

# Englewood Area Orchid Society

## November, 2014 Newsletter

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### From the President's Desk



If you missed our October meeting, you missed a really outstanding presentation by Stig Dalstrom. He is working with the government of Bhutan in helping them establish a botanical garden, among other important things. He gave us a look at the beautiful country, which is extremely mountainous, the people and the wonderful orchids that he has located. Bhutan is bounded on three sides by India and the 4th side by China. We were very fortunate to have him come and speak.

Stig also had some of his beautiful watercolors and note cards available for sale.

Soon our annual plant sale will be here on November 1st. We have quite a few signed up to sell plants and to help with the sale. Stop by and lend a hand and maybe you'll find that special plant you were looking for. Be sure to post the flyers all around town to let everyone know of our sale. Tell all your friends and bring them to the sale.

Plans are underway for our December dinner meeting which will be held at La Stanza on Dec. 8th. We need at least 40 to sign up so that we can have the dinner there. It looks like 4 great food choices. Be prepared to bring your \$22 and sign up. Bring your spouse, friend or neighbor and come and enjoy a nice evening with your EAOS friends. Thank you to Jo Ann Royal and Jana Kewley for taking care of the details for us.

Inserts are now available for our membership directory books. If you didn't pick up one at last night's meeting be sure to get it in November. It lists our new members and any additions or corrections to the directory.

Carol Nissen and Corey Plasek are busy working on our 2015 show. There are sheets available for you to sign up for the different committees. The more you sign up, the more involved you'll be and the more fun you'll have.

A number of us were able to go to the Sarasota Orchid Society meeting on Oct. 6th, to hear Dr. Fred Clark, from Sun Valley Orchids, speak. There were over 90 people there and he spoke on Aussie Native Dendrobiums. He had some beautiful slides and a very interesting talk. It was nice to see some of our Sarasota and Venice orchid friends there.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President*

### Annual Plant Sale —

*Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*

*9:00 am to 2:00 pm*

*At Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave.*



*An example of orchid art by Stig Dahlstrom, October speaker.*

## Monroe Kokin to speak in Nov.

Monroe Kokin has been collecting orchids for over 28 years. His passion for orchids started with a trip to Longwood Gardens in Pa. After leaving the orchid conservatory with hundreds of photos he and his late wife Linda visited the garden shop. Monroe wanted to buy an orchid and his wife said, "No. You don't know a thing about growing orchids and you will kill it."

Months later he was taken to Waldor Orchids by his wife and some friends and that was the start of his orchid obsession. Monroe has a collection of over 1,300 orchids, specializing in Bulbophyllums. He also grows hybrid and species Cattleyas, Dendrobium species, and many other genera in the orchid world.

He is a snowbird and spends six months a year at his home in Venice FL and six months in South Brunswick, NJ.

Monroe was President of the Sarasota Orchid Society for over 9 years and was their show chairman for the past 13 years until giving it up this year. He is also a life member of Central Florida Orchid Society in Orlando and member of Central New Jersey Orchid Society.

He has traveled extensively all over the world in search of orchids for his collection. In 2011 his travels took him, along with Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids, to Singapore for the 20th World Orchid Conference and to Thailand for 12 days. Last year he was back in Thailand for 5 weeks traveling the country and collecting over 150 new Bulbophyllum species for his collection. In April of this year he traveled back to Thailand and also traveled to Indonesia and Malaysia once again collecting. He most recently attended the 21st World Orchid Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa also going through Kruger National Park on a photo safari.

## October Plant Table

2nd Place, Members' Choice,  
and Speaker's Choice --  
Bct. Little Mermaid grown by Corey Plasek

1st Place and Best Species --  
Gur.. bowringiana grown by Joanna Shaw



*Plant table awards went to Corey Plasek's Bct. Little Mermaid (above) and Joanna Shaw's Gur. bowringiana.*





## HOLIDAY DINNER

Monday,  
DECEMBER 8, 2014,  
6:00 PM

The annual holiday dinner and meeting will be at the LaStanza Ristorante, 285 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

Menu: All entrees are served with salad, bread, vegetables, potato (ex. pasta dish) ice tea, soft drink, coffee. Desert.

Selection choice:

1. Parmesan Crusted Chicken
2. Basa Oreganata
3. Pene Alla Vodka
4. Veal Parmigiana

Cost: \$22 pp incl tax & gratuity

Money Due: Nov. 18, 2014

Contact person: JoAnn Royal 941-474-2844 or  
Jana Kewley 941-423-3202

## Fred Clark speaks at Sarasota

Fred Clark, from sunset Valley Orchids, Inc., spoke at the Sarasota Orchid Society at Selby Gardens on October 6th. He spoke on Aussie Native Dendrobiums and their cultivation.

It was a very interesting slide presentation showing some spectacular flowers. The Den. speciosum orchid was especially interesting. It featured a display of small flowers on a large spike. Many of us from EAOS were fortunate in being able to hear the presentation and were welcomed by our sister society in Sarasota. Fred Clark, an AOS judge, was one of the subjects on the video that we showed at our June meeting entitled "The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief, and the Black Orchid". If you missed seeing this great video, you have an opportunity to view it. We have it in our library, so see Anna Sibille to borrow it, enjoy it, and bring back the next meeting.



*Fred Clark at the Sarasota society meeting.*

## EAOS Show 2015

Co-chairs Carol Nissen and Corey Plasek would like to thank all the members who signed up to work on committees for our show. The response was tremendous, but we have many more positions to fill. We still need chairs for putting up signs and security. Let's all make this show a joint effort.



*Stig Dalstrom presents the plant table winners at the October meeting.*

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

**6:30-7:00** -- buy raffle tickets and check out the variety of plants that our speaker brings. Interact with fellow members and get to know them.

**7:00** -- announcements

**7:15-8:00** -- program

**8:00** -- short break – buy raffle tickets, if you haven't already done so and check out the speaker's plants.

**8:10** -- plant table, followed by raffle

# October Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on October 13, 2014 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Mary Anne DiGrazia.

Reminder that our annual plant sale will be on November 1st. and volunteers are still needed.

Corey Plasek co-chair of the EAOS Show in March spoke about needing volunteers to make our show a success.

Jo Ann Royal chair of our annual holiday party announced it will be at LaStanzas on Dearborn Street on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$22. Please plan on paying for the party at our next meeting.

Our speaker Stig Dalstrom also known as Wild Orchid Man gave an outstanding slide presentation on Bhutan. His knowledge on the country, its people, wild animals and birds, and their native orchids was so enlightening that you couldn't wait for the next slide to be shown to learn more about this fascinating place.

8 P.M. The plant table was awarded ribbons and the plant raffle was held.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Nissen, Recording Secretary



Stig Dalstrom introduces the EAOS to Bhutan where he recently has been working.

## 2014 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  
**Historian:** Mary Anne DiGrazia  
**Librarian:** Anna Sibille  
**Contact us at:** [orchids@eaos.org](mailto:orchids@eaos.org)

### Upcoming Events

#### Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 1 – Plant Sale

Nov. 10 – Regular Meeting  
Monroe Kokin, speaker

Dec. 8 – Holiday  
Dinner-Meeting at La Stanza

Jan. 2 - Sarasota Orchid  
Show setup

## EAOS Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	-----	6645.19
Expenses	-----	\$ 175.00
Deposits	-----	89.00
10/15 Balance	-----	\$6559.19

Elaine Squires, Treasurer