

In This Month's Newsletter: Note from the President, 'No Show' Newsletter Orchid Show, Inspirational paintings exhibited, and free GIFT book for members.

The Spike
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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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



Every year I ignore this *Dendrobium thyrsiflorum* which I got years ago from Herman Pigors and every year it rewards me with this marvelous blooming show!

PRESIDENT'S BLURB:

What a difference a month can make; self quarantines, social isolation, a degree of fear and anxiety, financial pressures, and not many fun things to do away from home! *Well, folks, be thankful for your orchids.* They are safe and loving friends in our times of need. I have been spending a considerable amount of time repotting, debugging, and even purging the 'evil ones' that don't bloom or look so good. We had a small group of folks at our March meeting where we learned to stake, classify, and judge the blooming orchids present. As 'newbie' judges I must say we were very lenient and would have given out a lot of awards. Andy Coghill-Behrends kept us in line however. Our calendar shows that most orchid



Calendar of Events

EIOS monthly meeting and Noelridge Easter Showcase	April 2020
CANCELLED	
Status of EIOS May meeting and Noelridge Mother's Day Event	May 2020
are pending at this time.	
June EIOS meeting at Shueyville Church: Program tentatively 'How I grow Paphiopedilums' by Deno Kandis	June 4, 2020
Central Iowa Speaker's Day at the Lions Club in Johnston, Iowa	July 25, 2020

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EIOS 'No Show Orchids' Online Newsletter Orchid Show

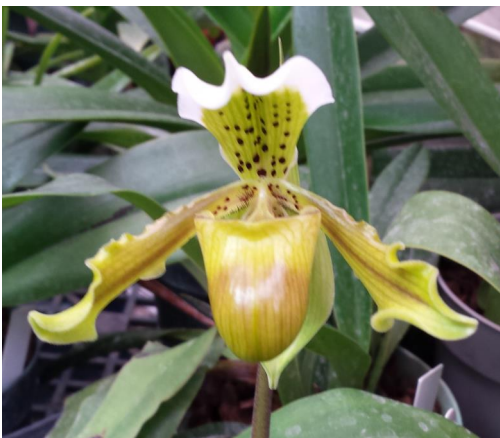


Dorothy Hampton's *Jack-fonlieara* Appleblossom 'Fantasy' above; *Aliceara* Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS below.

With all the changes associated with the Wuhan Virus pan-endemic, all local and regional orchids shows and exhibitions have been cancelled. The March Illinois Show, & Illowa Show, were not to be! Also, our local participation at the No-elridge Easter Showcase and probably ditto for the Mother's Day event will be cancelled. We hopefully will be able to have at least one EIOS Club meeting before summer arrives. **BUT--** Many of us have beautiful orchids blooming at home that would have been guaranteed ribbon winners had the shows occurred. Therefore, I suggested members send pictures of their favorites presented here in our Online Newsletter Exposition!. *Enjoy and keep them growing for next year!* NILE D



Marcia Whitmore's *Phrag.* Belle Houge (top right), *Dendrobium* Thomas Warne (far right) and *Guaricyclia* Epiorange (right). Nice variety!



Jon and Joan Lorence's *Paph. exul*, left; *Phrag.* Cape Sunset, right; and in the middle *Cattleya* Okarache 'Dark Thunder' with clippers just sitting there tempting one to cut a flower for a corsage -- **no no no!**

**And we are known for our
Phalaenopsis - YES!**

Doc Bannister's white Sogo Yulidian 'V3's and others in two display boxes all ready to go to church for parishioners' enjoyment only to have services cancelled!



Dusdiekers' Lioulin Lawrence 'Dusty's Sunshine' HCC/AOS above and two of Ann Morris' beauties, a white big lip Reyoung Tendeu and yellow no-namei with markings, right



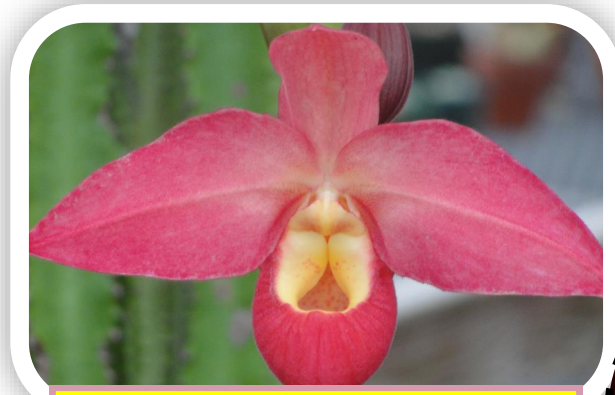
Marcia Whitmore's *Phal.* Younghome Green Dancer and a no-namei above.

