

Englewood Area Orchid Society



November, 2015 Newsletter

Also online at eaos.org

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

From the President's Desk



Time is really flying by. Can you believe it is almost November already?

We have lots going on with our society. On November 7th we'll be having our annual orchid and plant sale at Christ Lutheran Church from 9-2. You still have time to sign up to bring plants to sell. Just give me a call or send me an email to let me know. If you aren't selling, do come and bring your friends to help support our society. We look forward to having a great crowd. Come, join the fun.

We have our dinner meeting to be held on Dec. 14 at La Stanza. We really had a great time with great food last year. Sign up and pay Jana or Jo Ann at the November meeting so that we can let La Stanza know how many will be attending. Who knows...there might be a special raffle. Hope you'll all sign up and attend and have a great evening.

Come February and it is time for the Venice show. Keep grooming your plants and may they all bloom for the show in Feb. and our show in March.

March will be here before we know it. We have all of our plant vendors for the show, orchid supply vendor, plus art and jewelry vendors. It isn't too soon to start talking to your doctor, hairdresser, dentist or other business to see if they might be a sponsor for our show. Invite them to be a sponsor. We'll have some papers at the next meeting to give them, explaining the show and what being a sponsor will do for them. They help with the cost of the show. There are many committees that we'll need for the show and I know that you will all help support and volunteer.

I am sorry I missed Sharon Meola's talk on Paphiopedilium orchids. They are a beautiful, unusual variety of orchids to enjoy. If you don't have one in your collection, you might want to consider getting one.

November we have a really fun and interesting speaker with Bill Thoms coming. You won't want to miss that.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*

Oct. Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society was held on October 12, 2015 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Corey Plasek.

New Business

We welcomed one new member.

Our annual plant sale will be held on November 7th and if you would like to participate please contact Mary Anne DiGrazia.

Mary Anne is looking for members to head the different committees at our 2016 show.

Our Holiday Party will be at La Stanza on December 14th. Please contact Jo Ann Royal or Janet Houley if you plan to attend by November 28th.

Sharon Meola from Pelican Coast Farms was the speaker for the evening. Her topic was growing Paphiopedilium.

Orchids in this genus lack pseudobulbs so need constant moisture. They can be identified easily as their lip is a pouch. They like to grow in low light, cool temperatures and good air circulation. Late

winter to early Spring seem to be their blooming season. They only bloom once on a fan. They are light feeders so only fertilize every other week. They should be repotted once a year in either spagnum moss or bark and in a plastic pot.

7:45 P.M. – 10 minute break.

8:00 P.M. – Raffle

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nissen, Recording Secretary



Nov. Plant Sale

The annual orchid and plant sale is November 7th, 9 am to 2 pm.

Start dividing your orchids or other plants and get ready for a fun Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church. We have people who come every year to see what we have and purchase plants. We always have a great

time. Let Mary Anne know if you'll have plants to sell at tommaryanne@centurylink.net. Be sure to mark your plants with the name of the plant and the price.

You will earn 80% and the club will receive 20%. Tell all your friends and come and join the fun.

Bill Thoms speaks at Nov. meeting

Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been all over the world seeing orchids in the wild, seeing them while judging orchid shows and growing them in the Central Florida area for 40 years. Bill gives talks nationally and internationally on a wide range of topics ranging from his specialty, "Bulbophyllums", to General Orchid Culture.

This meeting, the talk will be on Bill's trip to the Philippines in 2009 where he climbed mountains (sort of) and risked life and limb (which?) to bring back a new species of Bulbo which will be shown at the meeting (true story).

He has published a new book, Bulbophyllums: the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY? (\$44.95), which you may purchase from him. It also comes as a CD (\$19.95) for use on a computer. The book will be discounted for the members and guests!!

Make those orchids bloom

There are some things that you can do to encourage your orchids to bloom for the shows in February and March. Now is the time to get started. Many Phals will respond to the cooler night temperatures by starting to spike. Don't be afraid to leave Phals out in the cooler nights when it is in the 60's. Use these cooler nights to get them started on their way to blooming.

Another trick is to start using a "bloom" fertilizer. That means that the amount of nitrogen is reduced and the amount of phosphorus is increased. This will help to encourage orchids to bloom.

Some orchids require a dry period after which they bloom. Do some research to find out if any of your orchids need to dry out and rest for the winter. Remember that what you do now will take time to work and produce blooms in the springtime.

FALL ORCHID SALE

Friday and Saturday | November 6 and 7, 2015 | 9 AM to 4 PM

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Bc. Star Ruby

Oct. Plant Table

1st Place - *Crths. macrantha*, Josh Peterson

2nd Place - *Bc. Star Ruby*, Corey Plasek

Best Species - *Hab. medusa*

3rd Place, Members' & Speaker's Choice - *C. Mari's Song*, Wayne Kewley



Crths. macrantha



C. Mari's Song



Hab. medusa

EAOS Treasurer's Report

Bal. forward (Sept. 30)	9220.29
Income	266.50
Expense	1006.00
Balance (Oct. 24)	8480.79

Elaine Squires, Treasurer

2015 EAOS Officers:

President:	Mary Anne DiGrazia
Vice President:	Edna McClenney-Willis
Treasurer:	Elaine Squires
Corresponding Secretary:	Jo Ann Royal
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Membership:	Corey Plasek
Historian:	Mary Anne DiGrazia
Librarian:	Anna Sibille
Contact us at:	orchids@eaos.org

AOS Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 14, 2015, 6:00 PM

Our annual holiday dinner meeting will again be at the "La Stanza Ristorante" 285 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

Menu: All menu entrees are served with salad, bread, vegetables, potato (except the pasta dish), ice tea, soft drink, coffee, and dessert.

Selection choices:

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

Cost: \$22 per person, includes tax and gratuity

Money is due November 28th

Contact people:

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