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Englewood Area Orchid Society

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Don't miss our

Next Meeting!

Annual Holiday Party!

Reservations Required

Monday, December 9, 2013, 6 p.m.

LaStanza Ristorante

285 W. Dearborn Street

(Sold Out!)

You can print photos, articles, extra copies, or magnify view of our newsletters:

1. Go to our website www.eaos.org
2. Click on "Newsletters" link under Main Navigation
3. Click on the month of newsletter
4. Hover your mouse near bottom of your screen-toolbar appears
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Louis Del Favero of Del Favero Orchids was guest speaker at our November meeting at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. In his presentation, "Growing Species," he spoke on how he discovered how to make orchids bloom in time for the upcoming orchid shows in Jan., Feb., and March.

Louis has traveled for over 20 years to Mexico, Central and South America, Belize, and Honduras to view and collect species orchids in their native habitat.

In 1981 he moved from Miami to the Tampa area where he and his wife Bonnie have more than 13,000 sq. ft. of orchid greenhouses.

Attention!

Our meeting location has changed. We now meet at Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 Indiana Ave., Englewood Plenty of parking available next door and on nearby streets.

Election Results for 2014 EAOS Officers

President: Ann Baldwin
Vice President: Mary Anne Di Grazia
Treasurer: Elaine Squires
Corresponding Secretary: Monica Iacoma
Recording Secretary: Monica Iacoma

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

December 9, 2013: Annual dinner meeting.

LaStanza Ristorante, Dearborn Street, Englewood

Sold Out!

January 14, 2014:

New meeting location!
Englewood Chamber of Commerce
601 South Indiana Ave, Englewood

Guest Speaker: Mike Owens, Florida State Park biologist, will present "Orchids in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park"
PowerPoint presentation.
New!: Orchid Culture Class-Mickey Carnell of Blue Pagoda Orchids will present "Beginning Orchid Growing" 6-6:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

Sarasota Orchid Society 57th Annual Orchid Show
"A Symphony of Orchids" Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
801 North Tamiami Trail, downtown Sarasota, $5.
Saturday January 11, 9 am-5 pm, Sunday January 12, 10 am-5 pm.

2014 Show Schedule

Sarasota Orchid Society Show: January 11-12
Set-up Friday, January 10.
See Procedure for entering plants on page 4.
Display Chair: Toni Marie

Venice Orchid Society 48th Annual Show
February 1-2. Set-up Friday, January 31.
Display Chair: Carol Nissen

Englewood Area Orchid Society Show: Feb 28-March 1.

Louis Del Favero, guest speaker at our November meeting, is shown here at our Plant Table talking about the orchids brought in for display by our members. See the winners on the next page.

EAOS meets at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce
2nd Monday every month except December

Monthly Meeting Program

Please note new schedule:

5:45 pm Doors Open
6:00 pm Culture Class: "Beginning Orchid Growing"
6:45 pm Announcements
7:00 pm Break-Orchid Sales, buy raffle tickets, refreshments (members may bring snacks to share)
7:10 pm Guest Speaker
8:00 pm Members' Plant Table
8:30 pm Raffle
8:45 pm Clean-up

Welcome New Members!

Liz Glass
Magna Ponte
Jerry & Donna Smolinski
Carol Stein

November Plant Table Award Winners

Mary Anne Di Grazia,
1st Place & Members Choice:
LC Pure Soul 'Yutaka Morimoto'

Richard Mueller,
2nd Place,
Paph. Crazy Horse

Pat Sasanecki,
3rd Place,
BC Maikai Louise

Corey Plasek,
Best Species,
Cirr. Fascinator

Corey Plasek,
Speakers Choice,
BC Little Lulu (B Little Stars x Lulu)

Show your blossoming orchids at our monthly meetings!

Sarasota Orchid Show

Plant Registration Information

SARASOTA ORCHID SHOW
January 11 and 12
Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
801 N. Tamiami Trail

Set up Friday Jan. 10 beginning 8:00am

Procedure for entering plants:

Send registration information to Carol Nissen no later than Tuesday
ccnissen@verizon.net

If you don't know your plant cross/parentage
do a google search for "the international orchid register"
this is on the RHS website
please take 2 minutes to do the following:

click the 'plant' tab at the top
type in the genus (cattleya, dendrobium, etc)
type in the grex (the name) click search
on the new page click on the name
from the new page write down the cross/parentage
THIS IS THE INFORMATION CAROL NEEDS

When your plant is cleaned and labeled either take it to the Baldwin residence
on Thursday the 9th from 1:00 - 6:00 353 Gladstone Blvd. (Englewood Isles)
or directly to the show venue between 9:00 - 9:30 on Friday

No plant will be accepted after 10:00am

No unregistered plant will be accepted

If we can't work you plant into the display, it will be moved to the plant table for judging.

Thank you!

A Look Back at EAOS in 2013

This past year has been a remarkable one for our orchid society.

In January, our display in the Sarasota Orchid Show, led by display chair Toni Marie, was a learning experience for our whole club. Newer members developed expertise in almost everything involved in entering an orchid show display, from registration and classification, to labeling and more. Sarasota has "table-top" displays; we built a display plant stand that easily converts from table-top to floor model for other shows. The Sarasota show was the first significant test of our storage trailer that we acquired in 2012. All of our show and display equipment is stored in the trailer. We simply hook it up and take it to the show where the display committee chooses the materials needed for that display. After the show, we load up the trailer and take it back to its storage place. It has twice the storage capacity of the storage locker we formerly rented, and storing the trailer costs half as much.

