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The Spike
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And on the web at easterniowaorchidsociety.org



Cattleya

Frog Lip!

Walking in the greenhouse the other day, I noticed a new lavender bloom with an interesting appendage on the lip. It was a temporary home for one of the tree frogs in our collection. They are good bug scavengers and obviously they like the flowers!

Nile D.

Notes from the President

Little did I know at our December Holiday Party that it would be the last EIOS orchid meeting I'd be attending as your president. My husband and I knew that we'd like to sell our house and move to a larger city, but we thought it would take us at least a year to get the house ready and sell it. After all, we've been thinking of moving for about 10 years now. We ruminate, hem and haw, think about this city or that city, but we rarely take any action. I was approached by a local realtor whose client was interested in buying a house on our street "with character" which they could renovate. Our house was the perfect candidate: old and in dire need of renovation. We sold the house on December 22, went to Rome the next day, came back and house hunted on December 31 and voila – done deal. We're moving to St. Louis on January 31.

Why St Louis? One or two years ago, Bill Page and Sharon Neff did a presentation on the orchid collection and greenhouses at the Missouri Botanical Center. I took a trip

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Calendar of Events

Winter Carnival Orchid Show at Como Park St. Paul, MN. EIOS is planning a display.	1/27-28/18
EIOS February meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church, 6:30 social, 7PM program: <u>WOW Phals</u> by Nile Dusdieker	2/1/18
Orchid Quest at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison. EIOS will have a display.	2/3-4/18
Chicago Suburban Orchid Show February 17th & 18th 2018 Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. EIOS plans a display.	2/17-18/18
EIOS March meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church, 6:30 social, 7PM program: <u>Tips and Tidbits on Orchid Growing.</u>	3/1/18

Food Fun & Flowers!

Holiday Happiness

EJOS December Meeting

We had a big turnout for the annual Holiday Party. Appetizers were great per Jane and Michael O'Hara looking over the gift plant table. (left)

Dusdiekers brought a few flowering Cats, not the Meow type! (Right)



Bill Snyder carefully picks his free plant from a large selection. (Right)

Granners and Neffs go for the 'good stuff?' (Below)



Joe Bridge and his wife pose for a classic shot! (Below)



Business meeting run by our President Peggy Green (Below)



Doc Bannister came over from Des Moines and checks out his gift plant! (Left)

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Doc Bannister for donating the phalaenopsis shown on the table at right. Even the left-overs were sold after everyone received their free plant.

Photos by Nile Dusdieker



Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Annual Meeting 2017

Held at Shueyville United Methodist Church, Shueyville, Iowa during the December EIOS Holiday gathering Dec. 1st. 2016. Called to order by Peggy Green, President Dec. 7, 2017 Time 8PM.

Club Officers: Peggy Green, President; Nile Dusdieker, Vice President and Web Master; Michael Hampton, Secretary and Newsletter Editor; Cathy Wilcox, Treasurer; Laynez Ackermann, AOS Representative; Nile Dusdieker, MAOC representative; Bill Snyder, registered agent in charge of filing nonprofit forms. Club currently has 36 members: quorum was present.

Peggy thanked everyone for all their participation in club activities throughout the year. Our club is a non-profit organization (501c3) with a major emphasis on education of members and the public about orchids. Fund raising activities go to meet that purpose. Major activities of the club include co-sponsoring the annual orchid show at Noelridge Greenhouse in Cedar Rapids which had to be cancelled at the last minute for unforeseen issues; local orchid displays at Easter and Mother's Day Showcases and Master Gardener's Fair; participation in regional orchid shows throughout the Midwest; and eight monthly meetings with educational programs. Guest speakers may be paid an honorarium and travel expenses if they are not club members. Activities (minutes) of the club are recorded in the monthly newsletters. A Treasurers report will be given by Cathy Wilcox and published in the January newsletter.

MOTION: To approve the activities of the club and specifically the actions of the officers of the club for 2017 including Treasurer's report and Secretary's documentation in the newsletter. Motion carried unanimously.

All club activities are provided by members on a purely volunteer basis. This includes meeting preparation, refreshments, representing the club at regional orchid shows and orchid judging events, orchid field trips and arranging speakers and educational programs.

MOTION: The club shall provide documentation of donated volunteer services upon request which states that no goods or services were received by the donors from the club. Motion carried unanimously.

At times the club needs to purchase items for club activities such as holiday food, gift plants, and support items like ribbons and awards for our show. These items may be purchased and paid for by individual members at the direction of the officers with bills submitted to club treasurer for reimbursement.

