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March was SHOW MONTH. Above is EIOS' 1st place and Best of Class exhibit at the Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Show in Neenah, WI on March 2nd. Andy Coghill-Behrends single handedly transported and setup this amazing exhibit. WOW!

President's Blurb!

We had a wonderful March meeting led by Sharon Neff on 'Orchids 101.' Folks had lots of questions and we all realized that there really is no one way to grow orchids correctly. What works for the individual is the way to go! The Neff's even had a quiz. The last two orchid shows of the season are reviewed in this edition of the newsletter and were a big success. Our club is known for 'flash and wow' with our exhibits.

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Calendar of Events

EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program 'Orchid Pests and Diseases' - Hands on experience!	4/4/2019
Easter weekend Showcase at Noelridge Greenhouse in Cedar Rapids. EIOS will have a display and sales plants	4/20-21/2019
EIOS picnic at Dusdieker home 1968 Elm Ridge Rd. NE, North Liberty, IA 52317. Repotting Orchids	5/5/19
Mother's Day Showcase at Noelridge Greenhouse in Cedar Rapids. EIOS will have a display and sales plants	5/12/19
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church. Our last meeting till fall.	6/6/19
Central Iowa Speakers' Day at Lions Club in Johnston, Iowa near Des Moines.	7/25/19

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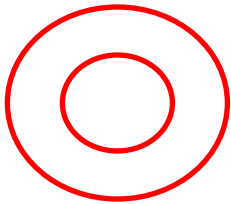
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ALL AROUND ORCHIDS

Illinois Orchid Show 2019.



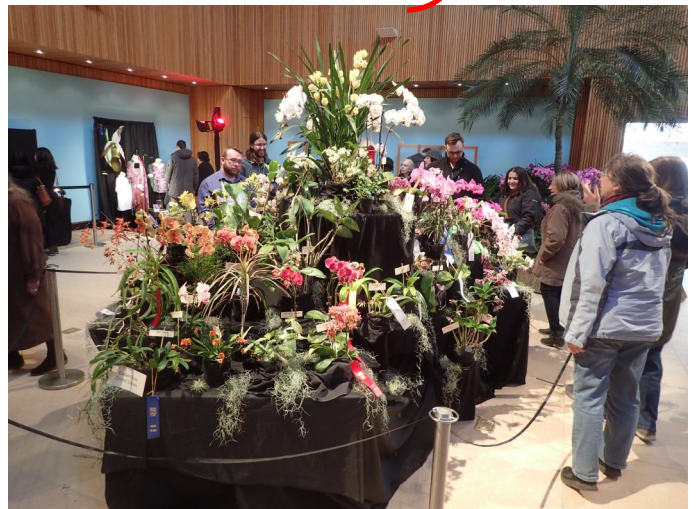
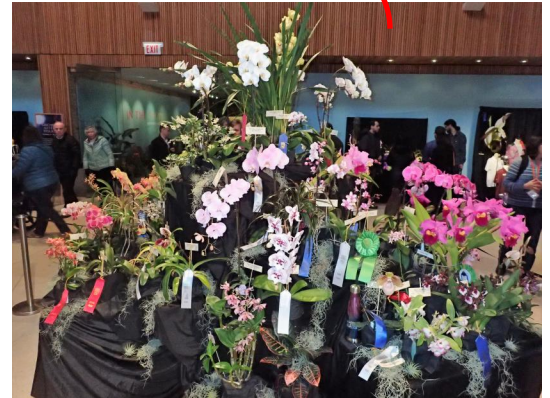
The Eastern Iowa Orchid Display at the Illinois Orchid Show March 9-10 at the Chicago Botanic Gardens was a popular hit with the public. Dusdiekers and Bill Page did the set-up of about 74 plants from 8 members. Many ribbons and 3 special awards were received. Most everything was transported in one vehicle - **PACKED!**



Photos and Text by Nile Duadieker



Making an exhibit “in the round” starts with height such that color and flowers from the opposite side are obscured. Next a central focus ties the peripheral colors together and draws “the eye!” Finally focus plants anchor each side and colors flow together as one walks the path around the exhibit.



