

Englewood Area Orchid Society



May, 2023

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From the President's Desk

It's the time of year that we start to see some of "snow birds" fly north for the summer. We'll and look forward to your return in the fall.

We have great plans for making our club even better. The membership committee has been meeting and doing a lot of planning. When they ask for volunteers, be sure to step and and help fill a slot on a committee. Together we can all make a big difference.

We had a great speaker for the April meeting, Rick Belisle. He is so knowledgeable and is so willing to share his information. His Orchids 101 is a great program and we can all learn from it, no matter if we are brand new at orchid growing or a season grower. We never stop learning, which is important.

For May, Roy Krueger will be coming to EAOS to give his new presentation "3 Steps off the Garden Path", which sounds quite interesting. Be sure to come and hear his talk. He always does a great job.

We'll be having our picnic in June, so be sure and sign up at the May meeting if you have not done so already. It should be a fun evening and lots of really wonderful food. The society will be providing the main meat, but members are asked to bring a side or dessert if they'd like and we do have some really great cooks.

I know so many of our members were badly affected by Hurricane Ian and I hope you are starting to see things come together after the storm. It takes so long sometimes. May your plants also be feeling better after the storm. We haven't had much rain to speak of so be sure and water and fertilize your plants so that they'll be healthy, happy plants.

Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President



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Calendar

Meetings (except Aug. and Dec.) are on the 3rd Monday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:30 pm.

May 15 – Regular meeting - 6:30
Plant Table setup, 7:00 meeting.
Roy Krueger - speaker

June 19 - Picnic meeting - 6:30
Plant Table setup, 7:00 meeting.

April Plant Table



1st Place & Seaker's Choice – Rth. Chief
Sweet Orange – Debbie Robbins



Speaker Rick Belisle shows a Phal. at the April meeting.

Raffle Table

When you are dividing your plants, keep the society in mind. If you have an extra division, think about donating it to the raffle table. You would be helping your society. Other donations such as potting supplies, hangers, baskets, any orchid supplies that you don't need, would be welcome. Thanks for considering this.

Membership List Coming Soon

There was an announcement at the April meeting that an active membership list with only names and email addresses will be distributed to everyone. If anyone doesn't want this info distributed, let the membership committee know as soon as possible.

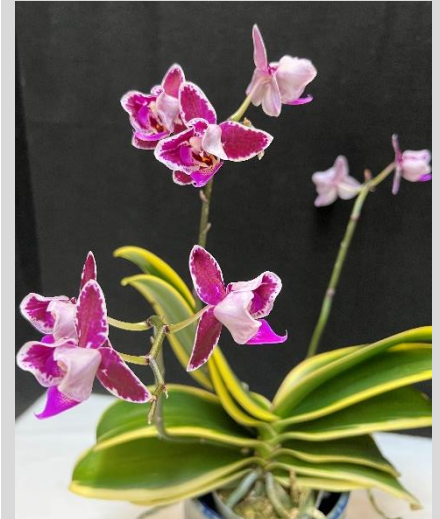
Bylaw Changes Proposed

The Membership Committee is proposing amendments to the EAOS By-Laws dated April 18, 2022, Article VI. This will include the removal of Technology, Social, and Plant Table committees from Ad Hoc committees. Technology, Newsletter, and Website committees will be merged into the new Media committee. Social committee will become the new Hospitality committee. There will be a new Outreach committee formed. Also a change in the process for selection of committee chairpersons.

Proposed By-Laws read as follows:



2nd Place: Gcy. Charlie Brown – Candy Bott



3rd Place: Phal. Chia E Yenlin - Lisa McNaughton



3rd Place: Phal Liolin Lawrence – Lynne Kastal



3rd Place: unknown – Debra Remic

Article VI: Committee, Historian, Librarian, and AOS Representative

(a) The standing committees of EAOS shall be Membership, Outreach, Media, Raffle, Plant Table, Hospitality, Show, and Finance. Duties of the standing committees shall be, but not limited to the following:

1. Membership committee shall maintain membership list, attendance records, name tags, develop membership activities and monitor member status.
2. Outreach committee will develop strategies to communicate with local organizations, businesses, and communities such as North Port and Port Charlotte to provide education about EAOS and recruit potential members.
3. Media committee will maintain website and newsletter, maintain social media presence such as Facebook and will be responsible for all technical equipment at meetings.
4. Raffle committee will be responsible for monthly raffle which includes set up of donated items, selling tickets and announcing winning numbers.
5. Plant Table committee will manage monthly plant table including set up, oversee voting process, announce winners, and taking photos.
6. Hospitality committee will set up donated snacks and drinks at monthly meetings. Will plan and organize annual picnic and holiday dinner.
7. Show committee will be responsible for annual show. Recruit volunteers as needed for all aspects of show.
8. Finance committee will be chaired by Treasurer, shall supervise finances of EAOS

(b) Committee chairs will be chosen annually by the committee volunteers. Ad Hoc committees shall be created by the President or the Executive Board as needed.

Other items remain as they are.

