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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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



Really BIG display at Santa Barbara Orchid Show! Come see more pictures at our meeting.

The President's Blurb!

We had a great March meeting and wonderful member participation discussing how they grow their orchids. We all seem to do it a bit differently. Enjoy the photographs on the following pages.

Plans for the rest of the Spring have changed a bit. The photography idea didn't seem to be 'a hit' so the April program will be "Orchid Displays Here and There!" Lois and I will show pictures of the Santa Barbara Orchid Show which we attended in early March. This is one of the world's premier events and was also the AOS Spring Meeting. Then Andy will show a selection of Show Trophies which may give us some ideas of how we can improve our own exhibits. We have not done too bad

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Calendar of Events

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| Easter Showcase at Noelridge Gardens Greenhouse Cedar Rapids, IA EIOS will have a display and plants for sale | 3/31, 4/1 2018 |
| EIOS meeting: Orchid Displays Here and There! By Nile and Andy | 4/5/2018 |
| OUR MAY MEETING PLANS: Repotting at the Dusdiekers' home. Group participation. NOTE THE DATE CHANGE | SUNDAY 5/6/18 |
| Mother's Day Showcase at Noelridge Gardens Greenhouse Cedar Rapids, IA EIOS will have a display and plants for sale | 5/13/18 |
| EIOS meeting: Program on Dendrobiums by Andy Coghill-Behrends | 6/7/18 |
| No summer meeting in July and August. Our first Fall meeting | 9/6/18 |

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Tips and Tidbits: How We Grow

Several members of the club submitted photographs of their growing areas and they were presented in a PowerPoint slide show. The members then told 'their secrets' of their growing success. These photos show that there is no one best way to grow orchids, rather it seems to be what works best for each individual. *Nile D*



Dusdiekers' Kinky Spike basement room where the Phals like the window cracked to get a chill and the real Cold Shower room to grow Masdevalias and Pleurothallids (left).



Bill Englert's Wall of wonder in his basement. He grows under lights but most everything goes outside in the summer.



Greg Harris likes the window sill approach with plenty of natural light. (left)

Joe Bridge designed this sophisticated indoor 'hot house' and grows his orchids in semi-hydroponics. Quite an engineering design! (left)



David Judge has orchid plants mixed in amongst his other house plants and they are happy! (right)



Layne Ackermann's basement grow area with T5 lights and happy plants. He also has a high pressure sodium light and more plants scattered about his house. Great 'pets'!



Dorothy Hampton's Wardian Case in the living room to show off her successes. (Above)



Bill Snyder's glass is more than half full with this Vanda and keeps the root moist and humidity high. (left)

Cathy Wilcox is another fan of T5 lights in her lower level insulated cool room. (right)



Ann Morris has real success in several areas but none better than these blooming slippers by the window. (right)



More Tips and Tidbits

Marcia Whitmore grows inside in basement and outside in the greenhouse and adds her touch of 'bloom magic' to make them all show off! (below and left)



Nothing 'fishy' here. Andy's real aquarium for itsy bêtises under controlled conditions.



One Man Shows

Andy Coghill-Behrends did a yeoman's job taking the EIOS displays to the North Eastern Wisconsin (Neenah) and Illinois orchid shows **ALL BY HIM-SELF**. He said 'it only took me 5 hours to set the Illinois display up!' Also, new ideas and new designs are evident from the pictures. Twenty five ribbons and Best of Class Cattleyas for Doc Bannister's C. Kurt Hausermann at the Neenah Show. Pre judging view seen above.

First Place for the display; twenty six ribbons and Best of Class Phalaenopsis for Dusdieker's Phal. Yu Pin Easter Island at the Illinois Show pictured right. The pyramid shape using the 'old standby' trees both in the center was really striking.



Illowa Society 'Spring Blizzard' Orchid Show and Sale at the Quad Cities Botanical Center March 23-25, 2018

"Hot off the press!"

Here are pictures from the just finished Illowa Show this last weekend. We had a beautiful display with plants from 6 members totaling about 70. Lots of ribbons and Best of Class Phalaenopsis to Doc Bannister's orange multifloral that also received the AOS award below. Marsha Whitmore received Best of Class Paphiopedilum for here pink Paph also pictured below for an AOS award.

IT WAS A BIT SNOWY with a knuckle biter drive home Sat. 12" in our drive! By Nile D



EIOS is fortunate to have as members, several people who are also members of the Illowa Society. Of nine AOS awards, six went to our members!



AOS AWARDS TO EIOS MEMBERS: Top left, Paph. Hsinying Alien 'Cheri' HCCAOS Dave Wujek; Top Middle, Paph. Hampshire Red Gem 'Forest Park' HCCAOS Deno Kandis; Top right, Paph. hirsutissimum 'Cheri' AMAOS Dave Wujek; Bottom left, Paph. Liberty Taiwan 'Timberlane' AMAOS Marcia Whitmore; Bottom Middle, Phal. venosa x Darling Taiwan 'Iowa' HCCAOS Doc Bannister; Bottom right, Paph. Pedro's Moon 'Timberlane' HCCAOS Marcia Whitmore. Congrats to all and to our sister club Illowa for a great show!



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Dinosaurs Anyone? This was Cal-Orchids commercial display at the Santa Barbara Show. It only costs \$150,000 to put on this show. I think EIOS would have to do a bit more fundraising to compete!

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thus far with 3 Show Trophies and one Silver Certificate to the club's credit this season! Our May meeting will be a hands on session on repotting orchids. We will hold the session at the Dusdiekers' home and each member can bring one plant to repot in a variety of different mediums. **NOTE THE DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE for MAY!** This should be fun!

In the interval, our club had a successful fund raiser and promotional table at the Master Gardener's Winter Gardening Show. We sold out of orchids and talked a lot about our fall show and orchid culture in general.

Easter weekend EIOS will have small display at Noelridge Greenhouse's Showcase. Setup at 9AM - open to public 11-5pm Sat and Sun. We could use a couple more helpers for Sunday. We have about 50 plants donated by Doc Bannister, Nile and Lois Dusdieker, and Anything Orchids so the sales income is all profit for the club to support our educational and show activity. Nile Dusdieker, President

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Bill and Jean Snyder

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!