Dorothy Hamptons MS Orange Juice right





Ann Morris' *Paph. Magic Cherry & goulteanum alba*



Dave Wujek's *Phrag. Ekolu Quintal Paph. Hsing Ying Alien* right. *Paph. hirsutissimum* below right

Slippers Galore!



Dusdiekers' *Paph. Helvetia* (above) recently obtained from Jon Lorence and *Phrag. Hanne Popow* in the middle above. Dave Wujek's *Aliceara Donald Halliday* and *Epidendrum Joseph lli* below left.



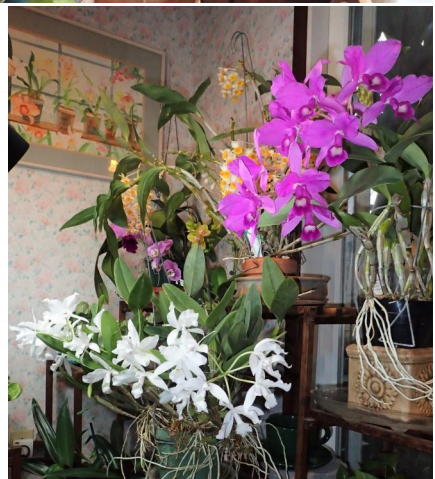
And Other Stuff!



Bill Page's *Ons. Catatante* and *Den. Love Memory* just to the right.



Doc Bannister's C. Lisa Irene above right and Dusdiekers' *Guarianthe skinneri* - purple 'Casa Luna' and white 'Orlata'.
Not a bad Orchid Show, I think. Thanks to all who sent photos!



Orchids Can Last Forever! Inspiration Captured by Marcia Whitmore



Not only is EIOS member, Marcia Whitmore, an outstanding orchid grower as evidenced by her multiple AOS flower awards, BUT, she is an amazing artist. She captures the essence of her plants in bloom in her paintings (also featured in AOS magazine). The ones shown here were at Studios on the Park in Paso Robles, California, as part of the 5 Cities Orchid Show. "Evocative scents, bold coloration and subtle forms of nature are captured in oil, watercolor, acrylics, colored pencil, ceramic, glass and other media. Featured artists each present unique expressions, from precise renderings of botanical illustrations to bold interpretations in impressionistic paintings and everything in between." Unfortunately, the show was closed and Marcia is not sure when she will see the return of her pictures. *At least we all can see them here!*



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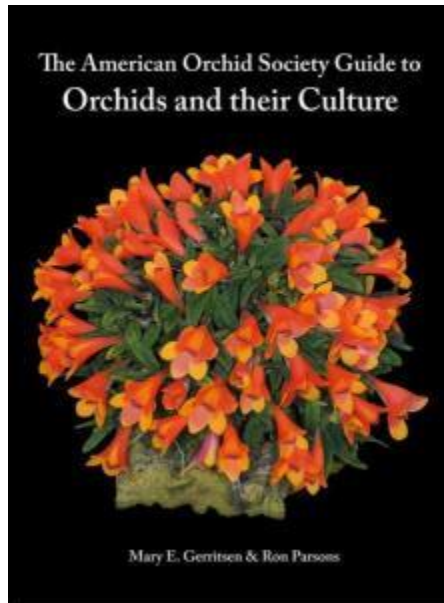
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A GIFT FOR OUR MEMBERS!

We have ordered 2 cases of this newly release book. The plan is to give each 2020 paid member or member family a book at our next meeting (whenever that occurs). These gifts were funded partially by donations to our club in memory of Irene Leeson. More details when the books arrive and meeting status is determined. If a member can not make the meeting, books will be held over for fall.

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related activates have been cancelled both locally and nationally. The World Orchid Congress in Taiwan was cancelled and the spring AOS meeting in California. This time of year we usually have many beautiful plants in bloom and that is why I thought a newsletter exposition of some of our favorites would be in order. I can see several blue ribbons and maybe a Best of Class or two from the ones shown here. Also, enjoy Marcia Whitmore's paintings - I do hope she gets them back in good condition (and disinfected).

A couple business items: Our club is in good financial condition even without the fundraisers at the Noelridge Showcases but we will miss talking about orchids with the patrons. Our fall show **'Orchids are a Scream 3!'** is scheduled at the Elks Hall Oct 31-Nov 1. By email I will list the officers proposed for election in June of this year. We will vote at the meeting or online. And enjoy the AOS book gift as mentioned above. ***Stay safe, love your orchids and one another, this too will pass.*** Nile Dusdieker

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

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 plant sales 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!