster than rabbits and today his collection is over 500 plants.

His favorites are Cattleya species and unusual Dendrobiums.

He is a hobbyist grower and not a commercial reseller. Most of his collection is grown outdoors year-round. He grows in a pool cage, under an arbor, attached to trees and anywhere along the fence that the squirrels can't reach.

Roy has served five years as President of Manatee Orchid Society and four years in various capacities with the Sarasota Orchid Society. He teaches a series of culture classes to various societies and authors a monthly article entitled Orchids We Should All Grow that appears in numerous newsletters. He has spoken to numerous societies and clubs throughout western Florida and we are fortunate to have him come again to give his talk. He is quite a dynamic speaker and one you don't want to miss.

April Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on April 13, 2015 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The March meeting was resumed at 7:00 P.M. by President Mary Anne DiGrazia.

There were no nominations for officers so the membership voted to keep the existing slate.

At 7:05 P.M. President Mary Anne DiGrazia closed the March meeting and called to order the April meeting. Ken Woodward proposed we vote on the by-laws as published on line. Membership voted and accepted the proposed bylaws.

Two new members were welcomed.

Membership dues needs to be paid for our directory to be finalized.

We urge our members to support the sponsors of our orchid show.

Robin Nydam needs help with our June 16th picnic to coordinate covered dishes to serve with chicken and hot dogs.

Roy Krueger will be our May speaker. Blue Pagoda will bring plants to sell. 5:15 to 6:00 PM Mickey will have a Culture Class at the Blue Pagoda. Please let Mickey know if you plan to attend the class.

Jimmy Thomas was our speaker for the evening. He gave us invaluable information on choosing orchids, potting, watering, fertilizing, diseases, etc. Even those of us that have many orchids and have been growing for a number of years picked up some new tips on growing orchids. Jimmy, a member of VAOS offers a class on growing orchids on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Venice Community Center.

8:20 p.m. – Plant table – Jimmy Thomas and Ted Kellogg

8:35 p.m. – Raffle

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Nissen, Recording Secretary



Ted Kellogg assists with the plant table, showing Ken Woodward's Vanda garayi.

New Members

Welcome to our new members:
Jerry and Kathleen Beck

Officers elected for 2015

The officers serving in 2014 agreed to stay on for another year. In a continuation of the March meeting, the slate of officers was nominated and unanimously elected. They will serve until April, 2016. President Mary Anne DiGrazia, Vice-president Edna McClenney-Willis, Treasurer Elaine Squires, Corresponding Secretary Jo Ann Royal, and Recording Secretary Carol Nissen all agreed to continue in their positions for one more year.



EAOS 2015: Treasurer, Elaine Squires; Newsletter and Webmaster, Ken Woodward; President, Mary Anne DiGrazia; Corresponding Secretary, Jo Ann Royal; Recording Secretary, Carol Nissen; and Membership, Corey Plasek.

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These were the sponsors of our show. Patronize them and thank them for their support.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

May 11 – Regular Meeting
6:30 pm
Speaker: Roy Krueger

May 16 - Bus trip to Redlands

June 8 – Annual Picnic Meeting

July 13 – Regular Meeting
Hosting VAOS

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance	-----	\$11,024.23
Expenses	-----	443.39
Deposits	-----	242.43
Apr. 19 Balance	-----	\$10,823.27

Elaine Squires, Treasurer

CULTURE CLASS

Monday, May 11

at BLUE PAGODA ORCHIDS
895 South Indiana Avenue
with MICKEY CARNELL,
Owner of Blue Pagoda Orchids

5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in orchid growing is welcome.
There is plenty of parking behind Blue Pagoda.
Come with questions or bring plants that you need help
with.

Call 941-474-3255 to let Mickey know you're coming.



Mary Anne DiGrazia's Brs. Rex 'Waiomao Spotless' won both 1st Place and Members' Choice.

April Plant Table

1st Place and Members' Choice
Brs. Rex 'Waiomao Spotless' – Mary Anne DiGrazia

2nd Place
Cattleya G.O.K. (large white) – Elaine Squires

3rd Place & Speaker's Choice
Rth. Mary Gray - Ted Kellogg

Best Species
V. garayi – Ken Woodward



Rth. Mary Gray, brought by Ted Kellogg, won 3rd Place and Speaker's Choice.



2nd Place went to Elaine Squires white Cattleya.



Best Species was Ken Woodward's Vanda garayi.

Bylaws revised

Members at the April meeting unanimously voted to accept a revised set of bylaws for EAOS. These bylaws updated the process of calling special meetings, called for notifications by email, and established 2 year terms for officers elected beginning with the next election in March, 2016. Also the immediate past president will be added to the executive board beginning next year. If you have not seen the revised bylaws, [click on this link](#) to see them. They are posted on the EAOS website.

2015 EAOS Officers:

President:	Mary Anne DiGrazia
Vice President:	Edna McClenney-Willis
Treasurer:	Elaine Squires
Corresponding Secretary:	Jo Ann Royal
Recording Secretary:	Carol Nissen
Newsletter & Webmaster:	Ken Woodward
Membership:	Corey Plasek
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