



Englewood Area Orchid Society

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Newsletter

From the President's Desk

Now that the excitement of the joint meetings is over, we should probably get back to the real world and start planning for the coming events. That is what a serious president would do. I, however, will stray far from that path.



The first piece of my rant concerns Selby gardens. You all know the full name so I will just use Selby. We too have declared war on Selby. If you haven't heard or read the news, Selby is in essence out of the orchid business. Their mindless cost cutting resulted in the release of two orchid experts known far beyond the crumbling walls of Selby. The first was Wes Higgins, an orchid expert who you all know as our head judge for our show. But Dr. Higgins is much more than a judge of orchids. He was a vital part of the orchid identification program at Selby. Now; no more. He is also the co-author of the new "Illustrated Dictionary of Orchid Genera" published under the banner of Marie Selby bla bla bla. The only reason I paid full price for the book was that Wes had his name on the cover. Selby made its bones on the orchid game and has now dropped the ball. The other expert released is Stig Dalstom, also a vital part of Selby's orchid program. Stig is also a fantastic artist and has recently made a video "Wild Orchid Man in the Ghost Orchid Swamp." I've seen this movie and enjoyed it so much I bought a copy. It is not an idiotic version of ghost orchids like the movie about the Orchid Thief book was. Stig has agreed to be our November speaker and will show the video. What was really sad was that when I saw the movie at the Sarasota Orchid Society, Stig was not permitted on Selby property. Well, now it seems Selby will not

be allowed on our property. The Venice Area Orchid Society has sent a letter informing Selby that they are no longer invited to be in their show. See you on Sept. 14th. Pam and I e-mailed about this and came to the same conclusion: Selby is out. Hey, they didn't pay anyway and they won too many ribbons.

I don't know who our Sept. speaker is but I think Joe has someone. We will start with some election talk and other topics like the coming bus trip, plant sale, home visits and our show. Let's try to remember our raffle table and bring a plant if you can. We won't have the Fenders kicking in 40 plants every month. I was very pleased with the turnout of our members at the Venice meeting. See you on Sept. 14th.

John Masters,
EAOS President

Minutes

August 5, 2009

VAOS and EAOS Combined Meeting
We had our meeting with the Venice Society on their meeting night. The meeting was called to order by Ted Kellog. The EAOS was welcomed. John Masters spoke briefly about our meeting with Venice in July.

Guests and new members were announced.

The announcement was made that they hold a "New Growers" meeting 2nd Wed Venice members annual plant sale--Sept. 12th-Sat-Centennial Park-Venice Ave. Barbara Wagner discussed the bus trip to "Ridge Show Octoberfest" –

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Minutes (Cont'd)

Friday-Oct 23. The cost is \$ 30.00 . Bus will pick up EAOS members at-Publix-776&Dearborn-6:30am Money due by Oct 15

Greenhouse visits-Oct. 18

Speaker for the evening - George Houserman.
Topic: "Special Ground Orchids"
We were all spellbound by the very informative and interesting talk.

Refreshment time had us sampling a large variety of goodies. George brought loads of exotic and unusual orchids to buy and donated to raffle table which seemed to grow as numbers were called. A lot of surprises!!! A fun evening for all.

Thanks Venice, we need to do that more often!!!!

Thanks EAOS members and guests for the big show of our members.

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Treasurer's Report

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Checking Account		
Balance 07/15/09		3174.33
Deposits		
Total Deposits	00	00
Storage & Speaker Exp.	135.00	-135.00
8/10/09 Balance		3039.33

Respectfully submitted:
Rosemary Hutchinson
Treasurer