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The Spike
December 2017

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Dendrobium parvulum, Grand Champion orchid at the World Orchid Congress in Guayaquil, Ecuador November 9th, 2017

Notes from the President

The search for next year's EIOS orchid show has ended! Nile gave a quick slide show of all the venues we evaluated at our November 7th meeting. We voted and decided to have the orchid show at the Elks Lodge in Cedar Rapids. The lodge met all our criteria: ease of access, cost, adequate space, proximity to hotels, etc. Although Noelridge was a wonderful place to hold our orchid show, we're not sure we can use it in the future. The Elks Lodge looks like it will satisfy our needs for a great show next year.

We also proposed a new section in the Spike Newsletter for members to share pictures of their prized orchids. If you have an orchid picture you'd like to share, email the picture

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Calendar of Events

Holiday party pot luck, 6:30 appetizers and 7 PM dinner. All members that RSVP get free blooming orchid!	9/7/17
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No regular meeting in January	
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Winter Carnival Orchid Show at Como Park St. Paul, MN	1/27/18
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EIOS February meeting, program pending	2/1/18
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Orchid Quest at Albrecht Botanical Gardens Madison, WI	2/3/18
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Photos from members! Thank you.



Paphiopedulum Norito Hasegawa (Paph. malipoense 'Vics First' AM/AOS x Paph. armeniacum 'Giant Sun')

A very nice Parvi hybrid, named in honor of Norito Hasegawa, a consummate grower, breeder and promoter of Paphiopedilums. Sourced from SVO this spring. First time blooming. Grown in semi-hydro with the 2 pot system

Brassolaeliocattleya
Hausermann's Holiday
'Christmas' AM/AOS
(James Hausermann x Lisa Irene)

Very fragrant and great color. I bought the plant at last years Noelridge orchid show, but it was too big for my grow chamber, so I divided it into 2 plants in January of this year. This is the first division to bloom. Grown in semi-hydro with the 2 pot system and water gauge.

From Joe Bridge



Highlights from the 22nd World Orchid Conference Guayaquil Ecuador, Nov. 8-12, 2017 by Nile Dusdieker

Nile and Lois Dusdieker represented the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society at the WOC last month. They participated in orchid judging and attended many interesting scientific sessions. Nile will share a short presentation about the show at our December holiday gathering. The small flowered *Dendrobium parvulum* pictured on the first page received Best Species and Grand Champion plant in the show. It was previously awarded a CHM/AOS in 2015 to Ecuagenera with 144 flowers. This species is from New Guinea and is notoriously difficult to grow in captivity. A close-up of the spectacular blue flowers is shown below. Reserve Grand Champion went to *Oncidium naevium* which was an *Odontoglossum* prior to name change. Native to cool, shady areas in Columbia and Venezuela. (Below right) A couple outstanding displays are shown at the bottom of the page. The Thailand exhibit on the left received 2nd place and the Taiwan Orchid Growers display of all Phalaenopsis was a review of the things to come when the next WOC is in Taiwan in 2020.



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Please , if you haven't done so already, notify Peggy Green if you plan to attend the December meeting so there will be an Orchid plant for you.

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to our editor, Mike Hampton at Mike.hampton.42@gmail.com. Please provide the name of the orchid with its parentage, if you have it, and a short caption. This will be a safe method for sharing our orchids without having to take them out of the house.

We are having our annual holiday pot luck supper at our next meeting Thursday, December 7. Please RSVP to me at pbgreen2007@yahoo.com with your dish and number of attending. The club will provide fried chicken, plates, silverware, cups and beverage. All current paid members for 2017 will be able to choose a blooming orchid to take home. We need to get a tally to have enough orchids. Appetizers start at 6:30 and meal at 7 PM at Shueyville Methodist Church. Nile will present a slide show of highlights from the 2017 World Orchid Conference in Ecuador. Hope to see you there!

Peggy Green

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Call Peggy Green if you would like to Volunteer

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!