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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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



BIG LIP PHALS!

Look what is new in Phalaenopsis 'Big Lip' Breeding.

These 4 seedlings were taken to our last 2 shows from Doc. Bannister's collection and were all the talk of the town! We will be seeing a lot more of these in the months and years to come.

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Minnesota, Madison, Batavia, Northeast Wisconsin, Illinois, Illowa, and Omaha – seven shows in less than two months! Finally, the spring orchid show season is over for EIOS. It's been a little hectic and tiring, but it was a lot of fun. The Omaha show went pretty well, except for a few minor hitches. I had all the orchids for the show Thursday, so I was able to have a plan as to how I was going to set it up. Then I got all the registration tags filled out, which took me until the wee hours of the morning, but at least everything was ready when I got to Omaha. Friday, I managed to get everything in my car with no major damage to anything, and headed for Omaha. Then there was the accident on Interstate 80, if you can believe such a thing. At least it didn't involve me, and after only about 45 minutes of creeping and crawling along, with some occasional stopping, I was clear of the holdup and way behind schedule. Then, approaching Omaha, the rain started. On about my third rain-soaked trip carrying things in from the car, I discovered a giant Cattleya had appeared,

Calendar of Events

April EIOS meeting Note New day of week and new place Program is AOS video Wild Orchid Man in the land of the white bear	4/6/2017
Easter Showcase at Noelridge Greenhouse in Cedar Rapids, IA	4/15-16/2017
May EIOS meeting	TBD field trip
Mothers Day Noelridge Showcase	5/14/2017
CIOS Speakers Day Lions Club 6401 Merle Hay Rd. Johnson, IA	7/29/2017

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Classifying Orchids: Not as Easy as it Sounds!

At our March meeting club members learned to identify different types of orchids and then place them in appropriate judging classification used at the various orchid show we attend and display our 'beauties!' Over 30000 orchid species and 100000 orchid hybrids have been identified. It is no small task to recognize many of these! Our show schedules have 108 classes for entry by genus (type of orchid) and by color and size. Each class then eligible for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons and maybe if 'luck is with us' designation as Best of Class of all similar orchids in the show. After ribbon judging is over, then the orchid judges select the very best plants in the show for American Orchid Society Judging where the flowers are compared nationally with others similar plants. Our club does well on all accounts. Thanks to all who share their plants!



Speaking of AOS Awards: March was a very **GOOD SEASON INDEED!**

On the following page are pictures of EIOS exhibits at the Illinois Orchid Show 3/11-12 and the Illowa Orchid Show 3/18-19. The Club received the **Show Trophy for the Best Display at the Illowa Show (right)**

Two members received AOS awards for their plants at the Illinois Show.

Doc Banister' Phal. Younghome Melody 'YH9933—Iowa' was awarded an HCC/AOS (below left).

Nile and Lois' Phal. Younghome Princes 'YH0195' received an HCC as well. This was a Big Lip variety (Below right) . Congratulations!



EIOS in the 'round' at Illinois

Looks like 4 separate displays all tied together!



MORE PHOTOS from both shows! Ann Morris' Cattleya Gertrude Hausermann (right upper); Bill Page's Den. Atroviolacea (right) Phil Mears Phal. Cherry Lips (left) Noelridge's Phal. Lemon Sparkle which received Best of Class at both Illinois ad Illowa Shows (below left) Dorothy Hampton's Alyssa Nehemie. One of the nicest large red Cattleya hybrids



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A note From Bill ad Jean Snyder

The AOS Orchids Magazine for April has an article on page 274, "The Best of the Best" that Nile co-authored and his photograph is on page 283

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as if by magic, on our table; and it was saying put me in the center. Did I mention that I thought I had a plan? Thanks, Nile, for the heads up that you asked Doc to bring it for our display. After a little rethinking and some rearranging, I finally got the display set up, and other than being a little bit overcrowded, it actually looked pretty good. Then when I was going to put the tags on the plants, they were nowhere to be found. I had them when I arrived, but now I knew they had to be buried somewhere under the display. I couldn't take the display apart, so I started filling out a whole new set of tags. I finally got everything done and the tags all on and left Lauritzen Gardens for the motel, and it wasn't even eleven o'clock yet. So, if you ever have a chance do a show by yourself, jump on it; it really is a lot of fun.

In the end, show actually went pretty well. We had 29 plants entered, and were awarded a total of 25 ribbons. Dusdieker's *Dendrobium thysiflorum* and Noelridge's Lemon Sparkle got second and third place as specimen plants, as well as ribbons in their flower classes. Doc's OX Black Face got a Best of Class as well as a blue ribbon in it's class. Of the 29 plants in the display, 21 won ribbons, and everyone that contributed an orchid for the show got at least one ribbon. I do like when that happens. We also got a second place for the display, so despite the minor glitches, it turned out pretty well.

Remember, our next meeting is next Thursday, April 6th. The program will be presented by Mike Hampton, playing an AOS DVD, which I believe is called "Stig Dahlstrom Wild Orchid man in the land of the white bear. If I'm not mistaken, he is finding them in very cold places, like the arctic circle. It should be an interesting program; I hope to see you all there.

Bill

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Host for the April Meeting is Ann Morris

Directions to the First United Methodist Church in Shueyville, Iowa

This is half way between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, The church is located 1 mile EAST of Exit 10 (Swisher-Shueyville) 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 an auction and holiday party just for fun. Enjoy our website, easterniowaorchidsociety.org, read our newsletters, attend our Fall Orchid Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and come join us at our next meeting!