Our own show was held in April because of scheduling conflicts with several of our vendors. Some say that was too late for a show because many snowbirds had already flown north for the season. Our show was a success thanks to the hard work and planning by our member volunteers, and with the leadership of show display chair Edna McClenney-Willis, the AOS judges awarded our display First Place and also the coveted American Orchid Society Trophy for Most Outstanding Display; individual EAOS members won 46 ribbons at our show.

In October, we had a mini-show at Boca Royale Golf & Country Club to help promote our public image and to encourage membership in our society.

Even our annual plant sale, held in November and headed by Mary Anne DiGrazia, had a remarkable year, netting our club nearly $1200. Great work, everyone!

At our November meeting, the first meeting at our new location at Englewood Chamber of Commerce, we held our annual election of officers. We have a new Treasurer for 2014, Elaine Squires, and Monica Iacoma was elected as both Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. Thank you and congratulations!

Edward Baldwin

EAOS Newsletter Editor

New!

Beginning Growers Program

Beginning orchid growers can get the help they need with this new EAOS mentor program. You'll learn basic skills such as controlling pests, fertilizing, light exposure, potting, and proper watering. This program is in addition to our new classes on orchid culture on meeting nights. Mentors and mentees visit each other's homes to discuss orchid culture, share ideas, and promote fellowship among our members. To become a mentor or mentee, contact Carol Nissen at ccnissen@verizon.net.

President's Message

Special thanks to all of my officers and volunteers for all their help over the past 2 years. Together we are not only making EAOS viable, but with a renewed emphasis on fellowship and orchid education, we are improving our club.

Jerry and Donna Smolinski were guests at our board meeting last month. They are Master Gardener officers. Donna volunteered to work on procuring t-shirts for our 2014 Orchid Show. The board voted to require 8 hours of service at the show to receive a free shirt. Members who do not meet that requirement will be able to buy shirts at cost. Order deadline is our January 13 membership meeting and distributed to volunteers on the first day of the Show, February 28.

The board also voted unanimously to continue holding our membership meetings at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. Our previous location cost EAOS $600 per year while the Chamber of Commerce charges us $150 per year. Parking is available at the Chamber, and on side streets, and at nearby businesses. Any questions or concerns, talk to me!

We have changed the meeting program somewhat:

- 6:00-6:30 Beginner Orchid Culture Class
- 6:45 Announcements
- 7:10 Guest Speaker
- 8:00 Plant Table & Raffle
- 8:30 Clean-up

The executive board created a new officer position "Education Director." The duties for this office include 1) monthly culture class, 2)EAOS Library, and 3) Public Relations. An election for Education Director will be held as soon as our bylaws have been amended. Until the election, Edward Baldwin will assume these duties.

All 2014 Standing Committee Chairs have been filled. Effective Jan 1, 2014, we have a new membership committee chair, Corey Plasek.

Ann Baldwin

EAOS Library

The following books and videos are available for members to borrow.

Contact Ann Baldwin 941-475-5097.

Books:

1. "An Introduction to Orchids"
2. "Growing and Displaying Orchids"
3. "Growing Orchids"
4. "Home Orchid Growing"
5. "Miniature Orchids & How to Grow Them"
6. "Native Orchids of Florida"
7. "Orchid Care & Cultivation"
8. "Orchids for the South"
9. "Orchid Growing Illustrated"
10. "Orchid Growing"
11. "The Specialist Orchid Grower"
12. "Ortho's All About Orchids"

VHS:

1. "Growing Orchids"
2. "The Many Worlds of Orchids"
3. "Orchid Pests & Diseases"
4. "The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid"
5. "Orchids Made Easy"

EAOS 2014 Annual Orchid Show

February 28-March 1

Vendors

Green Barn Orchids & Supplies - Delray Beach, FL

Tropic 1 Orchids - Kissimmee, FL

Blue Pagoda Orchids—Englewood, FL

Louis Del Favero Orchids—Tampa, FL

Odom's Orchids— Fort Pierce, FL

Orchids Amore—Fort Meyers, FL

Sponsors (so far)

Xpertech Auto Service—Englewood

Gulf Coast True Value Hardware

Critter Cottage

Ryan Roberts, DMD

Show Committee Chairs

1. Admissions – Karen Fisk
2. Advertising—Ann Baldwin
3. Breakdown—Edward Baldwin
4. Clerks—Mary Anne DiGrazia
5. Display—Carol Nissen
6. EAOS Tables—Cathy Mrasak
7. Hospitality - Mary Commer/Barbara Reitz
8. Plant Registration—Carol Nissen
9. Raffle—Neil & Eunice Schattauer
10. Show Set-up—Edward Baldwin
11. Signs & Permits—Edward Baldwin

Join EAOS Today!

Dues $15.00 per family per year

After June 30: $7.50 for new members only.

Please remit dues at our next meeting or send to:

EAOS
P.O. Box 257
Englewood, FL 34295

Treasurer's Report

Nov. 2 Starting Balance:

$7,529.95

Nov. Income :

$3,776.00

Nov. Expenses:

$1,893.78

Nov. 26 Ending Balance:

$9,411.37

2013 EAOS Officers:

President Ann Baldwin
941-475-5097

Vice President Jana Kewley

Corresponding Secretary
Cathy Mrasak
mrasakc@yahoo.com

Treasurer Karen Fisk

Recording Secretary
Edward Baldwin

Historian: Mary Anne DiGrazia

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