

# Englewood Area Orchid Society



June, 2018 Newsletter

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## From the President's Desk

Donn Smart, our speaker, brought a number of beautiful Paphs and Phrags to the meeting to help talk about growing tips and culture. He gave us all handouts with further information on growing them. He gave us lots of good information and if you don't have any in your collection, you should consider trying one. There are a number of people in the club that grow beautiful ones. Michelle Glenbocki, Anna Sibille, Fran Ostertag and others grow them. Fran even brought her beautiful plant to the meeting. Check out the picture in the newsletter.



If you didn't have an opportunity to make it to Redlands, you missed a great day. Surprisingly the weather was lovely. Mary Ann and Gus Carre, Sybil Levien, and I all went on the bus and it was a really fun day. There were vendors with beautiful plants and oh, such temptations. You wouldn't believe all the really serious buyers with their carts and wagons full of beautiful, blooming plants. People come from all over to see the 50+ vendors of orchids and supplies. Put it on your calendar for next year so you don't miss it. You'll be glad that you did.

Next month will be our annual picnic at the church. If you haven't signed up yet, please call me at 941-697-9237 or email at [tommaryanne@centurylink.net](mailto:tommaryanne@centurylink.net) to let me know you are coming and what you'll bring. I am sure we will have a delicious, fun evening.

July meeting will be a joint meeting with Venice and Rafael Romero from Plantio La Orquidea will be our speaker. Because we are hosting Venice at our meeting, I look forward to a really good turnout of our Englewood members to welcome them.

## Calendar

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

June 11 – Annual Picnic

July 9 – Joint meeting with VAOS at Englewood. Rafael Romero is the speaker.



Mary Anne DiGrazia presents the EAOS scholarship to Katelyn A. Hackett.

It's really important that if you have not paid your 2018 dues, you send them in to EAOS, P O Box 257, Englewood, Fl. 34295 so that we can list you in the directory and will not miss out on getting our great newsletter that Ken puts together. We are so very fortunate that we have someone that is so knowledgeable about doing what he does. Thank you, Ken and know that we really appreciate you.

Mary Anne DiGrazia,

EAOS President

## 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

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## ANNUAL JUNE PICNIC – June 11, 2018

The society will furnish the meat and drinks and we are asking our members to bring salads or desserts. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up, please call me at 941-697-9237 or email [tommaryanne@centurylink.net](mailto:tommaryanne@centurylink.net) to let me know what you'd like to bring. I know we have some terrific cooks in the society and we always look forward to our table of wonderful food. I'll be bringing my chocolate cake that I brought to the show that seemed to be a hit. Don't miss out on a fun evening of food, fellowship and fun.

We will have a plant table, so if you have some plants blooming bring them so that we can enjoy them. We will also be drawing tickets to give away some blooming plants to the lucky winners. Everyone will have a chance to vote for their favorite salad or dessert and there will be a prize given.

Bring plants if you have a couple of extra ones from dividing, or if you have ones that never seem to bloom for you. Someone else may have better luck. After the dinner there will be a plant exchange.

## New Mentor program.

We are signing up people that would like to Mentor members of the society. If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up, please let me or Judy Russell know that you'd like to participate in the program. If you would like to be mentored, and haven't sign up yet, let us know that also. We have planning on matching up mentors with the mentees to help them learn more about orchids and be someone that can call when they have a question or problem. They have been doing this for several years at the Venice Orchid Society and it is working really well, especially with new members or those members who would like some extra help. Sign up and let's make this a great program.



*1<sup>st</sup> Place & Members' Choice*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Place*

## Scholarship Winner

On May 7th was the Lemon Bay High School Awards and Scholarship evening. Every year the EAOS gives a \$500 scholarship to a senior and this year's recipient was Katelyn A Hackett. She was a lovely young lady and very thankful for our scholarship. I feel this is a wonderful way of giving back to the community by awarding a scholarship. When you see these bright, young people receiving awards and scholarship, you feel really proud of this generation. They are our future and we need to help encourage and support them in their desire to further their education. Congratulations, Katelyn.



*3rd Place & Speaker's Choice*

## May Plant Table

1st & Members' Choice –	Brassia Macalata	- Joe Zore
2nd	Paph haynaldianum	- Fran Ostertag
3rd & Speaker's Choice	Encyclia	- Debra Remic
Species	Eulophia graminea	- Joe Zore



*Best Species*

## May Minutes

Minutes of EAOS Meeting May 14, 2018

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

Old Business:

There is still time to pay 2018 dues. They are \$15 per household. With 2018 dues paid you will receive the newsletter and will be on our membership roll. If you have not paid, please give your check to Helen tonight or mail to our PO Box 249, Englewood, FL 34295.

New Business:

At the June meeting, which is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our annual picnic. I need a couple of volunteers to help me with the picnic. The society will be providing the meat and you



*Donn Smart spoke about Paphs and Phrags at the May meeting.*

may sign up for a salad or dessert. There will be a plant table, so bring your plants to show. The picnic will start at 6:30.

The joint meeting with Venice Orchid Society at Englewood will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>. I would like to have a nice raffle table for the joint meeting. If you are dividing plants, think of donating to the society. It would also be nice to have a nice dessert table for the evening.

The Society is starting a new program called the Mentor Program. This is a great opportunity for individuals that are just getting started with orchids. We will pass around a sign-up sheet for Mentors and also Mentees.

Mary Anne DiGrazia attended the local High School program to give a \$500 scholarship to a young lady.

A break was taken for refreshments, to vote for a favorite plant on the plant table, to buy raffle tickets and to pay dues.

After the break Donn Smart gave a very informative presentation on Paphs and Phrags (Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium).

Donn Smart and Mary Anne DiGrazia 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 members choosing from the plants and items that were donated for the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Motter, Recording Secretary

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