May Speaker

The speaker at the May meeting will be Roy Krueger. Roy is education director of the Sarasota Orchid Society. The topic of his presentation will be “3 Steps off the Garden Path.”

From the Corresponding Secretary: Membership Committee

What a great group we have!

Hopefully you all felt welcome as our Membership Committee was in full swing welcoming our members and answering any questions. Monday's meeting brought in 5 renewal memberships, 1 NEW Member and 13 Guests!!

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V.P. – Matt Palucci

Treasurer - Helen McClaskie

Recording. Sec. – Laurie Motter

Corresponding. Sec. – Jami Hess

Membership Committee

Terri Carr

Kitty Saddler

Dottie Johns

Lynne Kastal

Yolanda Goll

I would like to personally Welcome our new Member, Francena. She already has a jumpstart with some amazing Orchids in her collection. We are thrilled to have you, and can't wait to see more of you and your plants.

Big THANK YOU goes out to our volunteers that helped out at this meeting, you guys are so amazing!

If you would like to get more involved and learn more about our committees and opportunities to volunteer, come find one of the Membership Committee members (we have pink nametags now, so you can pick us out). We would love to get you more information and see if one of our committees is a good fit for you.

Look forward to seeing you next month!

Jami Hess, Corresponding Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2023

BANK BALANCE as of 02/28/2023	\$16,739.75
INCOME	
SHOW ADMISSIONS	\$5404.00
DUES (SHOW)	\$ 287.00
RAFFLE (SHOW)	\$ 604.00
BOOKS & DONATIONS (SHOW)	\$ 60.00
DEPOSIT (?)	\$ 350.00
DEPOSIT (Meeting?)	\$ 251.00
INTEREST	<u>\$ 0.36</u>
TOTAL	\$6956.36
EXPENSES	
SHOW EXPENSES	<u>\$1065.34</u>
TOTAL	\$1065.34

BANK BALANCE AS OF 3/31/2023 **\$22,630.77**

As of April 16, 2023 appears there is \$ 834.61 in uncleared checks.
This statement was completed to the best of my ability with information provided by Treasurer and President.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
KITTY L SADDLER, ASSISTANT TREASURER

Raffle Table

JoAnne Royal

Plant-Table

Lisa McNaughton

Candy Bott

Debbie Robbins

Hospitality

Edna McClenney-Willis

Mary Commer

Karen Jay

Elizabeth Agro

Mary Jo Holleran



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April Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting April 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Matt Palucci welcoming all guests and new members and to all our returning members. Would all new members please stand up so that we can welcome you. We welcomed guests from Alamanda Garden Club of North Port and Rotonda Garden Clubs. Nice to have all of you here.

Dues are now payable for 2023 at \$15 per household. This is quite a bargain as it helps pay for the rental on this room, our speakers among other things. Please make your check payable to Englewood Area Orchid Society. If you haven't paid yet, please do so on the break. We would like to send out the membership list via email next month and would like to have all members names included. Check with membership to be sure that you have paid. If you do not want your information shared with the other members, please let the membership committee know. It will not be put on the website. When you receive the membership listing, you may print it off for your own information. Many people have been asking for an up-to-date list.

Plant Table: Please bring your blooming plant to show off at the meeting. The cut-off time is 6:45 PM for orchids to be on the Plant Table. Vote for your favorite plant on the plant table. The top 3 will be our winners. Thanks for bringing in the lovely plants.

New Business:

In June, we will be having our annual picnic. We will know the date and location at the May Meeting. There is a sign-up list on the membership table. The society will be providing the meat and if you would like to bring a side or a dessert, please sign up and indicate what you would like to bring. It should be a fun evening. Mary and Edna, chair of the social/hospitality committee will be coordinating it. They will need to know how many will be coming so that they can plan. Hope everyone will join us.

At the April meeting, Ken Woodward made a motion for the finance committee to conduct the yearly audit of the books of EAOS and to review the society books starting in September 2023. Further the committee will bring to the membership in November 2023, recommendations on how to restructure the finances of the society as well as report on the financial state of EAOS. Motion was passed. Further discussion at the May Meeting.

Do we have any committee reports this evening?

Terri Carr of the Membership Committee said the Brochure will be published for the North Port event.

Kitty Saddler of the Membership Committee is proposing amendments to the EAOS By-Laws dated April 18, 2022, Article VI. This will include the removal of Technology, Social, and Plant Table Committees from the Ad Hoc Committees. Technology, Newsletter and Website committees will be merged into the new Media Committee. Social Committee will become the new Hospitality Committee. There will be a new Outreach Committee formed. Also, a change in the process for selection of committee chairpersons. Propose the By-Laws to read as follows: Article VI shall read as follows:

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There will be a plant sale on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 to 2:00 located behind the Venice Community Center. There will be repotting classes at 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00. There will be lots of plants for sale.

During the break, buy raffle tickets, and vote for your favorite plant on the plant table.

Our speaker tonight will be Rick Belisle from Venice. His presentation was on Orchids 101. He provided basic information on orchid growing, potting orchids, pests/diseases on orchids, and fertilizing. Rick had a wealth of information to share.

Rick Belisle 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