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The Spike

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Holiday Award! Phal. Lianher Happy Star 'Dusty's Sunny LH194-61' HCC



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This was one of the EIOS Holiday Party gift plants. It had a number of

buds yet to open when Lois picked it out. When we took it to Chicago Judging 10 days later it received an HCC/AOS flower quality award. It was registered by Lian Her Orchid Nursery in Taiwan and is an example of novelty phalaenopsis breeding. Special Thanks to Doc Bannister for providing our Holiday Party Plants.

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Hello, EIOS!

Happy New Year to everyone; as the days are slowly growing longer – and I find myself surrounded by gardening (and "orchiding") catalogs – I cannot help but look forward to days when we (and our plants) can spend more time outdoors enjoying the warmth and sunshine.

Unfortunately, moving into the New Year has meant a resurgence of the COVID virus. We have already received notification that the Orchid Society of Minnesota Show (last weekend in January) is going to be an unjudged show and the Orchid Growers' Guild Show (scheduled in Madison the following weekend) is cancelling altogether. We have not received official word regarding the shows scheduled for the following three weekends (Illinois Orchid Society, Batavia Orchid Society, and Wisconsin

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Calendar of Events

February EIOS Meeting: via Feb. 3rd, ZOOM. Andy will present his trips to Costa Rica. 7pm. Invitation sent by email.

Illinois Orchid Show at Chicago Feb. 12-13, Botanical Gardens. EIOS plans a display. Orchid judging for sure.

Batavia Orchid Show at DuPage Feb. 19-20, County Fairgrounds. EIOS plans a display.

March EIOS meeting: Plans still March 3, pending.

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Our Holiday Happenings! By Nile D

After a wonderful orchid show in October and Andy Coghill-Behrends educational session on 'Floriferousness' in November, nearly 30 members and guests gathered for our annual (in



most years, anyway) holiday party. Nile and Lois' orchid basket adorned a serving table. EIOS



cooks brought a cornucopia of delicacies with the club providing fried chicken. The club obtained from Doc Bannister our gift plants which club members reviewed during appetizers and then waited with 'baited breath' as their ticket was chosen to make their selection. The plants were mostly phalaenopsis with a nice variety between smaller





multifloral and larger standard blooms. A few leftovers were 'snarfed' up at a discount. The club decided to pass on a January meeting. We have a great group of orchid lovers and friends. Stay safe. Grow well and have a Happy New Year to ALL!

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EIOS BUSINESS MEETING AND TREASURER REPORT 2021



Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Annual Meeting for 2020 &2021

Held at Shueyville United Methodist Church, Shueyville, Iowa during the December EIOS Holiday gathering Dec. 2. 2021. Called to order by Andy Coghill-Behrends at 8:10PM.

Club Officers: Andy Coghill-Behrends, president; Michael Hampton, Secretary; Cathy Wilcox, Treasurer; Laynez Ackermann, AOS Representative; Nile Dusdieker, MAOC representative; Bill Snyder, registered agent in charge of filing non-profit forms. Club currently has about 50 members: quorum was present.

Due to the Covid Virus precautions our club did not meet regularly after March of 2020. Andy thanked everyone for all their participation in club activities during the shutdown via Zoom meetings and our resumption of in person meetings this fall. 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 this year included sponsoring the Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale 'Orchids Are a Scream Returns!' at the Elks Lodge in October. Other orchid displays at Easter and Mother's Day Showcases and Master Gardener's Fair and participation in regional orchid shows throughout the Midwest were on hold due to Covid precautions. We plan to continue eight monthly meetings with educational programs open to the public, some may still occur via ZOOM during winter months. We hope to resume orchid shows in 2022. Guest speakers are paid an honorarium and travel expenses covered if they are not club members. Activities (minutes) of the club are recorded in the monthly newsletters. A Treasurer's report will be given by Cathy Wilcox and published in the February 2022 newsletter. SEE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

Several motions need annual approval and were considered together: They were adopted by unanimous vote of members present..

MOTION: To approve the activities of the club and specifically the actions of the officers of the club for 2020-21 including Treasurer's report and Secretary's documentation in the newsletter.

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.

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 has a policy to reimburse individual members for purchase of items specifically designated by the officers for general club use. 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 club officers with bills submitted to club treasurer for reimbursement.

OTHER Business:

Planning for next year's Orchid Show. Further discussion and picking a potential date.

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 if they occur?

The club plans to exhibit at several orchid shows in the Mid-West this year and will continue educational activities throughout the year.

SPECIAL THANKS: To President Andy Coghill-Behrends, our officers, and all our club members that have given of their time and funds to support the club. We should be especially proud of the recent orchid show at the Elks Lodge. Thanks to Michael Hampton and Nile Dusdieker, our newsletter editors and web masters.

