

# Englewood Area Orchid Society



April, 2018 Newsletter

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## From the President's Desk

What a great show season. I can't thank everyone enough for all that was done for our three shows that we participate in. Without everyone's help it would not have been possible.



Our show was a great success with 1,000 people attending. There is always a lot of work and fun setting up for the show, and it is all worth it. Ken and his team did a great job on our display and I was so pleased with our results on plants that were displayed either in the display or our 4 tables of individual plants. We had 96 plants entered in the show and we won a total of 62 ribbons which is wonderful! We also were blessed with two really special AOS awards, one going to Carol Nissen and one going to Roy Klinger. Roy also won 3 other awards on his plant and he can really be so proud of that. Both plants were spectacular and the AOS judges thought so too. Well done Carol and Roy.

We couldn't have done it without Mary Commer and her assistants in the kitchen. We have always been so proud of the great cooks our society has and it really shines during show time. Thank you all for your delicious contributions. All of our volunteers really helped make our show a success and for that I offer a heart felt THANK YOU!

If you haven't sent in your dues for 2018, please do, so we can have our new directory up to date and we don't want to miss anyone who wants to continue their membership. You can mail your \$15 household membership check to EAOS, P O Box 247, Englewood, Fl, 34295.

## Calendar

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

Apr. 9 – Regular Meeting – Stig Dahlstrom, Speaker

May 14 – Regular Meeting – Donn Smart speaking on Paphs and Phrags

June 11 – Annual Picnic

## Dues for 2018

Your membership fee for 2018 is past due. A membership for the year is \$15 per household. Pay at the next meeting or mail your check to:

EAOS, P.O. Box 257, Englewood, FL 34295.

It was nice having Vern Bloch speak to us again. He always brings such beautiful plants and his presentation was very informative.

If there are special programs that you would like to have, please contact me or Edna with suggestions.

Now that Mary and Barb have gone north for the summer, we will need to have helpers in the kitchen for our break. I am sure some of you will step up and fill in while they are gone. I am counting on it.

I am glad to report that Eunice Schattauer is home from the hospital and doing better. Hopefully we'll see her and Neal at the next meeting. We missed them at the show.

Thanks,

Mary Anne DiGrazia,

EAOS President

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## Kitchen help needed

We need a couple of volunteers to take over the kitchen duties while Mary and Barb are gone for the summer. You'll make coffee, get drinks organized and set up the goodies for the break. Let me know if you can help.

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## Officers Elected in March

At the March 12th meeting, officers were elected to serve for the next 2 years. The following officers were elected:

President - Mary Anne DiGrazia,  
VP - Edna McClenney-Willis,  
Recording Secretary - Laurie Motter,  
Corresponding Secretary - Judy Russell,  
Treasurer - Helen McClaskie.

The officers will be installed at the April meeting and serve until April 2020.



*Members chat with Vern Bloch at the March meeting..*

## Treasurer's Report

February, 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$14,332.36
INCOME	2,156.60
EXPENSES	1,356.68
ENDING BALANCE	\$15,132.28

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen McClaskie, Treas.

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## Plant Table



1<sup>st</sup> Place & Best Species

## March Plant Table

1st place & Best Species Phal. schilleriana	Fran Ostertag
2nd place Z. Advance Australia 'Hop'	Barb Reitz
3rd & Members' Choice Rlc. Paradise Rose 'My Valentine'	Ed Opatrny

## March Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting March 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Anne DiGrazia welcoming members, guests and several new members from the orchid show. Good to see so many new members.

### Old Business:

EAOS Show - Ken Woodward and his team did a great job on our display. There were 96 orchids entered with 34 receiving blue ribbons, 19 red ribbons and 7 yellow ribbons for a total of 60 ribbons. There were two AOS awards. Roy Klinger won three awards plus an AOS award and Carol Niissen won an AOS award. Great accomplishments. Mary Anne thanked all those who helped with the show, brought plants for display, made food and just helped in general. It could not have been done without the help of everyone. A special thank you to Mary Commer and her team for being there to provide never-ending food for everyone. Mary Anne gave a special thanks to those who brought deviled eggs which were a special request from her. Our show did better than last year. We had about 1,000 in attendance and realized over \$5,00 in net. Thanks to all for making this happen.

There is still time to pay 2018 dues. They are \$15 per household. If you have not paid, please give your check to Helen tonight or mail to our PO Box 249, Englewood, FL 34295.

### New Business:

Election of officers - Ken Woodward presented the slate.

President - Mary Anne DiGrazia  
Vice President - Edna McClenney Willis  
Recording Secretary - Laurie Motter  
Corresponding Secretary - Judy Russell  
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2nd Place



3rd Place & Members' Choice

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Motion was made and seconded to accept the slate and the motion passed. New officers will take effect at the April meeting.

A break was taken for refreshments, to vote for favorite plant on the plant table, to buy raffle tickets, pay dues and to check all the beautiful plants for sale by Vern Bloch.

After the break Vern Bloch gave a very informative presentation on "Epi and Encyclia " with a slide show of beautiful plants.

Ted Kellogg presented the plants on the plant table with informative descriptions of each plant. Ribbons were awarded for the plants.

Attention then went to the raffle table where numbers were drawn with winning numbers choosing from the plants and items that were donated for the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Fran Ostertag, Recording Secretary

## Fertilizing Orchids

(from AOS Magazine, April 2013)

How fertilizer is applied varies as much as orchids themselves. Typically, plants are fertilized once a week during spring and summer and every two weeks in the autumn and winter. Regardless of the fertilizer that you choose, most experienced growers use ½ the label-recommended strength. Remember, in nature epiphytic orchids' roots are exposed and the only nutrients they receive are from bird and animal droppings, decaying insects and detritus. The old saying about fertilizing orchids is: Feed them weekly weakly. Fertilizer is best applied in the morning on sunny days. For mounted orchids, or orchids with exposed roots, such as vandas in empty baskets, many growers routinely first water the plants and then follow with fertilizer a half hour later. The watering before fertilizing prepares the spongy velamen of the orchid roots to better utilize the fertilizer. Orchids in pots are usually not watered first but some growers have their own techniques.

There are requirements specific to certain orchids. For instance, do not fertilize nobile-type dendrobiums after early autumn. This rule actually applies to all orchids that have decided rest periods and all deciduous orchids. Fertilizing them while in their rest period keeps them in continual growth instead of resting before producing flowers. In other words, you may get a lot of growth and no flowers.

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