



Englewood Area Orchid Society

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Newsletter

From the President's Desk

Had enough of the heat and humidity by now? How's the weather up north? Hopefully you all survived the massive July heat wave wherever you were.



We had a nice EAOS turnout at Venice for the August meeting and were treated to a beautiful pictorial presentation by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in California. His topic, "Miniature Cattleyas for a Warm Climate" was a great introduction to which types of mini catts fare well in SW Florida's warm climate and why. Several members bought his plants so please let us know how they are doing next summer and if you got them to bloom.

We're having a new speaker at September's meeting. Robert Riefer is a Florida state certified crop advisor, educator and well known orchid hobbyist. He will share orchid culture information as well as chemical care and safety in his presentation "Tips and Tricks for Everyone."

Our annual plant sale is November 5th. Mary Ann DiGrazia is chairing the event and needs help throughout the sale. We need help with the promo, putting up the signs, set-up, selling and clean-up. Think about and start repotting or separating your indoor and outdoor plants and orchids for the sale. You get 80% and EAOS gets 20%. It's a great way to buy plants AND support EAOS. We had a great bunch of members braving the cold last year and we made a nice profit for ourselves. More people contributing plants and actively working the sale creates an air of excitement and often rivalry that spreads throughout the crowd. Put up the signs and tents and they will come. Create a buzz and

they will buy.

Some dates and events to keep in mind:

- 2012 officers needed – The President, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary positions need to be filled for next year. We need members to step up and lead this society into the next year. Please
- Our first 2012 show is Sarasota's on Jan 7th and 8th. The theme is "Orchids By the Sea". We need a chairperson for our display as well as help with the display. Interested???
- Our 2012 Orchid Show and Sale is set for March 16 – 17th. We need a theme and lots of help. Start thinking about what you want to do to make our show fantastic.

I hope to see many of you at our next meeting on September 12th. 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

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Upcoming Events

*Sept. 12 – regular meeting.
Speaker: Robert Riefer on
use of chemicals on orchids*

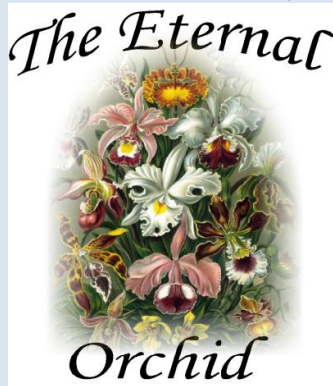
*Sept. 17 - 18 – Ridge Orchid
Show, Lake Mirror Center,
Lakeland*

*Oct. 10 – regular meeting.
Speaker: Ted Kellogg -
Orchid Oddities and AOS's
new orchid software*

Nov 5 – Annual Plant Sale

Ridge Orchid Show

The Ridge Orchid Society presents its 49th annual Orchid Show, **The Eternal Orchid**, on



Saturday, Sept. 17^h from 10 - 5 and Sunday, Sept. 18^h from 12 - 5. The show is at the Lake Mirror Center, 121 South Lake Avenue, Lakeland, FL. There is a \$2 admission fee. You'll find more information on the

society website: ridgeorchidsociety.org. There will be displays, vendors, supplies, and a repotting table.

EAOS PLANT SALE

NOVEMBER 5, 2011

Our annual plant sale will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on Nov. 5 from 9AM to 2PM. Please support EAOS by selling your plants and helping at the sale. You get 80% for each plant sold and EAOS gets 20%. Mary Anne DiGrazia is the chair of the event. See Mary Anne at the meetings this Fall and volunteer to help.

Orchids Stolen in Naples

The Naples Orchid Society would like everyone to keep an eye out for orchids stolen from a gated community in that city August 17 or 18. These orchids include:

- **2 large Grammotaphylum scriptum 'citrinum'**

Both were in root-covered wooden hanging baskets. (One plant was the July 2011 NOS ribbon winner for Medium Species with three spikes of lime green flowers. The other was the August 2011 NOS gold ribbon species winner with six spikes of lime green flowers. Both plants may no longer be in bloom.)

- **2 large Cigar Orchids**

(in black octagonal plastic hanging baskets)

This native orchid (*Cyrtopodium punctatum*) is also called Cow Horn Orchid and Bee Swarm Orchid. These two orchid plants are descendents of a plant collected in Lee County over 60 years ago and handed down through the family of the collector to its present-day owner.

- **1 large Oncidium 'Dancing Lady'**
on a root-covered slab in a heavy round metal hanging basket.

If you see these orchid plants, please contact their owner: Twyla Leigh (239) 272-9770. A police report is on file with the Collier County Sheriff's office (239-774-4434). Please feel free to report directly to them with any info about the missing plants.

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Right on Keystone Rd. We are second to last driveway on right.**