

# Englewood Area Orchid Society



July, 2018 Newsletter

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## From the President's Desk

If you missed our annual picnic, you missed some really delicious food. We have some great cooks and bakers in our society. Thanks for all the goodies everyone brought. We had over 50 members enjoying the evening with chicken and lots of great salads and desserts. I don't think anyone went home hungry. If you did, it was your own fault. After all votes were counted, Kathy Beck won an orchid for her tasty little desserts. I was glad that Kathy won as she is quite a baker and always shares her goodies at our meetings. Thanks, Kathy.



We had a beautiful plant table with some very outstanding beauties. So glad they were blooming and that you brought them to share. Jo Davis and Wolf Brucknew presented the plant table. Thanks Jo and Wolf.

Everyone was given a raffle ticket and we had 4 drawings for orchids, with 4 lucky winners. Hope you enjoy your new orchids.

We had two new members join the society at the picnic. I want to welcome Roger and Barbara Harris to the society and we all look forward to getting to know you better.

July 9th will be our joint meeting with the Venice Area Orchid Society at Christ Lutheran Church. We have a special speaker, Bill Thoms. His presentations are always informative and humorous. Let's have a really good turnout and welcome VAOS to our meeting. Bill will be bringing some beautiful plants along with his special plant food. Let's show our visitors a big EAOS welcome with lots of goodies and if you have a division that you'd like to donate to the raffle table, that would be great.

## Calendar

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

July 9 – Joint meeting with VAOS at Englewood. Bill Thoms is the speaker: 6:30pm.

August 1 – Joint meeting with VAOS at Venice Community Center, 7pm.



*June's picnic meeting.*

Don't forget in August we will not have our regular meeting in Englewood on August 13th. We'll be guests of VAOS at their meeting at the Venice Community Center on Wednesday, August 1st. I know a lot of members will be coming to our meeting and I hope to see a nice turnout of our EAOS members at the Venice meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00, but you'll want to go early to check out their raffle table and the plants that their speaker will be bringing.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,  
EAOS President

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## June Plant Table

Members' Choice –

Den. Blue Fairy from Kathleen Hietala  
and Encyclia radiata from Ed Opatrny  
tied for Members' Choice.

## Bill Thoms speaks at July meeting

Bill's topic for the meeting is "Growing and Showing Specimen Plants." Many members have heard Bill speak on bulbophyllums. Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids around Central Florida for 40 years and have received almost every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (83 in over 26 genera, including 36 in the bulbophyllum alliance (capped off with a 96 pt. Certificate of Cultural Excellence for Bulb. Frank Smith 'The King').

Bill is the only person to receive an Award of Quality for a Bulbophyllum hybrid (named for Doris) as well as receiving the hybridizer's dream; an Award of Distinction for a new avenue of breeding (a Trias hybrid). Many of his crosses are winning awards around the country. The AOS has just added a yearly award named for him for the best Bulbophyllum exhibited.

His talks are spiced with funny stories and funny associations. Whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow anything better. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants are made easy to understand and remember.

## EAOS.ORG

The website contains an archive of newsletters, a listing of links to orchid websites that may be of interest to members, and other information about our society.

## Plant Table

*Members' Choice*



*Den. Blue Fairy*



*E. radiata*

## August meeting in Venice

The August meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Venice Community Center. This is the regular meeting day for the VAOS. During the summer when attendance is lower for both societies, the meetings are combined for July and August. In July, EAOS hosts the meeting. In August it is Venice's turn to host. EAOS members should note that the meeting day will be the first Wednesday, which is the regular date for our Venice counterparts. Likewise the starting time will be 7:00 pm, the usual for VAOS. The Venice Community Center is located at 326 S. Nokomis Ave. in Venice.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY, 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$19,009.21
INCOME		
RAFFLE	57.00	
DUES	45.00	
TOTAL		125.79
EXPENSES		
TRAILER LICENSE	27.60	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	109.88	
SCHOLARSHIP	500.00	
TOTAL		637.48

ENDING BALANCE \$18,473.73

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen McClaskie, Treasurer

## Orchids Magazine Growing Tips

Have you run out of space for hanging your mounted plants? If so, you need to look at the June issue of Orchids Magazine. On p.14, there is an article called Great Ideas, which describes constructing a rack for hanging mounted plants.

The rack is built using wire mesh and plastic pipe. The pipes are made into a box-type structure and the wire mesh is strung on the sides to provide space for hanging orchids. This is a simple way of expanding your orchid growing space using easily found materials.



*In addition to the picnic, the June meeting included a plant table with Jo Davis presenting the orchids.*

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