

# Englewood Area Orchid Society

## August, 2015 Newsletter



Also online at [eaos.org](http://eaos.org)

Meetings at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave, Englewood, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month.

### *From the President's Desk*



What an exciting evening! There was a wonderful crowd with our visitors from Venice and our members. It was a great turnout for our meeting. Rafael had a nice presentation on *Brassovola* – “Species and Hybrids”. He had some beautiful slides and gave us lots of information. They are some of my personal favorites. He also brought a wide variety of plants for sale.

Thank you all so much for the delicious goodies that you brought. Many of our Venice visitors brought goodies too, so we had a table fit for kings and queens.

Next month we will be going to Venice for our joint meeting with them in Venice. I'd like to see as many of our members attend this meeting as possible to show VAOS how much we appreciated so many of them coming to our meeting in July. If you have a goodie to bring, that would be fine. Remember, the meeting will be on August 5th at 7:00 at the Venice Community Center, in Venice, behind the Library. It's a great way to meet and interact with our VAOS sister society. Don't forget we will not have an August 10th meeting in Englewood. Jesse and Dee Vance will be speaking on “Nature's Relics”. Should be very interesting. Do come and enjoy the meeting.

September we'll be back to our regular scheduled meeting on September 14th. Mickey Carnell will be our speaker and he always has a great presentation.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,  
EAOS President*

### August joint meeting

The August meeting will be a joint meeting hosted by the Venice Area Orchid Society, held in the Venice Community Center. The meeting day will be different from our usual day. Instead, it will be on Aug. 5 at 7:00 pm. The Venice Community Center is located next to the Venice library at 326 South Nokomis Avenue. You might want to come early to buy raffle tickets, check out the orchids for sale and the plant table. Be sure to bring your orchids for the plant table. Who knows, you might win a ribbon.

There will be no regular meeting in August.



*Rafael Romero shows a *Brassovola* during his talk at the July meeting.*

### August speaker at VAOS

Jesse and Dee Vance of Nature's Relics use one of Florida's great natural treasures: "Old Growth Cypress Wood."

They prepare the wood for mounting plants, floral designs, and more. Nature's Relics has presented their products at numerous orchid and botanical garden shows.

## July Meeting Minutes

A joint meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society and Venice Area Orchid Society was held on July 13, 2015 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mary Anne DiGrazia.

New business – The 2015 Directory was emailed to all members to print out.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with Venice Area Orchid Society at the Community Center in Venice on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

Our speaker was Rafael Romero, owner of Plantio La Orquidea Orchids in Sarasota. His next Open House will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

His topic was “Brassavola – Species and Hybrids”

Most will bloom more than once a year. They grow best when mounted and if you must pot them use a basket. Bright light is preferred. Don't over water and let dry between watering. If potting use medium bark and charcoal.

His pictures were beautiful and most members will want to add some to their own collection.

7:50 P.M. – Plant table – Bill Fender

8:00 P.M. – Raffle

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nissen, Recording Secretary



*Angraecum Lemforde White Beauty won 1<sup>st</sup>, members' choice and speaker's choice ribbons for Corey Plasek.*

## July Plant Table

1st place, speakers choice, members choice – Angem. Lemforde White Beauty – Corey Plasek

2nd Place – Vanda Cindy Banks 'Bill's Choice' AM/AOS – unknown grower

3rd Place – Bulb Jersey – Kathy Beck

Species – Miltonia moreliana – Corey Plasek



*Vanda Cindy Banks 'Bill's Choice' was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner.*



*Bulbophyllum Jersey grown by Kathy Beck was the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner.*



Corey Plasek's *Miltonia moreliana* was the best species.



The July meeting combined VAOS and EAOS at Englewood.

## Ideas for meeting programs

Is there a special program that you would like to see or a special speaker you'd like to hear? Let us know your ideas. We want the programs to be interesting and informative. We all are learning and we can get a lot of knowledge from our speakers.

### Upcoming Events

#### Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 5 – Joint meeting with  
VAOS in Venice,  
7:00 pm, Venice Community  
Center

Sept. 14 – Regular Meeting  
6:30 pm at Christ Lutheran  
Church

### ***EAOS Treasurer's Report***

<i>Starting Balance</i>	-----	\$10056.60
<i>Expenses</i>	-----	300.00
<i>Deposits</i>	-----	107.00
<i>July 24 Balance</i>	-----	\$9863.60

Elaine Squires, Treasurer

## Membership

If you know former members who haven't paid the 2015 dues or have a friend who would like to be a member, the dues are now \$7.50 per household for the remainder of the year.

Anyone who would like to learn about orchids is welcome.

### 2015 EAOS Officers:

<b>President:</b>	Mary Anne DiGrazia
<b>Vice President:</b>	Edna McClenney-Willis
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Elaine Squires
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Jo Ann Royal
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Carol Nissen
<b>Newsletter &amp; Webmaster:</b>	Ken Woodward
<b>Membership:</b>	Corey Plasek
<b>Historian:</b>	Mary Anne DiGrazia
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## In Memoriam

Englewood Area Orchid Society and has lost another of its long time members. Karen O'Brien passed away on July 7th, 2015, following an illness. She will be missed by all who knew her and our heartfelt sympathy goes to Michael and the family.

