



Englewood Area Orchid Society

February, 2018 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk



Show season is off and running. We have Sarasota under our belt and now it is time to get ready for Venice on February 2,3 with set up on the 1st. Hope we'll have many more blooming plants for our display. I know many people have spikes on their phals, so hopefully they will be in full bloom for the Venice show...and maybe Englewood also.

Ken and his team did a great job on the display with only 26 plants exhibited and we had 19 ribbons plus Ken's Best Foliage orchid won an award. Way to go, Ken. Thanks for all your hard work.

Don't forget that now is the time to pay your 2018 dues in the amount of \$15 per household. This is really a bargain. Where can you go to learn about your favorite orchids, have great speakers, show off your blooming plants, or even win a raffle plant. Your dues go towards paying for the hall and speakers and other expenses. Come, join, and bring your friends. Let's see if we can grow the society.

Our Englewood show is coming up March 1,2,3 and we need to get our volunteer lists filled up. There are many ways that you can help the society with the show. You can help set up, or take down at the end, work the admissions table and greet and take money, or work the raffle table and sell tickets for all the great raffle gifts we'll have. We have a need for people to work the membership table, where you'll answer questions about meeting location, etc., and encourage people to join our great society. There are lots of spots to help at the culture table where you'll sell t-shirts, books, pins and cards. These are all sit down jobs, so that makes it so much easier. If you have not had an opportunity to sign up, please call me at 941-697-9237 or email me at tommoryanne@centurylink.net to see what slots are available. I

Calendar

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

Feb.2 – Setup for VAOS show

Feb. 3&4 – Venice Show

Feb. 12 – Regular Meeting - Rick Belisle, Speaks on Dendrobiums



Members start the setup for the EAOS display at the Sarasota Orchid Show.

need volunteers to sign up as soon as possible as I have to order t-shirts and I need your sizes. Please sign up for as many things as you can. The more you get involved, the more you'll enjoy it. Thanks for helping.

Mary Commer needs you to sign up for food for the show. We have always put on a great feast for the vendors, volunteers and judges. Mary's number is 941-423-1284.

It was nice having Mickey Carnell as our speaker. He always has so much wonderful knowledge to share and he is such a great speaker. If you missed it, do stop down at the Blue Pagoda and check out his store. He has beautiful orchids and supplies for sale.

*Mary Anne DiGrazia,
EAOS President*

Venice Orchid Show

We need your blooming orchids for the Venice Orchid Show. Now is the time to prepare the orchids that you want to show. Remove dead leaves and old flower spikes. Make sure that the plants are free of insects. Clean the leaves. You'll be surprised at the ribbons you can win.

Register your blooming plants on Jan. 30 and 31. Send the names of the plants you want to enter to orchids@eaos.org. List the full name of the orchid as shown on the label, the color(s) and the approximate size of the flower (emailing a picture would help). You can expect a return email either saying that the plants have been registered or asking for further information. Also see our PowerPoint presentation which you can find at <http://eaos.org/showprep1.pdf>.

Bring your registered plants to the Venice Community Center at 1:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 2. The show is on Feb. 3 & 4. Pick up your plants on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 4 pm. If you cannot bring your orchids to Sarasota, let us know when you register and we will find transportation for them.

The EAOS show will be Mar. 2 & 3 at the United Methodist Church on Dearborn.

Dues for 2018

The new year is here, so it is time to pay your dues for 2018. 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.



EAOS display for the Sarasota Orchid Show. Below, Judy Russell and Ken Woodward work to set up the display.



Treasurer's Report

DECEMBER, 2017

12/1 balance	\$15,709.18
Income	775.67
Expenses	1,058.96
12/31 Balance	\$15,425.89

Respectfully submitted,
Helen McClaskie, Treas.

Plant Table



1st place & members choice

Jan. Plant Table

1st Place & Members' Choice - Rlc. Young Kong 'Sun #16'	Judy Russell
2nd Place & Speaker's Choice - Bsn. Maikai 'Louise'	Jo Ann Rothe
3rd Place & Best Species - Phal. Amabilis	Edna McClenney-Willis

Sponsors needed for our show

If you have a doctor or dentist or someplace that you do business with, ask them if they would like to be a sponsor of our show. Let Mary Anne DiGrazia know and she'll forward the forms to you and you can present it to them so they have all the information that they need. Thanks for your help in getting new sponsors for the show.

January Minutes

January 8, 2018 EAOS meeting was called to order by the president Mary Anne DiGrazia. She welcomed new members and guests.

Old Business: The Christmas dinner meeting had a nice turnout. Thanks to JoAnn Royal and Helen McClaskie for their help in making it a lovely evening.

Thanks to Ken Woodward and his wonderful crew for putting together a great display with only 26 orchids for the Sarasota show. The EAOS display won 19 ribbons, plus Ken won Best Foliage orchid.

New Business: Dues of \$15 per household are now due and payable. Checks should be given to Helen McClaskie. Also check to make sure that your name, address etc. are all correct on our current records.

The EAOS Orchid Show will be March 2 and 3, with set-up on March 1. Signup sheets were made available for those planning to work at the show. There are a lot of great areas to volunteer. Admissions, greeting and taking in money; Raffle, selling tickets for our many raffles; Membership, encouraging folks to join our great society; Culture, selling society t-shirts, books, pins, and cards. Most of the jobs are sit down, so that makes it easy. Sign up to do as many jobs as you can. The more you participate the more you will enjoy. Sign up as soon as possible so t-shirts for the volunteers can be ordered. Also there is set up and take down that needs volunteers so add that to your list. If you are new and



2nd place & speakers choice



3rd Place & Best Species

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Edna McClenney-Willis

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Fran Ostertag

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Helen McClaskie

Contact us at: orchids@eaos.org

have questions about volunteering, Mary Anne will be glad to answer them.

For the VAOS show in February Ken Woodward will need lots of blooming plants to work with for the EAOS display. Further information will be forthcoming from Ken.

A break was taken for refreshments, an opportunity to vote for favorite plant on the plant table, buy raffle tickets and sign volunteer sheet to work at the EAOS show. Also there was an opportunity to check out and purchase plants from Mickey Carnell's outstanding display of many beautiful orchids.

After the break Mickey Carnell from The Blue Pagoda in Englewood, gave a very informative talk on preparing orchids for cold spells. Everyone benefited from the opportunity for questions and answers with Mickey sharing his vast knowledge.

Mickey presented the plants and announced ribbon winners for the plant table.

Meeting adjourned and attention went to the raffle where numbers were drawn for lucky winners.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Ostertag
Recording Secretary

A poster for an orchid show and sale. The poster has a red border and is decorated with a wreath of red orchids. At the top, there are small icons of a person, a car, and a house. The text on the poster reads: "Orchid Show & Sale", "Venice Area Orchid Society Presents", "Orchids & Oldies", "February 3rd & 4th, 2018", "Saturday 10am - 5pm (displays open at 11am)", "Sunday 10am - 4pm", "Venice Community Center", "326 S. Nokomis Ave. Venice, Florida", "Admission \$5 (under 10 free)", and "www.vaos.org".

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