

Englewood Area Orchid Society

September, 2014 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



I am proud to say there was a very nice turn out for the joint meeting at Venice on August 6th. I am sure you enjoyed the informative talk and beautiful slides of various cattleyas. Dr. Courtney Hackney, Director of Coastal Biology at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville was the guest speaker for the evening. He is also the author of "American Cattleyas", a book he published in 2004 after a culmination of a decade of study and interviews, which summarizes in old photographs and prints how all the modern cattleyas came to be. He was extremely knowledgeable and interesting.

Venice had a very large crowd at the meeting and they were glad to see so many from EAOS. They had a really great raffle table and lots of goodies for us. Many people brought some beautiful plants for the plant table for others to enjoy. Thanks Venice, for a lovely evening.

Mickey Carnell, from Blue Pagoda, will again be having his culture class prior to the meeting at 5:15 at his store on S Indiana. His classes are a way to expand your knowledge of orchids and get many of your questions answered. We really appreciate Mickey holding these classes and I hope you'll take advantage of them. Thanks, Mickey.

We need someone to step up and take over the Library, which is now housed at Christ Lutheran Church in our cabinet. It's not a hard job, maybe two of you would do it and take turns being in charge. I hope to hear from you that you'll do it. There are great books to enjoy and we should take advantage of them.

I hope you are dividing and potting up orchids and other plants for our big plant sale at the church on November 1st. Each year more and more people come, and lots

that keep coming each year. Last year was a great sale and we all had loads of fun. We'll need many volunteers to help sell plants and give assistance to the buyers. Mark the date on your calendar to keep it open. It is a big money maker for the club and helps with show expenses and also some goes towards our annual scholarship that we award. It's nice to give back to the community.

We look forward to having Bill Fender speak at our September meeting on "Growing Orchids Outside isn't that easy". Bill is a great friend of EAOS and he always has a great presentation. Don't miss it.

Mary Anne DiGrazia, EAOS President

Meeting Location

Don't forget that meetings have now permanently moved back to Christ Lutheran Church at 801 N. Indiana Ave. Doors open at 6:30 and we end by about 8:30.

CULTURE CLASS

Sept. 8 before the monthly meeting

at BLUE PAGODA Orchids

895 South Indiana Avenue

with MICKEY CARNELL,
Owner of Blue Pagoda

5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in orchid growing is welcome.

There is plenty of parking behind Blue Pagoda.

Sept. meeting features Bill Fender

Bill Fender started growing orchids as a hobby in 1969 when Susan's mother gave him his first orchid, Bc. Binosa. He is actually still growing a division of this plant! Bill's love of growing orchids led to his career in the nursery business. Bill and Susan Fender started Fender's Flora, Inc. in 1974.

While Fender's Flora was primarily a wholesale fern business, Bill's orchid hobby remained. And it led eventually to offering orchids in addition to ferns. Bill and Susan retired two years ago. ☺

After all the experiences in over 40 years in the nursery business, the most important lesson learned is that Mother Nature is always in control! Now that Bill has come full circle and is again a hobby orchid grower growing outside in a slat house with a tree canopy, this lesson has proven invaluable.

Bill's presentation at the EAOS meeting in September will be entitled, "Growing Orchids Outside Isn't That Easy!" He will cover his most successful methods for growing outside, including growing in baskets, potting medium, mounting your orchids, fertilizing, watering or not, etc. He will have orchid supplies for sale including items he currently uses: plastic baskets, hangers, tree fern products for mounting, bamboo stakes, etc.



Holiday Dinner

It won't be long before December is upon us and it will be time for our Holiday dinner meeting. We have several suggestions, but what we need is for a couple of you to volunteer to head up the committee to arrange the event. If you are still up north and would be interested, or if you are here and are interested, either way just email Mary Anne DiGrazia at tommaryanne@centurylink.net. We look forward to hearing from you and thanks for volunteering.



Members attend a joint meeting of the EAOS and VAOS at the Community Center in Venice.



Dr. Hackney, guest speaker, answers questions before the August meeting.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

6:30-7:00 -- buy raffle tickets and check out the variety of plants that our speaker brings. Interact with fellow members and get to know them.

7:00 -- announcements

7:15-8:00 -- program

8:00 -- short break – buy raffle tickets, if you haven't already done so and check out the speaker's plants.

8:10 -- plant table, followed by raffle



Attendees at the joint meeting in Venice find a well-stocked refreshment table.

Barbara Wagner Orchid Collection Sale Sept. 6th

- Saturday, September 6th, 2014
- 9 AM-2 PM (or by appointment, please call 941-923-7706)
- Cash Only
- Orchids, pots, supplies, and benches-also a fertilizer tank
- 6834 Anchor Way, Sarasota, 34231
- Corner of Anchor Way and Regatta Dr.
- Please use the side gate on Regatta Dr.



August joint meeting includes fancy plant table presentation.

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Orchtoberfest Bus Trip - October 24th

The Sarasota Orchid Society is planning a late October bus trip to EFG Orchids in Deland, FL to attend their 12th annual Orchid Orchtoberfest on Friday, October 24th and has invited the Venice and Englewood Orchid Societies to join them on this trip.

As you can see in the attached link ... <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?SarasotaOrchidSociet/9b0d19a17f/122ad26211/fe149c4dc5>... the trip includes an orchid sale, 20,000 sq. ft. of plants to choose from, the opportunity to purchase authentic German food,

music, hay rides, etc., etc. Here's a link to pictures from the 2013 event <https://www.flickr.com/photos/44931404@N04/sets/72157636762879054/> The EFG Orchtobberfest takes place from Friday, Oct 24th thru Sunday, Oct 26th.

EFG Orchids celebrates its 65th year in business. Founded in 1939 by Carl D. Hausermann and Erwin Hausermann Sr. they moved from their original location near Chicago to DeLand, Florida. They house their many new orchid crosses, along with other tropical plants and landscape material in their 20,000 sq. ft. greenhouse. They are well known in the orchid society world and have built a reputation for having clean, reasonably priced, well grown and established plants along with great customer service. Among their many species and hybrid plants, they specialize in Phaius orchids, including the Nun orchid.

For the bus trip, there will be two pickup locations ...
1) Venice Community Center at approximately 8:00 a.m... and

2) Sam's Club (Fruitville Road near I-75) parking lot at approximately 9:00.

The bus will hold 50+ people. At least 30 people to commit and pay are needed in order to reserve the bus.

The cost of the trip will be as follows:

- If 50 people go on this trip – Cost will be \$25 per person
- If 40 people go on this trip – Cost will be \$30 per person
- If only 30 people go on this trip– Cost will be \$40 per person.

<p><i>EAOS Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p><i>July Expenses</i> ----- \$ 764.99 <i>July Deposits</i> ----- 447.00 <i>Balance</i> ----- \$6980.52</p> <p><i>EAOS is now using the Englewood Bank and we will no longer have the \$17/month fee that Chase was charging.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Elaine Squires, Treasurer</p>
