

Englewood Area Orchid Society



October, 2018 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

We had a great meeting with Roy Krueger as our speaker. As always, he had a great presentation about bifoliate catts. He gave us lots of tips to remember and had some beautiful slides of the various flowers that are bifoliate.



May we all be spared this year from any storms that think they want to come this way. Last year was one year too many for storms, as far as I was concerned. If we get a lot of rain, check to see that your plants are doing okay. Too much rain can do a lot of damage to your plants.

We have quite a few people signed up to sell plants at our Orchids and Plant sale at Christ Lutheran on November 3, 2018 from 9-12. If you have plants to donate, let me know. We could use some helpers for the sale, so if you can help, please send me an email at tommaryanne@centurylink.net. It should be a great sale.

I was very pleased that the members voted to donate \$250 each to Englewood Helping Hands and Meals on Wheels. They are both such wonderful organizations and do so much for the community. This is a small way that EAOS can give back to the community that supports us.

I know it is early to be even thinking of, but before you know it, December will be here and we'll be having our dinner meeting on December 10th, 2018 at the Hills Restaurant again. It is a nice location and the food has been very good there. We'll be starting to have a sign up sheet in October and November so we'll have a count to give them. Be sure and sign up and Pay \$25 which covers the meal, drink, dessert and tip. That is pretty good.

Calendar

Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave., 6:30 pm.

Oct. 8 – Regular Meeting, 6:30pm
Speaker - Sharon Meola from Orchids Amore will speak on "Orchid Legends".

Nov. 3 – Annual Plant Sale
Christ Lutheran Church, 9 – Noon

Nov. 12 – Regular Meeting, 6:30pm
Speaker: Rafael Romero

Dec. 10 – Annual dinner meeting
Hills Restaurant, Rotonda

March 1 & 2, 2019–
EAOS Orchid Show
at the Methodist Church

Our speaker next month will be Sharon Meola who, with her husband, have Orchid Amore. They are also vendors at our annual show. Her topic sounds really interesting - Orchid Legends. Be there to enjoy it.

We'd like to welcome our new members, Jeffrey Ellis, Linda Moorhouse and William Zaneski. When you see them, introduce yourself and welcome them. Glad to have you join us.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President

September Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting September 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne DiGrazia welcoming members and guests.

Old Business:

EAOS Plant Sale is November 3, 2018 from 9:00 to 12:00. Anyone interested in selling plants or helping with the sale, please see me during the break.

Mentor Program – If you are interested in getting some help with questions, etc., please sign up to be a mentee. If you would like to help mentor someone, please sign up to be a mentor. Judy Russell is in charge and would love to sign you up. I think it will be a great program.

There is still time to pay 2018 dues. They are \$15 per household. With 2018 dues paid you will receive the newsletter and will be on our membership roll. If you have not paid, please give your check to Helen tonight or mail to our PO Box 257, Englewood, FL 34295.

New Business:

It has been brought up to the Board and they have supported the idea of giving back to the community. It is suggested that we contribute \$250 to Englewood Helping Hands and \$250 to Englewood Meals on Wheels. Both organizations do so much for the community and EAOS would like to help give back to the community. Both donations were agreed upon and a motion was made by Edna and then a second motion by Helen.

Christmas Dinner meeting was discussed for Monday, December 10, 2018. Mary Anne researched a couple of locations and the one that had the lowest requirement for those attending was the Hills Restaurant, which we have gone to the past couple of years with lots of success. They have a nice location; delicious food and the price will remain at \$25 as it has in the past. Mary Anne asked how many



Roy Krueger talks to EAOS members at the September meeting.

MENTOR PROGRAM

Please sign up to be a mentor to help some of our newer members or those who would like some extra help or encouragement. If you would like to be a mentor or mentee, please contact Judy Russell at skipnjudy1@msn.com. It is a great opportunity to learn more about orchids and will give you a contact when you have a question or problem.

It's a wonderful program and I hope a lot of our members will take advantage of it.



MaryAnne DiGrazia presents a check from EAOS to the Englewood Meals on Wheels.

think they might attend. We need 30 attendees. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting.

A break was taken for refreshments, to vote for your favorite plant on the plant table, to buy raffle tickets and to pay dues.

After the break Roy Krueger gave a very informative presentation on Bifoliate Cattas.

Roy Krueger and 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 with winning numbers choosing from the plants and items that were donated for the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary

Sept. Plant Table

1st	C. aclandiae	Elaine Squires
2nd	Rlc. Satisfaction	Judy Russell
3rd	C. Chocolate Drop	Judy Russell

Best Species
Members Choice
Speakers Choice *Dendrochilum grandiflorum* Roy Klinger

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT (from AOS)

Your decision as to when to bring plants in will depend on the weather forecast and the temperature tolerances of your plants. I have listed below the temperature recommendations for the different genera.

CATASETUM Most of these orchids are native to hot tropical areas and grow during the rainy summer months. During this growing period, day temperatures of 80–100 F (27–38 C) and night temperatures of 60–65 F (16–18 C) are beneficial. After growths mature, temperatures can be reduced to 55 F (13 C) at night, with day temperatures of 70–85 F (21–29 C).

PHALAENOPSIS These should usually be above 60 F (16 C) at night and range between 75–85 F (24–29 C) or more during the day. Although higher temperatures force faster vegetative growth, higher humidity and air movement must accompany higher temperatures, the recommended maximum being 90–95 F (32–35 C). Night temperatures to 55 F (13 C) are desirable for several weeks in the autumn to initiate flower spikes.



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



Species, Members' & Speaker's Choice

Fluctuating temperatures can cause bud drop on plants with buds ready to open. This is especially true when the buds are about the size of a pea and is the leading cause of bud drop at that stage.

PAPHIOPEDILUM Paphiopedilums generally enjoy the same temperatures that we do in the home; ideally, 60–65 F (16–18 C) at night and 75–85 F (24–29 C) during the day. Paphiopedilums can be grown outside in mild climates and can stand temperatures up to the high 90's F (35–37 C) and down into the 40's F (5–9 C) for short periods. In fact, many of those that produce multiple flowers per spike actually need short periods at cooler temperatures in order to flower.

LYCASTE In an article in Orchid Digest, Steve Gettel says to grow these orchids warm while actively growing: 60– 85 F (16–29 C). This author grows *Lycaste Bruggensis (longipetala × skinneri)* warm (minimum night temperature of 65 F [18 C]), on the advice of Henry Oakeley (personal communication), but all others are in the cool house during autumn and winter, where they receive a minimum night temperature of 48 F (9 C).

ONCIDIUM Temperatures for this group are generally considered intermediate to warm: 55–65 F (13–18 C) at night and 80–85 F (27–29 C) during the day. Temperatures up into the high 90's to 100 F (35–38 C) are tolerated for short periods if humidity and air movement are increased as the temperatures rise; a good general rule in any case.

DENDROBIUM This is another very large, widespread cosmopolitan genus and to grow them well you need to determine to which group your particular plants belong. You can find a good summary describing the cultural requirements of the main groups here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets/dendrobium.aspx>.

Upcoming Orchid Sales

October 13, 2018

Florida SunCoast Orchids, 941-322-8777



2018 Fall Tent Sale
Florida SunCoast Orchids
8227 Verna Bethany Road
Myakka City, FL 34251

Guest Vendors:
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