Thanks to Cathy Wilcox our long time Treasurer.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

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Jon and Joan Lorences' Special Paphs!

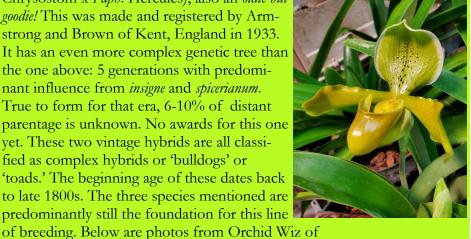
This first one is an amazing art-shade flower: **Paph. Sumurun** (Paph. Boltonii x Paph. Christopher). This orchid was first awarded in 1934 but no records are available and no pictures are in the databases. It was registered at the RHS in England in 1945 but little else is known about who originated the hybrid or what the color forms looked like. One can find some photos on the web of questionable accuracy. Slippertalk.com says the parents date back to 1902 and 1909 with ancestry beyond that unknown. Certainly, the flowers show characteristics of the white *Paph.niveum*, the shape of *Paph*. insigne and the dorsal sepal of Paph. spiceria-



num. This plant probably should be awarded and photo documentation given. Not sure how many of these hybrids are 'out there!' This is definitely a keeper!



The next one is **Paph. John Moore** (Paph. Chrysostom x Paph. Hercules), also an oldie but goodie! This was made and registered by Armstrong and Brown of Kent, England in 1933. It has an even more complex genetic tree than the one above: 5 generations with predominant influence from insigne and spicerianum. True to form for that era, 6-10% of distant parentage is unknown. No awards for this one yet. These two vintage hybrids are all classified as complex hybrids or 'bulldogs' or 'toads.' The beginning age of these dates back to late 1800s. The three species mentioned are predominantly still the foundation for this line



insigne, spicerianum, niveum, and another foundation species, villosum - shown in order below...









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What We Are Blooming in the New Year!

This is a lovely new paph blooming for Marcia Whtmore and she liked it enough to do a new watercolor



painting as well. She also sent the Rlc. Waikiki Jungle witch is a cross of two classics: Waikiki Gold and Jungle Elf. Great growing and painting!

Sharon Neff loves



this Paph. Hsinying Alien (Paph. Raisin Pie x Paph. Supersuk). It is a very popular Maudiae type slipper orchid with mottled leaves. In the right oval is a semi-alba cattleya, C. Louise Cochrane (C. Memoria Newton Thornburg x C. Stephen Oliver Fouraker). We don't see these as often any more!

Bill and Jean Snyder sent these pics of their holiday phalaenopsis. "Once again we appreciate the growing and selection skills of Doc Bannister in providing orchids for the Holiday Party. Six weeks after the party, our orchids, DS1335







Isle' (right), an old Stewart Nursery hybrid from 1970." It has received 16 AOS awards to date. Some folks think the lip is *tooo* big and makes the flower 'grotesque'. The flowers on the left are a hybrid from Oak Hill Gardens (C. Horace x Bc. Daffodil) over a decade ago and this hy-

brid has never been named or judged. It is very regular bloomer in the Dusdieker greenhouse this time of year.







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EIOS Treasurer's Report 2021

Beginning balance 1/1/21 \$3630.47

Revenue:

Membership: \$680.00 Donations: \$862.73

(includes quarter auction, vendor table fees and

other donations)

Interest: \$1.83 Total: \$1544.56

Total revenue plus beginning balance: \$5175.03

Expenses:

 Speaker:
 \$150.00

 Church donation:
 \$100.00

 Holiday Party:
 \$116.60

 Show:
 \$1996.80

 Total Expense:
 \$2363.40

Ending balance 12/31/21: \$2811.63

Plus CD value 12/31/21: \$5233.17 Submitted by Cathy Wilcox,

EIOS Treasurer 1/15/21

Submitted by Cathy Wilcox, Treasurer





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Orchid Society, respectively). EIOS is planning to send a display to these shows, assuming that they are held as planned. Orchid judging will be held in Chicago on the second Saturday in February regardless of whether there is a Chicago Show. If you have plants that you would like to send to a show or to judging, please contact Nile or myself and we will arrange a time for a pickup/drop off.

Given that our February meeting is scheduled for a time when the Omicron surge is expected to be peaking, we will unfortunately be moving our meeting to the **Zoom** platform – hopefully for the last time (at least due to pandemics). I will be giving a presentation on our recent trip to Costa Rica (and incorporate some information and pictures from our 2019 trip, as well). I hope to see you all then.

Please look for a Zoom invitation closer to the meeting date on our Google Group e-mail. Others can request an invite via email to mistercoghill@hotmail.com

Happy Growing! Andy Enjoy a couple pictures above:

Ludisia discolor top right

Cattleya percivaliana bottom right

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

ZOOM 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!