The Last GO AROUND! 2019 Illowa Orchid Show March 16-17

Photos & text by N Dusdeker

Another display in the round! Does it look similar to the Illinois one on the previous page. We had many of the same plants! Some were veterans of 3 or more shows!

This was our last regular show of the season at the Quad Cities Botanical Garden. Several of our members attended and no snow storm this year (remember last year?) Thanks to 7 of our members who contributed plants.



Featured plants on next page!



Setting up a display can be fun. First we must transport all the 'stuff', flowers and structure. (Thanks to Rod Hunt for his Durango use!) Then design and construct the layout (above). Third, pick out the feature plants and once placed the others just seem to fall into their spots. Finally, 'twinking' to be sure flowers are well presented, staked, and solid such that they don't fall over! (above right). ***We had a motley crew to help!***



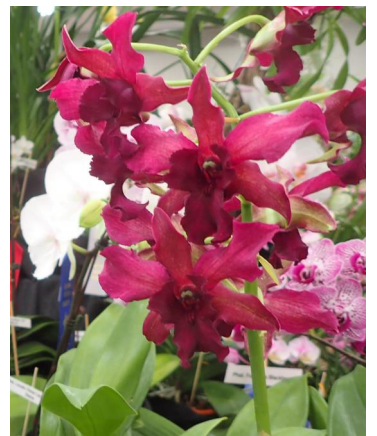
Here are some outstanding featured plants from these last two shows. Enjoy!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ILLINOIS LEFT: Doc Bannister's LC. Dorothy Fiene, Best of Class Cattleya. RIGHT: Diane Oakley's featured Cymbidium in the top of the display. LOWER LEFT: Bruce Byorum's Paph. Ocean of Spots. BELOW: Dave Wujek's Ons. Midnight Miracles 'Cheri' which he had awarded at a previous Illowa Show. Still looks good!



Illowa Show highlights

CENTER: A new Lioulin Phalaenopsis cross that Doc Bannister bloomed and received an AM/AOS award at the show. CLOCK-WISE: Bill Page's Dendrobium Violet Yamadi 'Puanani'; Laynez Ackerman's Rhyncostylis gigantea; Rod Hunt's harlequin Phal. Rod's Wow (we name them when they have none); A selection of beautiful phalaenopsis which our displays are known for! Dusdieker's Miltonia spectabilis that has grown entirely around the pot - good luck repotting this one - not going to happen!





Is this orchid SICK - or even alive?

What is wrong with it? Come to the April meeting and we will all learn about Orchid Pests and Diseases.

A few pics below show: soft scale; mealy bugs; fungal leaf spot; and sun-burn! Can you identify the malady? I know none of you have any sick orchids - I really don't know where these pictures came from - HAHA! Nile D



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Dorothy Hampton sent this picture of *Cynodes Jumbo Puff* (*Cynoches warscewiczii* x *Mormodes badia*) blooming at their house. Some folks just have all the luck blooming these beautiful plants.



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We do not always have the variety like some of the bigger clubs, but ours are 'public pleasers!' Our NEXT MEETING is about BUGS and DISEASES. Bring a plant that you think is sick - we will keep isolated from the other orchids - and the group can diagnose the disease. I plan an AOS video on the topic and will bring some RXs for 'cures'. We will have a raffle with some phals in new spike! Easter weekend is the Noelridge Showcase where we setup a small display and sell some plants as a fund raiser. This is good exposure for the club as we answer a lot of questions! Please volunteer to help with a shift either day. We do the same thing on Sunday of Mother's Day. Our May meeting will be a 'Cinco do Mayo orchid repotting picnic' at the Dusdieker house. Salsa and Margaritas - who cares about the potting media used! We voted last time to have a June meeting and I think we should consider an orchid 'flea market' where members bring plants they don't want or don't have room for and others will buy them for 'real deal prices.' Hope to see you all at our April Meeting!
Nile Dusdieker

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!