



May, 2016 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

Can you believe it is almost May already? Where has the time gone? We say "Have a great summer" to all of our northern members. We'll miss you and look forward to your return. Hurry back.



By this time our membership directory will be finished. If you weren't able to get your dues paid in time to make the directory, fear not...you can still pay your dues for 2016 and will be in a supplement later on. I hope you have just been so busy you didn't get the dues paid. Do consider rejoining us. We miss you.

If you haven't been to Redlands in Homestead, you are in for a treat. Venice is putting together a bus trip and if there is room, don't miss out on getting a seat on the bus. The trip is Friday, May 13th and the cost is \$40.00, which is a really good deal for a fun day. If you are interested, call Sharon at 616-581-9131 to make a reservation for the trip and send in a check. There are generally 50-60 vendors from all over the world selling orchids and the setting for the event is really lovely. Go, and have a great time.

We are still looking for a volunteer to be Librarian. Anna would like to train a replacement, so may one of you volunteer. It isn't a hard job, but it's an important one as you make our wonderful library full of books available to the club to take out, read and return the next month. It is a great way to learn more about growing your orchids. Check it out.

It was great to have Jeff Higel at our meeting to speak on orchid culture. Jeff did a great job of covering a lot of issues and it was very informative and interesting. If you missed the great orchids that he brought to sell, you can check him out at Honey Bee Nursery, 2383 Englewood Road (776), Englewood, Fl. The phone number there is 474-6866. He has lots of orchids and supplies. We had a great raffle at the meeting.

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Calendar

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

May 9 – Meeting 6:30 pm
Speaker: Jerry Sellers

May 13 – VAOS Redland
Orchid Festival bus
trip

June 13 – Annual Picnic



Above, a huge plant table and below, Jeff Higel shares some thoughts on orchid growing.



April Plant Table

(Click on picture at right for large size.)

1st Place – *Onc. sphacelatum* - Elaine Squires

2nd Place – *Eny. Jackie Bright* -- Walter Roberts

3rd Place – *Den lindleyi* -- Joe Zore

Best Species – *Lpt. Pohlitinocoi* -- Carol Nissen

Members' Choice – *Rlc. Ronald Hausermann x C. Robert Strait* --
Diana Leonhardt

Speaker's Choice – *Ctt. Fire Dance 'Patricia'* -- Roy Klinger

May Speaker

The speaker at the May meeting will be Jerry Sellers on "The Brief History of Bulbophyllum Hybrids." He is an American Orchid Society judge and co-owner of Camp-Lot-A-Noise Tropicals in Sarasota, a family operated business which has been here since 1985. You can find them online at clanorchids.com.

Treasurer's Report

Books transferred to new treasurer, March 29, 2016	
Balance on account - Mar 29, 2016	\$13,111.93
Interest earned for March.	.53
Balance as of April 1, 2016	\$13,112.46

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen McClaskie, Treasurer

Trip to Redlands

VAOS has scheduled a bus trip to Redland International Orchid Festival Friday, May 13, 2016. The \$40 per person includes \$10 festival admission, bus trip, gratuity for the driver, and a \$5 discount ticket for the purchase of an orchid of \$25 or more. Also a snack and water will be provided.

Departure Times and Locations: (arrive 15 minutes before departure time
7:30am – Venice - Venice Community Center (south parking lot, park on outside edge, street side) - 8:30am – Punta Gorda – Wal-Mart Supercenter on Taylor Rd. (park @ rear of lot near center of lot) Arrival time at Festival: 11-11:30am Return trip: Bus will leave festival at 4 PM SHARP!!.

EAOS members are invited to fill remaining seats. Call Sharon Kahnoski @ 616-581-9131 to sign up. Then, send a \$40 check payable to VAOS to Mary Amos, 413 E. Lake Dr. Sarasota, FL 34232.



1st



2nd



3rd



Best Species



Members' Choice



Speaker's Choice

Minutes of April Meeting

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on April 11, 2016 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mary Anne DiGrazia.

We had four guests and two new members in attendance.

Old Business

Reminder to pay dues.

Venice Orchid Society trip to Redland May 13, 2016 at a cost of \$40.00 includes trip and goodie bag. Ken listed the information in last months newsletter.

Anyone interested in a June picnic? Through a show of hands it was found there were enough people to have a picnic at Christ Lutheran Church on June 13, 2016@ 6:30PM. Dinner will be pot luck please sign up during the break.

We are looking for a librarian anyone interested contact Mary Anne.

7:10 PM break.

7:22 PM meeting resumes with Jeff from Honey Bee Nursery. He began his talk about Orchidata and how he has used it for several years. It seems to last for awhile. The bark is grown in New Zealand.

Never put all your orchids into something new. Test it first. If your plants are a light green you are getting too much sunlight. If yellow leaves appear it is a sign of too much light not enough shade. Another problem could be spider mites and fungal damage. He has found the use of hydrogen peroxide is helpful. Place a sharp stream of water on bugs or scales.

If insects are on plants, address immediately to help from spreading.

Being aware of the needs of your plants is so important. Watch the temperature when it reaches the low to mid shock may occur.

Black spots on plants with white flowers is caused by a fungus. Fungicide can not be used to reverse the damage but it helps to prevent the spread. Thrips suck the sugar from the flowers.

Some of my tips would be to catch problems early by checking under leaves and find the problem early before it is everywhere. When feeding plants find what works for you.

7:55 PM PlantTable-

8:20 PM - Raffle

8:30 PM - Meeting adjourned

*Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary
Joan Komarnitzki*

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EAOS ANNUAL PICNIC JUNE 13, 2016

GAMES ORCHID AUCTION PRIZES

Let us know if you will be attending and what side dish or dessert you will be bringing. Email Corey Plasek at wapcap@verizon.net Please reply by June 10th.

Be prepared to compete playing fun games and bidding on orchids.



EAOS officers Joan Komarnitzki, May Anne DiGrazia, Helen McClaskie, and Jo Ann Royal

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In Memoriam

Olga Durham, EAOS VP in 1995, 1996, Secretary in 1997, 1998, Treasurer in 1999, 2000, VP in 2001, and President in 2002 and 2003, passed away on March 19, at age 88. She also served as President of the Rotunda West Association for five years. In October of 2013 Bull and Olga made their last physical move together as they downsized and moved into the Village on the Isle in Venice, FL. - See the obituary at Legacy.com.

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On May 9th, we are in for a treat to hear Jerry Sellers speak. Maybe some of you remember him from a number of years ago when his "Camp Lot A Noise" was in full swing. Don't miss his coming to speak.

On June 13th we'll have our annual picnic at the church. We'll eat at 6:30. Carol, Corey, and Joan will be in charge. In May be ready to sign up and let them know what you'll be bringing. The society will furnish the fried chicken, paper goods and drinks. You'll be bringing salads and desserts. The girls have a number of things planned, so you'll have a good time with lots of good food to eat. Mark it on your calendar.

On July 11th we'll be hosting the Venice Area Orchid Society and Jim Roberts will be speaking. If you are doing any dividing of plants, think about saving a division for our July meeting so that we can have a really great raffle that night.

We have lots of great things coming up so be sure to come and enjoy and learn. See you then.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President