

Englewood Area Orchid Society



September, 2018 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

We had a wonderful joint meeting with Venice Area Orchid Society at Venice for our August meeting. There was a large crowd and lots of beautiful plants on the plant table and the raffle table.



Jim Roberts of Florida Suncoast Orchids was the speaker and his topic was "What's a Good Orchid to Grow". He was very informative and had a great power point presentation, which we all enjoyed. He also had beautiful plants for sale. Highlight of the raffle was an extremely large plant that Jim had donated and the winner was really delighted when she won. It was outstanding. You'll see the picture in the newsletter. Jim is such a good speaker and I always enjoy hearing his presentations.

If you have not had an opportunity to sign up for our Mentor/Mentee program, I hope you'll take advantage of it. It is a great way to share your knowledge of growing orchids (Mentor) and a great way to learn more about growing orchids (Mentee). A number of members have signed up to be Mentors and Mentees, but we would love to see more people participate. Judy Russell is the coordinator and her email address is skipnjudyl@msn.com. Send her an email if you are interested in participating.

Our November plant sale will be on November 3rd from 9-12. If you would like to sell plants, orchids or other plants, or anything related to orchids, please let me know. We always have fun and it is a great way to support the society. When you sell your plants, etc, you will receive 80% of the price and the society will receive 20%. Call me at 941-697-9237 or send me an email at tommaryanne@centurylink.net.

Calendar

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

Sept. 10 – Regular Meeting, 6:30pm
Speaker - Roy Krueger – Topic:
Bifoliate Catts.

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

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

It doesn't seem possible that Labor Day is almost here and then the fall and before you know it, the show season will be upon us. Time has a way of flying by.

Hope your orchids have been enjoying the rain and not getting too much. We just need to get through September without any storms and that will be good. We don't need a repeat of last year's hurricane season.

Our September speaker is Roy Krueger who will be speaking on bifoliate Cattis. He is a dynamic speaker and always so interesting. Don't miss it. See you then.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President

Back to our Regular Meetings

September marks the beginning of the fall season and EAOS is back to its regular meeting schedule. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave., starting at 6:30 pm.

Bring your blooming orchids for the plant table. Ribbons are awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and for best species, speaker's choice, and members' choice. Be sure to put in your vote for the members' choice ribbon. Bring friends to the meeting and introduce them to the world of orchids.

Roy Krueger speaks in September

The speaker for the September meeting is Roy Krueger. His topic will be bifoliate Cattleyas.

Roy has been growing orchids for over 15 years. When he moved to Florida, he bought a house and inherited three plants left by the previous owner. He soon found that orchids multiply faster than rabbits and today his collection is over 500 plants. His favorites are Cattleya species and unusual Dendrobiums. He is a hobbyist grower and not a commercial reseller. Most of his collection is grown outdoors year-round. He grows in a pool cage, under an arbor, attached to trees and anywhere along the fence that the squirrels can't reach. Roy has served as President of Manatee Orchid Society and in various offices with the Sarasota Orchid Society. He teaches a series of culture classes for various societies and authors a monthly article entitled "Orchids We Should All Grow" that appears in numerous newsletters. He has spoken to EAOS and numerous societies and clubs throughout western Florida and we are fortunate to have him come again.

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.



Joint meeting at VAOS featured a huge orchid for the raffle and Jim Roberts as Speaker with orchids to sell.



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Get ready for Show Season

Starting in January, EAOS participates in the Sarasota area's orchid shows. This is your chance to win awards for your orchids. Any member can enter orchids in the EAOS display and possibly win a ribbon, a cash prize for an outstanding orchid, or an AOS award for the very best.

We depend on our members to provide blooming orchids for our display at each show, beginning with the Sarasota Orchid Show on January 4-6. Now is the time to get started preparing your orchids for the show season. Check the labels on your orchids. One of the biggest problems we have at shows is that there is no name for the orchid or the name provided is wrong.

What can you do if you discover that a label has blown away in a storm or the name has faded away? All is not lost. If the orchid is in bloom, bring it to the next meeting and put it on the plant table. Someone may be able to help you out. Take a picture of the flower and post it on an internet discussion group

If you have a partial name search on the internet to see if you can fill in the blanks. Bring the label to a meeting and see whether one of the more knowledgeable members can figure it out. If you have a mentor, ask about the name. Send a picture of the label to Orchids@EAOS.ORG. You might also send a picture of the flower, but realize that there are thousands of named orchids that may look very similar. If you bought your orchid from an orchid vendor, take it back and ask for an identification. Don't expect Lowes or Home Depot to ID your orchid.

For many orchids, a dry season is needed in order for them to bloom. The cool winter months are a time to reduce watering. You might want to start your dry season a little early to have blooming plants for the show season. Another trick to bring orchids into bloom at the right time is to withhold fertilizer in October and November and then use a bloom fertilizer in December. There are no surefire ways to get orchids to do your bidding, but sometimes you can trick them into doing what you want.

Once the orchids start to spike, put a stake in the pot to keep the flower spikes growing straight. Be sure to use stakes that look natural – green or brown- but no bright colors that detract from the orchids themselves. Likewise, be sure that decorations that you might want to put with your orchids can be removed for entering them in a show. You may like red ribbons to tie up the spikes, but judges will find bright colors distracting. Use twist ties or plain clips to attach to the spikes.

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