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The Spike  
February 2017



## What's Wrong Here?



This is *Taeniophyllum obtusum* (*pusillum*) awarded a Certificate of Botanical Recognition at January Chicago Judging to John Stuckert of Pewaukee, WI. This orchid grows on mangrove and coffee trees in South China and SE Asia under intermediate to warm temperatures and dappled light. What's wrong? There are no leaves! This orchid is similar to the 'Ghost Orchid' that grows in Florida, *Dendrophylax lindenii*, also leafless. Tiny, cute, flowers!



It's show time folks. The holiday celebrations are over, and I hope you all had good ones; now it's time to get back to some serious orchid business. Our first show of the new year is coming this weekend in Minnesota. If you have beautiful orchids to contribute to our display, but are not planning to go to St. Paul to help set up the display, contact Nile or me to make arrangements for their transportation to the winter wonderland of Minnesota in January. The very next weekend, February 4 & 5, is the Madison show. Then we have a weekend off before the Batavia show, which is February 18 & 19. So, you have lots of opportunities over the next few weeks to get those gorgeous orchids on display, so they can bring home some ribbons and

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## Calendar of Events

Minnesota Winter Carnival Show at Como Conservatory	1/28-29/2017
February EIOS meeting <b>Note New day of week and new place</b> Andy will present paper on Masdevalia	2/2/2017
Madison ORCHID Quest Show and Sale at Olbrecht Botanical Center	2/4-5/2017
St Louis Botanical Show	2/4-5/2017
Batavia Orchid Show at DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL	2/18-19/2017

## Four Lovely EIOS Member Plants taken to Chicago for Judging in January



### Results: TWO AOS Awards; ONE 'want-a-be'; and ONE not quite ! By Nile Dusdieker

***Phalaenopsis Da-Chien Spider Beauty*** in the back had 32 flowers on two inflorescences from Noelridge's collection. Flower size and substance didn't quite compare with other awards but judges commended the grower for the gorgeous flower presentation.

***Tolumnia (syn. Oncidium) Lambada 'Cutey'*** shown on the left is a magnificent bloomer grown by Bill Engkert who also does the Bonsai plants. Judges wanted to give a cultural award to the plant and grower but they questioned the parentage. Tolumnias are much smaller orchids, grow on rocks, and do not have distinct pseudobulbs. To make things more confusing, Orchid Wiz shows this exact plant receiving an award at a show in Spain in 2011. I think this is probably an intergeneric cross with a *Miltonia* added to the background. Fortunately Bill has the original name tag and maybe he can call the nursery and get more information. The Judges deemed the plant 'not judged' so if it still looks good for the Minn. Show - it can be looked at again.

***Cattleya Kirstie King 'Iowa' HCC/AOS*** shown in the middle, is an old large lavender *Cattleya* cross made in 1991 by EFG Orchids. This is not a mericlone but rather a seedling that Doc. Bannister has been growing for a number of years. Parents are C. Lake Chabaneau by C. Drumbeat 'Heritage' and this hybrid shows the best of both. Flowers were 16 cm across with a lovely round ruffled lip. This just goes to show that some of the 'old' crosses still have what it takes to get an award. We don't see these that often at shows any more!

***Lycaste Abou First Spring 'Timberlane' CCM/AOS*** shown on the right received the cultural award for a marvelous specimen plant with 14 flowers and 3 buds. Marcia Whitmore brought the plant to the Illowa meeting still with many buds to open and Andy convinced her to let us take it home with us and to judging the next week. Hopefully it will also stay in bloom for the Minn. Show. **More pictures on next page!**



These are the award photos taken by Nile Dusdieker.

Congratulations to Doc Bannister and Marcia Whitmore!

## Eastern Iowa Orchid Society

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## EIOS Treasurer's Report 2016

Beginning Balance 1/1/2016 \$5963.26

### Revenue:

Membership \$430.00  
Plant Donations \$518.00  
Interest \$ 7.07  
Total: + \$ 955.07

### Expenses:

Speakers \$100  
Holiday Party \$210  
Total: - \$310.00  
Balance \$6608.33

### Annual Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale

Show Revenue + \$1668.89  
From Easter and Mother's Day Noelridge Showcases  
Show Expenses - \$1432.99

Ending balance 12/31/2016 \$6844.23

Submitted by Cathy Wilcox, Treasurer

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maybe even an award or two. Don't forget that if you have some orchids that aren't quite ready for Minnesota, but are looking good for Madison, you can just bring them to the next meeting. I hope you all remember the next regular meeting is Thursday, February 2, so the orchids will be going to Madison the next day.

On the subject of the next meeting, I hope you all can attend, as we have a wonderful speaker lined up. I think some of you may already know him; Andy Coghill-Behrends will be making a presentation of his paper on Masdevalia. Also, concerning the next meeting, if you were hoping to host the February meeting, but neglected to sign up, take heart; it is not too late. You can still provide some delicious treats for our group. Just let me know as soon as possible, before someone else gets in ahead of you.

Here's hoping we can have a really good display in Minnesota, and I hope to see you all at the meeting in February.

Bill

## Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

**Call Bill Page 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](http://easterniowaorchidsociety.org), read our newsletters, attend our Fall Orchid Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and come join us at our next meeting!