

# Englewood Area Orchid Society



May, 2022 Newsletter Also online at [eaos.org](http://eaos.org)

## 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, 6:30 pm.

**May 16 – annual picnic**

**June 20 - EAOS meeting - 6:30  
Plant Table setup, 7:00 meeting –  
speaker: Rick Belisle - Orchids 101**

## From the President's Desk

We had lots of beautiful plants on our plant table. Thanks for bring them and sharing them with us.

If you missed our last meeting, you missed a great speaker. Stig Dahlstrom gave an amusing, informational and interesting program. It was really good. He showed some beautiful pictures of *Phragmipedium besseae* which is a lovely bright red lady slipper orchid. Wish we could grow them, but they require a slightly cooler growing conditions than we could offer.



Don't forget that Venice Area Orchid Society has invited EAOS to join them on a bus trip to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Time is running out and I don't want you to miss this opportunity. The cost is \$40 and that includes the bus, and gratuity, \$15 admission fee, a \$5 coupon and entry into the \$1500 grand raffle. Let me know ASAP if you are interested. If they don't get enough people to sign up, they will have to cancel the trip.

Next month will be our picnic on our regular meeting night starting at 6:30. We'll have a special raffle so don't miss it. There will be great food and wonderful desserts. If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up, please send me an email at [tommaryanne@centurylink.net](mailto:tommaryanne@centurylink.net) or call 941-697-9237 to let me know you'll be coming so we'll have enough food for everyone. We will have a plant table, so bring your blooming orchids to show them off.

For those of you who have or who might be heading north for the summer, please hurry back as we'll miss you. Always nice when you return. Have a great summer.

## March Plant Table

1st Place



Pyp. Mendenhall 'Hildos'  
Lisa McNaughton

2nd Place



Phal. unknown x  
Karen White-Rogers

Watch your plants because it has been so very windy and so very dry, they might need extra water with this heat. Hopefully soon we'll see a little relief with some rain.

See you at the picnic.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,  
EAOS President

## Change in EAOS Bylaws

The April meeting voted to change the EAOS Bylaws. The ones adopted in 2015 contained a reference to annual elections, while the term of officers is set at 2 years. To correct this, we changed Article IV (b) to read "EAOS members shall elect officers at the regular March membership meeting on a biennial basis."

In addition, a finance committee, chaired by the Treasurer, was added to the list of standing committees, to provide assistance to the Treasurer. The revised Bylaws are posted on the EAOS website

## New Officers Installed

The officers elected at the March meeting were installed in April:

President	Mary Anne DiGrazia
Vice-President	Dorothy (Dottie) Johns
Recording Secy.	Laurie Motter
Corresponding Secy.	Judy Russell
Treasurer	Helen McClaskie

## Standing Committees

Newsletter and Website	Ken Woodward
Membership	Diana Leonhardt, JoAnn Royal
Raffle	Terri Carr
Finance	Helen McClaskie, Kitty Saddler

## Ad Hoc Committees

Technology - JoAnn Royal, Matt Palucci  
Social – Mary Commer  
Plant Table – Judy Chisholm

## Other Appointees:

Librarian \_ Avram White-Rogers  
Historian - Mary Anne DiGrazia  
AOS Representative – Ted Kellogg

### 3rd Place



Gyc. Charlie Brown  
Candy Bott

### Speaker's Choice



Orcp. bicornis  
Ken Woodward

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## VAOS Bus Trip

VAOS has invited us to join them on their bus trip to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival on Friday, May 13th. It will be held in the Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center. The cost is \$40 which includes bus trip and driver gratuity, the \$15 admission fee, a \$5 coupon and entry into the \$1500 grand raffle. Water will be provided on the bus. Bring your own lunch or snacks for the bus trip.

The bus will depart at 7:00 a.m, Be there at 6:45, from the Venice Community Center South Parking Lot. Estimated arrival time is 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. The bus will leave the festival at 4:00 p.m.

More than 45 orchid vendors from around the world will sell orchids. There will also be free classes available.

Sign up with Sharon Kahnoski at [social@vaos.org](mailto:social@vaos.org) or 616-581-9131. Checks payable to VAOS and mail to: VAOS, PO Box 443, Venice, FL. 34284-0443. Include your phone number on your check and note: Tamiami Orchid Fest Bus Trip in memo. Do not delay.

