

The Spike Winter 2025-26

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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

The Spike

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EIOS ORCHID SHOW 2025 Radisson Hotel

Pictured here is one view of our society's display in-the-round. This view featured a variety of 'blue' *Guarianthe bowringiana* crosses including some splits of the original hybrids made by Carson Whitlow when he worked at Stewart Orchids in California in the '60s. At the top is another heritage hybrid, **Ctt. Little Susie 'Creve Coeur'** (Ctt. Porcia x Ctt. Molly Tyler) AM/AOS, 1969. This was the **Reserve Grand Screamer** for the second best plant in the entire show.

More about the show inside this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Thank You to all who attended the Holiday Dinner. The food was delicious! The beautiful gift plants were provided by Natts Orchids and Doc Bannister.

The winter solstice is upon us. The day with the least amount of light and the greatest amount of darkness. The exact moment when the earth is tilted the furthest away from the sun. The time to dream of longer days and hopeful expectations for the next growing season. The main drawback is we are now in the season when we can't order plants and have them delivered! So, the wish list grows.

There is no meeting in January. The weather usually is not permitting. February 5th 2026 is our next meeting (can you believe it's now

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Calendar of Events

No January meeting

Minnesota Winter Carnival Orchid Show, Como Park, St Paul, EIOS plans a display. Jan. 24th - 25th, 2026

EIOS Feb. Meeting Feb. 5th, 2026
Hybrid breeding by Carter and Holmes

Orchid Growers' Guild Feb. 7th - 8th, 2026
Show, Madison, WI.
EIOS plans a display.

Linn County Winter Feb. 21st, 2026
Gardening Fair, Kirkwood Center, Boyson Rd. Cedar Rapids

EIOS Mar. Meeting Mar. 5th, 2026

Review of our 'Orchids Are A Scream, 2025'

This was the first year at a new site, the Radisson Hotel Conference Center on Collins Road in Cedar Rapids. The hotel setup the room with tables and covers which saved the club a lot of time. Food trucks provided lunch for those interested. Six regional orchid clubs participated plus four individual and three vendor displays. The room was cozy, well lighted, but had plenty of room for viewing and purchasing from our vendors. The show



had over 400 entries for judging with some really spectacular exhibits. The Illinois Orchid Society display won the show trophy for the best display in the show and also a Silver Certificate for excellence (above). They had an amazing variety of genera nicely framed by a tree stand and ferns. Only one AOS cultural award was given to *Lepanthopsis astrophora* 'Starburst' CCM 85 pts from the Illinois display. (left)



Our EIOS in-the-round exhibit also received an AOS Silver Certificate for excellence. The four views above show nice color flow and varied plant presentation from each side. The back side away from the door featured a large group of blues as seen on the



front cover. The Spooktacular Award for best thematic display went to Orchid Growers Guild of Madison, Wisconsin which I called 'bones and blooms!' The two best plants in the show (Grand Screamer and Reserve Grand Screamer both were in the EIOS display: Jeff Metcalf's Phrag, Cardinale and Dusdieker's Ctt. Little Susie. Dorothy Hampton's new orchid quilt was a ribbon winner and a big hit as was a stained glass picture from the Central Iowa Society. Marcia Whitmore's hand painted orchid arts were spectacular. For changing venues, the show was really well attended. The vendors sold out. Access was excellent and much

less volunteer work for club members to set up the show. I think we all had a good time, especially Friday evening at Granite City Pub. I really think special thanks is due Kay Perry from Chicago for letting us use her computer registration program which printed out judging sheets and summary of show results.

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More Orchid Show pictures 2025



Exhibit hall with most exhibits along right side and EIOS in the center.

Grand Screamer, best plant in show, Jeff Metcalf's

Phrag Cardinale - been blooming for months now!!!!



Vendors Natts Orchids, left



Back of exhibit hall, left



Best Paph in show, Deno's Hawaiian Spectacular

Jon Lorence's Den Sonia and some little harvest men! left



Above;
Batavia 'scary' themed exhibit

Friday's embroidery exhibit, all specially made for the show! (left)



Friday night fun at Granite City Pub (right)





Our Holiday party and Annual meeting: We had close to fifty attending the potluck meal which the club provided meat. Jon Lorence obtained plants from Natts Orchids in Chicago and Doc Bannister donated lovely phalaenopsis for our gift plants. We had our annual meeting:

Eastern Iowa Orchid Society (EIOS) Annual Meeting for 2025

Held at Shueyville Church, Shueyville, Iowa during the December EIOS Holiday gathering Dec. 4, 2025. Called to order by President, Jon Lorence 8:05 PM, Dec. 4th, 2025

Club Officers: Jon Lorence President; Leadership Committee Joan Lorence, Sharon Neff, Matt Berry, Nile Dusdieker; Treasurer Carmen Joslin; AOS Representative; Andy Coghill-Behrends] MAOC representative Nile Dusdieker & registration agent in charge of filing nonprofit forms, newsletter and website Nile Dusdieker & Mike Hampton. Club currently has about 50 members: quorum was present.

EIOS is a non-profit organization (501c3) with a major emphasis on education of members and the public about orchids. Fund raising activities solely go to meet that purpose. Major activities of the club this year included sponsoring the Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale 'Orchids Are a Scream 2025!', local orchid displays at Easter and Mother's Day Noelridge Showcases, participation in regional orchid shows throughout the Midwest, and eight monthly meetings with educational programs open to the public. Guest speakers are paid an honorarium and travel expenses if they are not club members. Activities (minutes) of the club are recorded in the quarterly newsletters. The 2025 treasurers report will be published in the next newsletter.

Several action items need annual approval:

MOTION: Affirm the officers as stated above, and approve the activities of the club and specifically the actions of the officers of the club for 2025 including Treasurer's report and meeting documentation in the newsletter. Vote approved unanimously

MOTION: The club shall provide documentation of donated volunteer services upon request which states that no goods or services were received by the donors from the club. Vote approved unanimously

MOTION: The club has a policy to reimburse individual members for purchase of items specifically designated by the officers for general club use. Vote approved

MOTION: The club will donate \$100 to the Shueyville Church for use of their facilities. Vote approved unanimously.

OTHER Business:

Feedback about our recent orchid show and planning for next year's Orchid Show were discussed.

Selling orchids to raise funds for our fall show and club activities at the Easter and Mother's Day Noelridge Showcases - we will need volunteers. Also, EIOS will have display table at the Linn County Master Gardener Fair in Feb, 2026.

The club plans to exhibit at several orchid shows this coming year and welcome volunteers to participate.

Next meeting Feb. 5, 2026. Program: Breeding trends from Carter and Holmes Nursery.

SPECIAL THANKS: To our officers and all our club members that have given of their time and funds to support the club. We should be especially proud of the recent orchid show.

Thanks to Jon Lorence, Nile Dusdieker, Carmen Joslin for our newsletter, publicity, leadership and treasurer services. Special thanks to Doc Robert Bannister for donating so many plants for our various functions including the phalaenopsis for our holiday party this year. **MOTION:** In consideration of Doc Bannister's support of the club – his 2026 membership dues shall be waived. Vote approved unanimously **Meeting adjourned** at 8:22 PM

Submitted by Nile Dusdieker.



*'Twas the night before Christmas
and all thought the greenhouse —
A glorious sweet aroma filled the air.
Could it be the Lady of the Night?
The Orchid Genus Brassavola!*



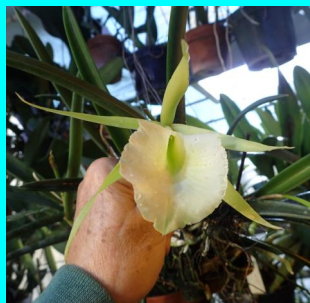
Pictured at left is **Brassavola nodosa** - notorious for emitting fragrance as soon as lights are turned out, On the right is what used to be **Brassavola glauca** now re-named as **Rhyncholaelia glauca**. They both bloom for me around this time of year and require nearly full sun high in the greenhouse. These orchids are common in Central America especially along beaches on fallen trees. Their sepals and petals aren't much but their lip is special. This is why these species have been used widely in cattleya alliance breeding. Of late, miniature plants have become popular as they are easy to grow and don't take up a lot of space. They bloom about the same time of year although some tend to bloom repeatedly all year long. Here are a few I have in bloom

Right is **Rhynchovola [Rcv.]**

Penang Girl (B. Little Stars x Rcv. Jimminey Cricket)
Little Stars is easy to grow, it is B. nodosa by sublifolia.



Note the terete leaves on this hybrid. It doesn't like to stay in its basket. Another look-a-like is (left) **Lc Green Veil x B nodosa**



4n; a holiday gift plant from this year. The 4N means the parent of nodosa used was a tetraploid with twice the normal chromosomes which tends to make the hybrid bigger, stronger, and in some cases deformed. Too soon to tell on this first blooming. Right is **Bc.**

Nakornpathome Silver (Bc. Binosa x B. nodosa) This is very similar to Bc Binosa which again is easy to grow and looks similar only smaller flower. Binosa is nodosa x C. bicolor which is a large green bifoliate cat. The nodosa

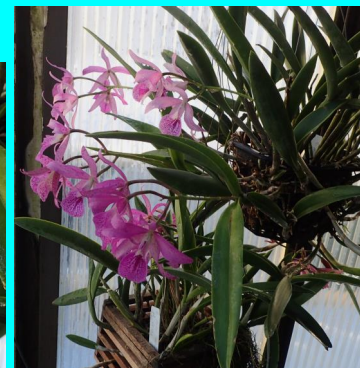
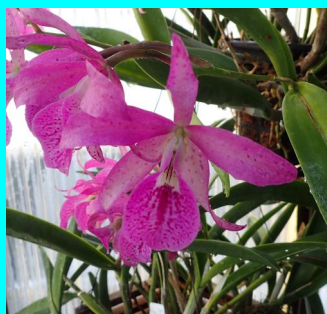


is clearly dominant for shape and size getting the spots from the bicolor only. **Vnra. Jairak Kiss** (Epc. Tropical Jewel x B. Little Stars), left, is a newer popular hybrid which adds an epidendrum to the mix. This is still over 50 % brassavola. If given enough light it blooms most all of the fall and winter seasons. Also many more flowers on each inflorescence.



They do tend to fade in color with time. On the right is a great old hybrid, **Brassanthe**

Maikai (B. nodosa x Gur. bowringiana). Clones Mayumi and Louise are two most common and both have been awarded. Again notice the dominance of the nodosa form. **You should try some of these!!!!!! Nile**



The 8th Orchid Culture Day: "Step into the World of Slippers"



Sunday, January 25th. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT

The American Orchid Society is proud to announce its **8th Orchid Culture Day!** Enjoy four great talks all in one day **from the comfort of your home.** We can always learn more about Orchids! Spend a day with these outstanding speakers and **"Step into the World of Slippers."** There will be door prizes! Join us **virtually** on **Sunday, January 25th.** The event will be streamed through our [GotoWebinar](#) platform. **Fee: \$40. Register online at [aos.org](#)** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. ***This event is Open to All. Can't attend the live stream?*** Not a problem, you can still register, and we will send you a link to view the recorded webinar at your convenience. ***There will be a Q&A session after each talk.***

11-11:45 **Graham Ramsey-- Growing Phragmipediums**

11:45-12:00 Q and A

12:00-12:15 Break and Spin of the Wheel

12:15-1:00 **Alina Furtak - Brachypetalum Hybrid Culture**

1:00-1:15 Q and A

1:15-1:30 Break and Spin of the Wheel

1:30-2:15 **Nile Dusdieker- North American Cypripedium Habitat and**

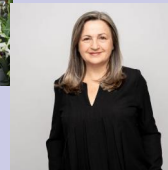
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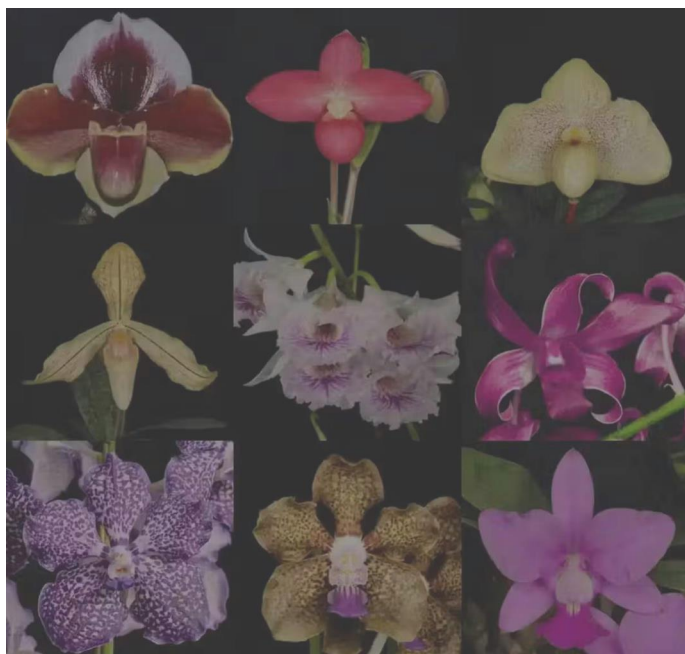
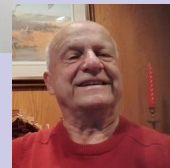
2:45-3:30 **Steve Gonzalez- Brachypetalum Species Culture**

3:30-3:45 Q and A.

3:45 Wrap up



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This is what is blooming at Jeff Metcalf's and Jim Wasser.'s growing room. Too bad we don't have a show right now!

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2026! Bridget Uzar of Carter and Holmes Orchids in South Carolina, will give a presentation on their current breeding program (via Zoom). Discussion will be about the breeding line, parental stock attributes, and hybrids in the works. I think that you will enjoy it.

March 5th is our program about *Bulbophyllum* orchids.

April 4th & 5th we will be at Noelridge for Easter. We will need volunteers to pickup plants from Doc Bannister in Des Moines for our sales table as Nile and Lois will be out of the country.

May 10th Noelridge for Mothers Day. Check your calendars. We could use your help at Noelridge.

I wish you Happy Holidays and a joyous and healthy new year! Jon Lorence

Directions to the Shueyville Church

This is half way between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, The church is located 1 mile EAST of Exit 10 (Swisher- Shueyville Exit) off Interstate 380. Our meetings begin with a social time at 6:30 pm; followed by the official meeting and program at 7:00 pm. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in orchids! Our club displays orchids at regional orchid shows and participates in American Orchid Society orchid judging. Meeting programs include beginning orchid growing, discussion about various types of orchids and orchid conservation, plus plant sales and a holiday party just for fun. Enjoy our website: easterniowaorchidsociety.org