

Englewood Area Orchid Society

May, 2024

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From the President's Desk



Hello my EAOS orchid experts!

We had our first meeting and it was so much fun. I'm really grateful and excited to be a part of this dedicated group. The membership table is getting busier and our plant table is growing. Thank you all the participants, it was simply fabulous. Let's focus on our success, growth, and new events.

Our picnic is around the corner, so don't forget your mission.

*Show theme!

*Meet your new board members questions!

*Best dish competition!

Sounds like a good amount of fun.

So let's begin our journey to the new show season, together and unified.

Don't forget to fertilize, spray for bugs and post pictures on our social media in the meantime.

Sincerely, your Madam President,
Natalia Romero Contreras (Natasha)

Picnic scheduled for May meeting

Our May meeting will be the annual picnic meeting at St. David's church at 6pm. If you intend to attend, kindly RSVP to eaos_secretary@eaos.org with how many are coming and what dish (if any) you will be bringing.

We are thinking about getting the meat from Texas Best BBQ in Englewood. I know we have some members that do not eat meat so if you have a great recipe for a meatless dish please bring it for those members.

We will be voting on the favorite dish brought by members and there will be a prize for the winner. Bring your blooming plants for the plant table. We will have a raffle table as well and, of course, the Birthday raffle.

Bring your questions for the new board members. There will be a prize for the best question. Also, bring your ideas for the 2025 show theme.

Calendar

Meetings (except Aug. and Dec.) are on the 3rd Monday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:00 pm.

May 20 - Picnic Meeting –
5:30 plant table – 6:00 picnic.

June 17 - Regular Meeting –
5:30 plant table – 6:00 meeting.



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Committee Reports --

From Membership Committee:

We had 63 people come to this meeting ; 10 were guests from either a friend or our Facebook posts. We added 4 new members and had 8 members renew their membership!

Jami will be sending out an email to those who have still not renewed. We don't want anyone to miss out on all the new and exciting stuff we have coming up.

Big thanks to our speaker Allan Schildknecht, he did a great job and he donated his time to the society so his wisdom was given to us for free!

MEMBERS KORNER WAS A HIT!!

We started showcasing crafts made by our members! Thank you Sally Hathley & Candy Bott for bringing and sharing your hand-crafted items with us. If you grabbed some items please share pics on FaceBook.

If you are crafting something that you think the society members would like to see and maybe purchase, let us know. We would like to have something at every meeting, set up a table to sell and or just talk about your creation. Email eaos_secretary@eaos.org if you would like more information, have questions, or want to sign up!

Looking for Orchid Caregivers

Francena Monell-Simard is developing a list of members who would be willing to care for orchids for members who are snowbirds or who are away on long trips. If you plan to be away and need someone to care for your orchids, you can contact Francena to get more information. Likewise, if you are available to care for another member's orchids, let Francena know. She hopes to be able to match members to provide this service. Contact Francena at francenam@hotmail.com or call her at 207-310-8392.

2025 Orchid Show Scheduled

It is never too early to plan for the next orchid show. After two years in which we had to settle for a scaled down show at Tringali, we are now planning a full-blown show in 2025. We have changed venues to Englewood Sports Park on River Road and changed our dates to April 4th, 5th, and 6th. Put these new dates on your calendar.

April Plant Table



1st place
Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'
Sally Hathley



2nd place
Paph. Yang-Ji Hawk Natasha and Martha



3rd place
Phal. unknown x Dale Uncapher



Speaker's Choice
Den. Rosy Cluster Ralph D'Alessandro

Orchids & Arts Festival

The Orchids & Arts Festival, scheduled for May 4th-5th, 2024, promises a weekend dedicated to celebrating orchids. Co-hosted by the Miami Beach Orchid Society, Foundation for Emerging Technologies, and Miami Beach Botanical Garden, the festival will feature orchid and art exhibits, musical performances, dance showcases, educational sessions, and a vibrant vendors market. Emphasizing our Florida native orchid species, the festival aims to raise awareness about the importance of preserving our delicate ecosystems. The festival takes place at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, 2000 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33140. Festival hours are 9am-5pm daily. Ticket price is \$5, and children are free.

EAOS Treasurer's Report

ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

BANK BALANCE as of 03/01/2024 **\$23,152.29**

INCOME

MARCH RAFFLE	\$207.00
MEMBERSHIP	45.00
T SHIRT SALE	25.00
INTEREST	<u>0.39</u>
TOTAL	\$277.39

EXPENSES

SPEAKER	\$ 100.00
MISC. (ORCHIDS, SUPPLIES, FOOD, ETC.)	<u>595.85</u>
TOTAL	\$ 695.85

BANK BALANCE AS OF 03/31/2024 **\$22,733.83**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
KITTY L SADDLER, TREASURER



Allan Schildknecht was the April speaker.

2024 Show Sponsors

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April Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting April 15, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Natasha Romero Contreras welcoming all guests and new members and to all our returning members.

Plant Table: Please bring your blooming plant to show off at the meeting. The cut-off time is 5:45 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.

Natasha thanked Mary Anne for her dedication as President of the EAOS for the past 10 years.

Natasha introduced the new Board Members.

Old Business:

Reminder to please pay your 2024 Membership Dues.

New Business:

May 20th Picnic: There is a sign-up sheet for the picnic. Please indicate how many will be attending and if you would like to bring a side or dessert. The society will provide the entrée. At the picnic, you will be able to:

- Meet your New Board Members
- Bring your questions
- We will have Trivia
- Theme for Show 2025/Prize
- Favorite Dish Gets a Prize

EAOS Orchid Show 2025

The dates of the show are April 4th – 6th, 2025 at the Englewood Sports Complex. We will be having AOS Judging. All voted in favor.

Please join Facebook to show off your orchids and tell your friends about the Englewood Area Orchid Society.

We will no longer have sign in sheets for the Monthly Meetings.

Paul Heslin reported that the 2023 Financial Review was found satisfactory.

Mary Jo Holleran made a Motion for the Lemon Bay High School Scholarship:

Motion #1: On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I move that EAOS grant a \$500 scholarship to Lemon Bay High School senior Leandra Allbrook who will be attending the University of West Florida with a major in Marine Research. This selection should be approved by the EAOS membership, and a member of the scholarship committee will attend Senior Scholarship Night and make a presentation.

Rationale: Two candidates from the high school were reviewed by the current committee. The selection of this year's recipient is based on her future plans to work in an environmental field of study.

Majority were in Agreement with this Motion.

Motion #2 was tabled.

Jami Hess introduced Allan Schildknecht. Allan spoke on Irrigation and Misting Tips for orchids. He is a retired irrigation specialist.

Ribbons were awarded to the winners of the plant table.

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