



# Englewood Area Orchid Society

Online at <http://eaos.org>

September  
2010  
Newsletter

## From the President's Desk

Lots of us journeyed to Venice for our August meeting and were treated to an interesting meeting featuring Marv Ragan, a great raffle table and lots of yummy treats at break time.



Marv Ragan is a world recognized taxonomist and AOS judge. He got interested in orchids while stationed in the Philippines 50 years ago. He was stationed on the USS American and flew RIO (Rear Instrument operator) on RA5C Vigilante planes. On his off days he went looking for orchids and when he found them, he sent them home to his wife, Jan. His 27 year career in the Navy also included trips to South America and Australia so he had plenty of jungle-trekking, orchid-seeking experiences. He opened MAJ Orchids in 1969 and retired from the show circuit in 2003.

Marv showed us many beautiful and detailed slides of Encyclias and discussed his orchid breeding successes and mishaps. Thanks Marv and Venice – we'll be back there in August 2011 and they'll be our guests again next July.

Hot, sweltering, baking, sizzling, blistering, muggy, oppressive, sultry, humid and now WET WET WET. Yes, it is summer in SW Florida. But I love it anyway. You can't get this kind of fun anywhere else! Hope your plants (and you) are faring well. Drink lots of water – or whatever else floats your boat.

Speaking of floats..... The Englewood Area Orchid Society will have a float in this year's Pioneer Days Parade on Labor Day – Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 10AM. Ann Baldwin and Noreen Spencer graciously volunteered to create a float for our entry. If you're interested in helping with the float or walking in the parade (maybe riding on the float – not sure

how they'll create the float), please call Ann at 941-475-5097 for specifics. Call now – the parade is only days away. Hope to see lots of you at the parade!

The Venice Area Orchid Society is having their annual plant sale on September 11 in Centennial Park in downtown Venice. Stop by – you'll be pleased at their selection and prices.

We got *some* responses to our plea for show help in 2011 but still need to hear from more people. Remember none of these jobs are overwhelming. New members or first time show committee heads are welcome – we'll help you in every way possible when and if you need help. Working the show is a great way to get to know other members and to help our society. Our society depends on the show's proceeds to run throughout the year. We need more commitment before we send in the show deposit monies.

**Phalaenopsis** will be the subject of Joe Hayden's September meeting discussion. Joe runs Joe Hayden's Orchids in Placida as well as working for Sun Bulb in Arcadia. He'll have lots of straightforward advice for growing these stately and long-blooming beauties. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7 PM. Please help with savory or sweet snacks for our refreshments table and plants for the raffle table. Don't forget your blooming orchids as well.

**Gail Hopper,**  
EAOS President

Welcome New Member

Vicki Mize Gulf Cove

COME ONE...COME ALL

SALE

## ORCHIDS AND OTHER PLANTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CENTENNIAL PARK, VENICE AVE. &  
NASSAU ST.

UNDER THE TREES NEAR THE  
INFORMATION KIOSK  
(SW CORNER OF PARK)

PRESENTED BY

VENICE AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

### Treasurer's Report

Aug 2010

Checking Account

Balance 06/15/10 \$5,697.21

**Income**

Silent Auction \$463.50

Raffle July \$183.00

Total deposits to  
8/15/10 \$646.50 \$646.50

**Expenses**

Items for 2011 Show -\$22.30

Total expense to  
8/15/10 -\$22.30 -\$22.30

Balance 8/15/2010 \$6,321.41

Respectfully submitted:  
Rosemary Hutchinson  
Treasurer

### Ridge Orchid Show

The Ridge Orchid Society will present its 48<sup>th</sup> annual show, *The Colorful World of Orchids*, on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 12

Noon to 5 PM at the Lake Mirror Center, 121 South Lake Avenue, Lakeland, Florida.

There will be a wide variety of beautiful orchids arranged in lovely displays designed by orchid societies and nurserymen from all around Central Florida. Experienced orchid growers will give lectures on orchid culture, and members will be available to repot your overgrown orchids at the repotting table. There will be vendors selling orchids, orchid-growing supplies and other orchid gifts.

This event is sponsored by The Ridge Orchid Society. Admission is \$2.00.



*The raffle table at the July meeting earned \$183.*

### East Everglades Plans show

You are invited to attend "Cascade of Orchids" at the gardens of r.f. Orchids -- 28100 SW 182 Avenue, Homestead, Florida on October 15, 16, 17 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

For more information go to the website at [www.orchidseeos.com](http://www.orchidseeos.com)

A tasty menu of lunch items will be available for purchase.

Admission is FREE

## Upcoming Events

### Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

VAOS plant sale 9-2, Centennial Park, Venice.

### Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

Regular meeting - Joe from Joe Hayden's Orchids in Placida will discuss Phalenopsis.

### Sept. 18 – 19

Ridge Orchid Show (see above)

### Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

**Regular meeting - Repotting Clinic** – Bring an orchid to repot or buy the materials needed to pot or mount an orchid. We'll demonstrate repotting techniques and then have the materials and advice handy for a Do-It-Yourself clinic.

Nominees for 2011 Board of Directors positions

### Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

EAOS PLANT SALE at Christ Lutheran Church. 7 vendors so far. We still need a team to manage this event as well as EAOS members to bring plants to sell.

### Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

Axel from Amazonia Orchids will discuss Cattleyas.

Election for 2011 Board of Directors

### Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Dinner party Carol Nissen and Corey Plasek are chairing – see them to help.

Happy Time starts at 5:30 with dinner and a brief meeting.

The Hills Restaurant @  
Rotonda Golf &  
Country Club

## You are invited to our annual FALL OPEN HOUSE & SALE

**FENDER'S FLORA AND VENICE  
ORCHIDS**

**October 1 & 2, 2010 (Fri. & Sat.)  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Potted orchids, Specials & closeouts plus  
hundreds of bare-root divisions.  
Please visit www.FendersFlora.com  
and bring your list!**

**254 Keystone Rd., Venice, FL 34292**

Bill and Susan Fender, office 941-412-1355

Cells: 941-323-1587 (Susan),  
941-323-1593 (Bill)

## COUPON:

**FREE ORCHID FOR EVERY \$50 YOU  
SPEND!**

You may choose from our selected group of  
vigorous, quality orchids.  
Spend \$50, choose one free orchid; spend \$100,  
choose two free orchids, etc.

**Valid Oct. 1 and 2 at Fender's Flora only**

Directions: From Interstate 75, exit 191 (River  
Rd.), ½ mile, then Right on Venice Ave.  
Right on Keystone Rd. We are second to last  
driveway on right.

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DO YOU WANT  
TO HAVE A  
SHOW IN 2011?  
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## 2011 EAOS ORCHID SHOW

### COMMITTEES

ARE YOU  
WILLING TO  
HEAD A  
COMMITTEE OR  
CHAIR THE  
SHOW??

#### Show Chair

- Set up master show schedule and due dates.
- Invite vendors and follow-up with deposit requests and receipts – list of vendors and contact info already set up
- Invite orchid societies – list of societies and contact info already set up
- Work with all committee heads to ensure due dates are met for permits, vendors, fees, advertising, etc.
- Attend or call-in-to Jan, Feb and March Board meetings to discuss show budget and progress
- Hold show meetings with committee heads and members.
- Discuss show progress and needs at Jan, Feb and March EAOS meetings.

#### EAOS Display Chair

- Develop show theme and title.
- Secure a committee to design and setup EAOS display. Setup display on Thursday.
- Work with EAOS Board on display budget and EAOS members for lots of plants.

#### Sponsors and Corporate Donations Chair

- **This job begins in January.** Send out letters to past and potential sponsors. The form letter, sponsorship package and partial list of sponsors is already setup. Tweak it if you want – otherwise you're ready to go.
- Get help from other members and use your imagination to canvass the greatest number of professionals, businesses and interested parties. Sponsors make the show happen and keep the society functioning.

#### Advertising Chair

- Work with EAOS Board to setup show advertising budget and coverage
- Work with papers, radio, etc to secure ads and free promotional articles.
- Revise 2010 show flyer or design a new one. With your committee, distribute flyers and go to businesses to display flyers.

#### Judging Chair

- Correspondence with Judges and Photographer.
- Work with Board to order necessary ribbons, judging supplies and award signs.
- Arrange EAOS members to serve as Judging Clerks. Judging Clerks assist the judges while they are judging by finding the numbered plants within the displays, marking the corresponding entry sheet with notations, and hanging ribbons on numbered plants. Hours needed are 7:45 – 11 AM on Friday.
- Management of Registration and Judge's area.

## Registration Chair

- Coordinate receipt and Orchid Wiz registration of EAOS entries.
- Work with AOS rep to assist EAOS and the other displaying societies with Registration.
- Print out display labels and plant number markers.
- Management of Registration and Judge's area.

## Hospitality Chair

- Oversee food donations and kitchen help. Serve food and tidy kitchen afterwards.
- Prepare menu for Judges Breakfast and Luncheon on Friday.
- Food will be served from 8 to 3 on Thursday and 10 –3 on Friday and Saturday. You don't have to be there the whole time – there will be lots of helpers in the kitchen.

## Signs and Permits Chair

- Obtain permission for sign placements.
- Send in permit forms to Charlotte County.
- Set up signs outside church and where permitted.
- Work with electrical contractor to set up sign over 776 near Dearborn Street.

## Show Setup Chair

- The show floor layout plan is setup already – just get a tape measure and follow the plan. You'll have lots of help.
- With the help of the show setup committee and EAOS members, mark out the areas for displays, vendors, etc. Secure plastic on floor, set up dividing curtains and potted plants.
- Setup tables for vendor, admissions, display, food, etc. areas and cover tables with plastic tablecloths and skirts.

## Admissions Chair

- Make sure that we have at least two people at admissions desk throughout the show.
- Help admission desk volunteers and be responsible for getting admissions monies to Treasurer.

## EAOS Tables Chair

- Work with Board and your committee to secure silent auction items, sales items and raffle plants from vendors.
- Set up displays on education, membership, sales and auction tables.
- Get members to work on raffle, educational and sales tables during the show.
- Get members to greet attendees on the show floor and promote EAOS membership.

## Show Breakdown Chair

- Breakdown committee will disassemble the EAOS display, floor and table displays and return all EAOS items to storage.
- Get transport people and vehicles to take show materials and display items back to our storage bin on San Casa Road. Load vehicles Saturday from 4:30 – 6:00, take to storage on Monday or later.