Sybil and Mary Anne are going, so consider joining them.

## May Picnic

This year we will be having our picnic on May 16 instead of June. Be ready to sign up at the April meeting so we will know how many to plan for. The society will provide the meat for the picnic. If you weren't at the April meeting to sign up, please email Maryanne at [tommaryanne@centurylink.net](mailto:tommaryanne@centurylink.net) or call 941-697-9237, to let us know you'll be at the picnic. We will have it at our normal meeting place at St. David's, so there won't be any ants or mosquitoes to bother us. The picnic will start at 6:30 pm.

## Orchids in the garden

Oncidium. sphacelatum is in full bloom right now at MaryAnne DiGrazia's house with over 27 flower spikes. It's a bit too large to bring to the plant table. Originally mounted on an orange tree, when they cut down the tree, they saved the piece the plant was attached to. MaryAnne says, "I was really excited when I got it many years ago."

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Stig Dahlstrom was the speaker at the meeting in April.



MaryAnne's Oncidium

## TREASURER'S REPORT March,2022

**BANK BALANCE as of 03/01/2022** **\$15,283.87**

INCOME	
DUES	\$45.00
MARCH RAFFLE	\$126.00
REDEPOSIT OF SHOW CHANGE	\$1,400.00
SHOW INCOME	\$8,580.25
INTEREST	<u>\$ .72</u>
TOTAL	\$10,151.97

### EXPENSES

SHOW COSTS:	FOOD	\$421.46
	NEWSPAPER	\$92.00
	PRINTING	\$50.00
	SUPPLIES	\$103.27
	RAFFLE	\$67.00
	PHOTOGRAPHY	\$175.00
	DISPLAY	\$260.19
	CHANGE FOR SHOW	\$1,400.00
	OTHER	<u>\$471.81</u>
TOTAL		\$3,040.73

**BANK BALANCE AS OF 3/31/2022** **\$22,395.11**

As of 3/31/2022 there is \$925.00 of uncashed checks.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
KITTY L SADDLER, ASSISTANT TREASURER

## April Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting April 18, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne DiGrazia welcoming all guests and new members and to all our returning members. Nice to have you all here.

### Old Business:

Dues - \$15 per household. If you haven't paid yet, please do so on the break.

Plant Table: Please bring your blooming plant to show off at the meeting. Vote for your favorite plant on the plant table. The top 3 will be our winners. Thanks for bringing in the lovely plants.

In last month's newsletter, the white phal that won 3<sup>rd</sup> place was actually Judy Russell's plant. I had it misidentified. Sorry Judy.

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## **New Business:**

New Bi-Laws were discussed. A motion by Ken and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary.

Next month (May) will be a picnic here at our meeting place at 6:30. There is a sign-up sheet and also a sheet to sign up to bring a dessert. EAOS will be furnishing the meat and sides.

We are looking for someone that has experience with the Excel Program. If you do, please see me.

I apologize again for the poor sound quality of our video last month. We have the CD in the library and you are welcomed to take it out.

I think everyone loved our new location and I look forward to using it again next year. It was nice to see a lot of our newer members get involved and I hope we'll see even more of that during the year. I would like to have full committees for: membership, raffle, tech. Once we start refreshments, we will need volunteers. Many hands make light work.

Tonight, we will be having the installation of officers:

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Vice President	Dorothy (Dottie) Johns
Recording Secretary	Laurie Motter
Corresponding Secretary	Judy Russell
Treasurer	Helen McClaskie

Starting at our June meeting, at 6:30 we will be having Culture Classes. You can bring troubled plants for answers. Great way to get extra training and more orchid knowledge. We need a volunteer to conduct the classes.

Break: buy raffle tickets, check out Judy's plants, vote for your favorite plant on the plant table.

Tonight, our speaker is Stig Dalstrom who is a world renowned orchidist. He has traveled to many wonderful places in the world in search for orchids. He worked for many years with Selby Gardens. He is an exceptional artist and has produced many DVD's about his travels and about orchids.

Mary Anne DiGrazia presented the plants on the plant table with informative descriptions of each plant. Ribbons were awarded for the plants.

Attention then went to the raffle table where numbers were drawn. Winning numbers choosing from the plants and items that were donated for the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary