

EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

The Spike

A small group of people with a big love of growing orchids.

Inside newsletter: Review of 11th EIOS Orchid Show and future plans, New orchid hybrids, Nairobi Orchid Show, Kenya 2024

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Dec, Jan, Feb

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What is a STENOGLOTTIS?

Pictured here is Deno Kandis' awarded Stenoglottis Venus 'Jamboree' (fimbriata x longifolia) AM 82 pts exhibited at our show.



This is a terrestrial orchid related to Habenaria and Disa. It is found in South Africa growing in shade on humus or moss on rocks. The flower spikes open slowly over time with the bottom flowers opening first. Its characteristic feature is the trilobed lip which is fringed.. The lavender color is remarkable. This particular



clone (Jamboree) was awarded in 1998 with an HCC to Norito Hasegawa of Paphanatics. Deno's plant was upgraded to an Award of Merit with 3 times the number of flowers on six inflorescences. *We have great growers in our club!*

PRESIDENT'S BLURB:

A big **Thank You** to all who were involved in helping to make our Orchid Show a success. What a wide variety of orchids. I don't know about you, but I always walk away with a wish list. Which usually leads to another plant. What can I say? **December 5th is our Holiday Dinner** at Shueyville Church. Appetizers are at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 PM. Plates, silverware and napkins will be provided. Be sure to bring utensils to serve your side dish. A short program and choosing your orchid will follow dinner. Please bring something to put your orchid in, to protect it on the way home.

We do not have a meeting in January 2025. The weather is normally too cold to take orchids out to a meeting and to

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Calendar of Events

December Holiday Party.	Dec. 5th
Potluck and free gift plant	2024
for all paid members.	6:30
Shueyville Church	
NO JANUARY MEETING	
Minnesota Winter Carnival	Jan. 25-26,
Show, St Paul Como Park	2025
Orchid Growers' Guild	Feb. 1-2,
Show, Madison Wisconsin	2025
February EIOS meeting	Feb. 6th,
Shueyville Church	2025
Potential Trip to Reiman	Feb 8,9 2025
Gardens, Ames and Des	
Moines Botanical Garden	
Wisconsin Orchid Show at	March 1-2,
Racine	2025

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ORCHIDS WERE A SCREAM # 11 NILE D



Another orchid show in the 'bag!' We had 14 displays from 7 societies, 4 vendors and 3 crafts. The weather was great, which may have cut down on attendance, but a good time was had by all. The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society display was the largest in the show, and in my opinion our best one ever! It was unanimously selected as the best exhibit in the show by the judges and received not only the Show Trophy but also scored 87 points for a Silver Certificate. We named it 'Iowa Screamer.' The description of the award, #20242640-41 *"Large crescent-shaped exhibit, height and breadth staged nicely, approximately one hundred plants of varied genera, Halloween and Fall theme accents. five Best of class, three AOS awards, several specimen plants,*

featuring coerulea flowers haloed in white at center, colors then transition to red-purple or orange-yellow at sides, unanimous choice of judges at show; also received a Silver Certificate 20242641. Ten club members contributed plants which totaled just shy of 100. The "Grand Screamer" or best plant in the show went to the Phrag Cardinale shown below exhibited by Jeff Metcalf. The listing of all our awards and ribbons are on the next page. We also had a great social event at the local Mexican restaurant after setup on Friday night.



Some Decisions to Make for the Future! By Nile D

First, the facts folks: We had a beautiful orchid show with plenty of publicity but had less than 400 attendees (about 480 the year before). Our venue at the Elks is very nice but may not be available in the future. We need a new show chairman or lead person for the show. Nile will continue to support the new person or persons. The club has show supplies, media contacts, and we have volunteers that work the show each year. Funding for the last two shows from plant sales, donations, and vendor fees was approximately \$2000. The show costs the club about the same amount including venue, advertising, prizes, and supplies. (see newsletters Jan 23 & Spring 24). Planning for a show is extensive: a time line is enclosed: **APRIL**, determine date, venue, and AOS certification; **FUND RAISING**, Noelridge Easter and Mother's Day Sale - getting plants to sell - volunteers to staff tables; **SUMMER**, invitations to judges, societies, vendors, order supplies (ribbons etc.) **SEPTEMBER**, Publicity radio, TV, posters, social media, paper publicity, sponsors and prizes. **OCTOBER**, logistics for tables, carts, sponsors, floorplans, refreshments, hospitality, & collecting plants, confirming participants; **SHOW WEEK-END**, volunteers for setup, helping vendors and societies, manning the show table, hospitality and food, volunteers for AOS judging, clerks, docents, takedown and cleanup. We have a wonderful show with many regional exhibitors, but it is a lot of work considering the numbers of attendees. Alternate options to consider: education or one day orchid sale without judging. Much to ponder. **AWARDS FROM OUR SHOW** **Congrats to all.**

Club	1st ST,SC	society exhibit
Kandis	1st, AM/AOS	Stenoglottis Venus 'Jamboree'
Kandis	1st BOCLASS	Den. Hibiki
Metcalf	1st BOCLASS	Brassia Rex
Metcalf	WEIRD WOND,	Brassia Rex
Metcalf	1st BOCLASS	Phrag Cardinale 'Mem. Beverly Metcalf'
Metcalf	GRAND SCREAM	Phrag Cardinale 'Mem. Beverly Metcalf'
Bannister	1st BOCLASS	Phal. OX Sunshine Coast
Metcalf	1st BOCLASS	Cym Jeff's No ID,
Kandis	1st	Paph. Odette's Infatuation
Kandis	1st	Phrag. Lovely Lynne
Kandis	1st	Pschopsis Memoria Bill Carter
Neff	1st	Ctt. Busy Bev 'Blue Jewel' AM/AOS
Dusdieker	1st	C. Gertrude Hausermann
Dusdieker	1st	C. Pat Thrall 'Dusty's California Dreamin'
Metcalf	1ST	Phrag Don Wimber
Coghill-B	1ST	Encyvola Jairak Treasure 'Brown Bird'
Bannister	1ST	Phal Sogo Yukidian 'V3' #1
Bannister	1ST	Phal. Tinny Honey
Bannister	1ST	Phal. Leopard Prince
Bannister	1ST	Phal. Lianher Cranberry 'LH1-01-1'
Bannister	1ST	Rlc. Tico Pura Vida
Bannister	1ST	Ctt. Portiata 'Nellie' HCC/AOS
Bannister	1ST	Phal. Golden Apollon
Joslin	1st	Phal Carmen's Polka Dot
Dusdieker	1st	Rlc. Gladys Oumae
lorenc	1st	Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York

lorenc	2nd	Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice
lorenc	2nd	Dendrobium Salaya Blue
Kandis	2nd	Paph. barbigerum
Neff	2nd	Bct. Little Mermaid 'Janet' #1
Dusdieker	2nd	Ctt. Sapphire
Metcalf	2ND	Mtdm Melissa Brianne 'Dark'
Coghill-B	2ND	Encyvola Jairak Treasure 'Kakapo Bird'
Bannister	2ND	Phal Sogo Yukidian 'V3' #2
Bannister	2ND	Phal. Moon Diana x Tying Shin Meloday
Bannister	2ND	Phal. Fuller's 3545 'Iowa 89195'
Joslin	2nd	C MS Orange
lorenc	3rd	Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice
lorenc	3rd	Vanda Jairak Brightful 'Red '
lorenc	3rd	Cattleya Acker's Angel x Ctt. Acker's Madison
lorenc	3rd	Ctt. Portia
Kandis	3rd	Paph. Maudiae
Kandis	3rd	Paph. Macabre Drama
Kandis	3rd	V. Pachara Delight
Byorum	3rd	Phal Bruce No Name
Byorum	3rd	Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Red Spread'
Neff	3rd	Onc Sharry Baby
Dusdieker	3rd	Psh. cochleata
Dusdieker	3rd	Gur. bowringiana
Dusdieker	3rd	Ell. oliganthus
Dusdieker	3rd	B nodosa
Dusdieker	3rd	Ctsm. fimbriatum
Metcalf	3RD	C. labiata coer. x C. labiata coer
Berry	3RD	Matt's Mini
Berry	3RD	Matt's White 2
Coghill-B	3RD	Oncidium Sharry Baby
Coghill-B	3RD	Ludisia discolor v. Nigricans
Bannister	3RD	Phal LX154 #1
Bannister	3RD	Rlc. Kat Green Power 'Triple G'
Joslin	3rd	Phal Carmen's Surprise



New Registered Hybrids:



Rhyncattleanthe **Blue Beard**

Last Thanksgiving while visiting my sister I went to Hausermann's. I brought back two blue cattleya crosses I found on their racks. One was out of bloom, and one going out of bloom. When I returned, I asked Carson Whitlow about the crosses. It turned out that they were his crosses and had never been named. He gave me the great honor to name them (assuming I didn't kill them) when they bloomed again. The first just bloomed. The cross listed as: Blc. Grezaffi's Blue 'Shawn' X Lc. Eximia 'Lorriane' by Laynez

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION RHS

Laynez Ackermann, USA, Registrations, 13th November 2024

Rth. [Blc.] Grezaffi's Blue × *Ctt.* [Sc.] Eximia L.Ackermann (C.Whitlow)



Nile and Lois are planning to register the above cross as *Ctt.* Lavendar Lace. Several EIOS members have a seedling of this cross between *POD Ctt.* Portia x *POLLEN C.* Tanya Duncan (*C. Heathii* (1) x *C. Canhamiana*) which was made 10/15/14 between Nile's plant and Carson Whitlow's plant at our 2014 EIOS show. This year I had about 8 plants bloom (above) and I'm amazed how similar they are for seedling crosses. The registration process is relatively easy through the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) website in England and of course payment of \$12 Pounds Sterling! Interestingly the reverse cross between these two parents with Tanya Duncan as the *POD* parent has a number of large healthy plants but has NEVER bloomed yet!

At the same show we had *illicit orchid sex* with two more combinations and they have not bloomed yet either:

POD Rth. Lois McNeil (*Rth.* Victoria x *Ctt.* Portiata) x *Ctt.* Portia

POD Rth. Lois McNeil (*Rth.* Victoria x *Ctt.* Portiata) x *Ctt.* Purity (*C.* labiata x *C.* warneri)



The Nairobi, Kenya Orchid Show 2024

Nile and Lois went with Robert Fuchs for AOS orchid judging at the Kenya Show on 10/23/24. The theme of the show was orchids and cinema. The show was not as large as I expected but the quality of plants was exceptional. We did not see a large number of unusual genera. The best Cattleya was a Hausmann's mericlone C. Greenwich 'Elmhurst', right. The number of specimen plants reflected the ambient climate as Nairobi straddles the equator. Epi, Radicans and Dendrobium secundum are shown right.

Some of the exhibits reflected well known movies. **Indian Cinema** on left. **Jurassic Park**, right, was the theme of one of the larger displays. The **Lion King** exhibit is on the left. These exhib-



its have more ancillary props and material than we locally are used to. **007s, James Bond** exhibit above left.

Jungle Book was really attractive with the blue circle in the center. The far left was one of my favorites patterned after the movie **'Gorillas in the Mist'**. Just below on

the left was **'Snow White'** with little dwarfs in front.

One can't go to Kenya without a safari and we got up-close and personal to some of the following "beasties" NILE D



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Holiday Happiness:

A few things brought inside from the greenhouse at the Dusdiekers. Far left is **Ctt. Little Susie 'Creve Coeur'** AM/AOS (1969) (Ctt Portia by Molly Tyler) a big plant that needs nearly full sun. Next a Cymbidium that I usually can't bloom and on right and below is **Rlc. Doc's Holiday 'Iowa'** Am/AOS (Rlc. Hausermann's Holiday x Rlc. William John Nawa) a cross our member Robert Bannister had awarded in 2017. He made the cross and Hausermanns grew it up. A huge flower and has a sweet fragrance. Happy Holidays to ALL!

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cold for me. February 6th is our next meeting. The program will be on Multifloral Paphiopedilums (slipper orchids that typically have more than 1-2 flowers). February 8th and 9th is Reiman Gardens Orchid Fest. If there is interest, we are thinking of going to the Des Moines Botanical Center and Reiman Gardens Orchid Fest in Ames, February 8th. If you are interested please contact Jon at Lorence5@aol.com by Friday January 24th.

Our Society is growing! I would like to take a moment to welcome all the new members over the past year and those joining at our dinner. Thank you for your interest in our Society and what may soon, if it already hasn't, become a passion for growing Orchids. Do not be shy about asking questions. There is no such thing as a silly question, it's the quickest way to learn. So as you're mingling about at the dinner or an upcoming meeting and see an unfamiliar face, stop and introduce yourself. You might have a question or even be able to answer one.

Thank you to all who make this Society the success it is today! Jon Lorence President

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

Plan to attend our Holiday Dinner Dec. 5th. Potluck with all paid members to get a gift blooming plant. Be sure to RSVP to Jon Lorence.

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