MOTION: The club has a policy to reimburse individual members for purchase of items specifically designated by the officers for general club use. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BZ: Next year's orchid show will be Oct 27-28, 2018 at the Elks Club Hall on SW 33rd Street. The club will again setup a small display and be selling donated orchids to raise funds for our fall show at the Easter and Mother's Day Noelridge Showcases and the Winter Gardener's Fair at Kirkwood Community College. The club plans to exhibit at several orchid shows throughout the Mid-west this year.

SPECIAL THANKS: Bill Page for his term as past President and Peggy Green our new President. Thanks to Michael Hampton newsletter editor, Nile Dusdieker our web master, Cathy Wilcox our Treasurer.

Thanks to all who helped with our orchid shows and meeting functions including providing food.

Special Thanks to Doc Robert Bannister for donating so many plants for our various functions.

No other old or new business items were brought forth and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted: Peggy Green/Nile Dusdieker.

EIOS TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

Beginning balance 1/1/2017 \$6844.23

Revenue:

Membership \$910.00

Plant Donations \$600.00

Interest 8.22

+ \$1518.22

Expenses

Mid Amer, AOS \$65.00

Website (5 yr) \$468.34

Donation \$100.00

- \$892.34

Designated for EIOS Show

Revenue \$2038.75 + \$2038.75

Expense \$500.00 - \$500.00

Ending balance 12/21/2017 \$9008.86

Submitted by Cathy Wilcox, Treasurer

EIOS show the expense includes \$300 for deposit for use of Noelridge greenhouse. This was refunded to us and is included in the revenue.



Joe Bridge wrote: Here are 2 fresh out of the grow chamber.

Paph. venustum 'SVO' AM/AOS x *Paph. venustum* 'Christmas Highlight' above.

Dgmra. Plutos Drummer 'Pacific Pink' right.

Both plants grown in a 2 pot semi-hydro system, inside of a grow tent with LED lighting.



Granner's Grand Growing!

By Nancy and Daryl Granner

You asked for stories and photos of our blooming orchids. I have 4 cattleya plants and each one had blooms on them starting in Nov. and Dec. I am sending photos and hope you will enjoy. Two of the plants must have been alike since the blooms were the same color. And then the last one was the cattleya I won at the Dec meeting.

TOP RIGHT: *Cattleya Drumbeat* 'Heritage' HCC/AOS - it had double blossoms on 1 stem. It looks magenta to me. I got this at one of our meetings when people brought unwanted plants for sale - maybe 8 years ago. This is a great old classic hybrid.



BOTTOM RIGHT: *Rlc. Chia Lin* 'New City' AM/AOS Very dark burgundy - one of the plants had double blossoms on 1 stem and the other had just a single blossom. I bought one plant at our club's unwanted plant sale 4 years ago and the other I bought at a show about 6 years ago. Until they bloomed, I had no idea they were the same plant.

BELOW: *Lc. Melody Fair* "Carol" HCC/AOS — this orchid I won at the Dec. meeting and the buds were on the plant which opened a few weeks later. Beautiful blossoms but didn't last as long as the above orchids. All three orchids were award winners!



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growing orchids*

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SHOW TIME 2018:

Contribute your blooming orchids for our EIOS displays and WIN ribbons! Maybe more! - Like a Best of Class or American Orchid Society Award. Send your plant names to niledusdieker@gmail.com by the designated date for pre-registration. Will arrange pickup.

Minnesota Show: 1/26-28/18 we need plants designated by Tuesday 1/23

Orchid Quest, Madison WI: 2/2-4/18 we need plants designated Tues 1/30 - bring plants to the meeting 2/1

Batavia Show: 2/16-18/18 we need plants designated by Tuesday 2/13

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to St Louis last summer, visited the Botanical Center, and was sold on the city: orchids for me, lots of small craft breweries for my husband, and reasonable housing prices. The house we bought is close to the Botanical Center and I plan on joining their Orchid Society. Can I blame our move to St Louis on Bill and Sharon? No, but I wouldn't have known about the amazing orchids at the Botanical Center if it hadn't been for their presentation. So, thank you Bill and Sharon!

Although I've only been EIOS president since September, it's been fun, educational, and we even had a little crisis in that short time with having to cancel our orchid show and find a new venue. Nile Dusdieker has graciously accepted the role of President and will take over for the remaining term. Hopefully, it will be smooth sailing for Nile and the club for the rest of the year.

I won't be able to attend the EIOS meeting on February 1 at 7pm. The program for the meeting will be a presentation by Nile Dusdieker titled "Wow Orchids". Bill Englert will be our host for the meeting and provide snacks and treats.

I won't see many of you before I move, but I'll be back to get the orchids that Bill Snyder and Nile are babysitting for me. I'll try to come during our March EIOS meeting. And, if you're ever in St Louis.... I'd love to show you my orchids!

Peggy, I wouldn't recommend moving in January, Green

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Bill Englert is bringing Feb. refreshments

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!