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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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

Dendrobium Red Wings



This is an example of a latouria *Dendrobium* Red Wings that will be Andy's topic for the program in June.

PRES BLURB! LAST MEETING TILL FALL! Our upcoming meeting on June 7th will be at the Shueyville Church and will feature Andy Coghill-Behrends' next judging-research talk on *Latouria Dendrobiums*. These are very popular because they 'supposedly' are easy to grow. We will have a few 'Art Shade' Phals for sale and also will elect officers for next year. The suggested slate is Nile Dusdieker, Pres. Andy Coghill-Behrends, V.P. Mike Hampton, Sec and newsletter editor, Cathy Wilcox, Treas. Laynez Ackerman, AOS rep. Nile MAOC rep. and webmaster. We will take nominations from the floor and **encourage anyone to volunteer!** We had a fun meeting at the Dusdieker home for our May meeting and folks repotted a number of plants in different media. A real

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Calendar of Events

EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program by Andy Coghill-Behrends: Latouria Dendrobiums	6/7/2018
Central Iowa Speakers Day see page 5 and 6	7/28/2018
No EIOS summer meetings	
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program by Grower and orchid judge Barry Jones miniature orchids and sale plants	9/6/2018
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program TBD	10/4/2018
Sixth Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale "Orchids are a Scream!" at Elks Lodge Hall 801 33 Ave. SW Cedar Rapids IA	10/27-28/2018

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Club Activities by Nile Dusdieker

In May the club ‘got their hands dirty’ with a **repot-athon** at the Dusdiekers’ home. Weather was perfect and we had several new attendees. Media choices consisted of Hausermann’s mix which has some sphagnum and tends to hold more moisture, Herman’s mix which Nile recreated from bark, perlite, charcoal, Orchiata which is baked and coated bark, and sphagnum moss. (Pictured Below in order L—R) Other additives were available such as rock, oyster shell, sand, coir, and coconut bark mix for those interested. We talked about ‘potting on’ for phalaenopsis growing in moss. Pull the plant out of the plastic soft pot and check the roots. Remove some excess moss and any dead roots. Consider opening up the center of the moss from below as some of the oldest roots and moss may be decayed. Then place the plant in a slightly larger pot with some Styrofoam pellets on bottom and then pack around the moss with bark mix fairly tightly. Over the ensuing year the phal roots will grow into the bark and at the next repotting the remaining old moss can be removed. Of course if the plant is happy in moss and not overwatered then growing in some new moss is an equally great idea!



It is Slipper Time!

Here are some pictures from club members who have *Cypripediums* blooming OUTSIDE!



Photos from Andy Coghill-Behrends: *Cyp parviflorum* above and *Cyp. Gisela* (*parviflorum* x *macranthos*) on left.



Marcia Whitmore sent these pictures of her clump of *Cyp. x andrewsii* (natural hybrid between *parviflorum* and *candidum*). Beautiful large flowers.



Hybrids from Dusdieker garden: *Cyp. Annegret* (*parviflorum* var. *makasin* x *shanxiense*) left; *Cyp. x ventricosum* (*calceolus* x *macranthos*) right; and the Chinese species *Cyp. formosanum* above.

What's Blooming: Photos from club members



Miltoniopsis White Truffle' Bright Eyes' from Greg Harris



Den. Nora Tokunaga from Bill Snyder A *Latouria Dendrobium*
Good job Bill and Jean!



Ann Morris' big lip *Phal. Reyoung Tender*. Look how flat and round the flower is.!



Cattleya maxima from Columbia and Ecuador. Blooms after a prolonged dry and very bright light period. Humidity is usually high however. This one blooms every year in May as temps heat up for the Dusdiekers

A weird one, *Zootrophion lappaceum* from tropical swamps in Columbia. The closeup below is as open as it gets. Nile bought from Ec-uagenera after seeing in Ecuador.



The CENTRAL IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY Presents the

30th ANNUAL SPEAKERS DAY

Saturday, July 28, 2018

Johnston Lions Club Community Center
6401 Merle Hay Road
Johnston, Iowa

OUR SPEAKERS

Peter T. Lin, Diamond Orchids, CA

Peter started growing orchids over 35 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

Peter's topics will be "Mini-catts" and "Spectacular Orchids from Around the World"

Ron Midgett, New Earth Orchids, NM

Ron began growing orchids in 1969 in the orchid-rich environment of Southern California. Since then, he has grown orchids in many different regions of the US and in the Caribbean for 3 years. Currently, he resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a breeder with an emphasis on Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, and Oncidinae.

In 1990, Ron founded the New England Orchid Company in Franklin, MA. In 2003, he moved his orchid business to New Jersey and changed the name to New Earth Orchid Co., aka New Earth Orchids. In 2010, New Earth Orchids was moved to Santa Fe, NM.

Ron is an accredited AOS judge. He has authored articles published in Orchids and the Orchid Digest. He was given the prestigious Ernest Heatherington award from the Orchid Digest for one of his articles.

Ron's topics will be "Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrids -What Are They and How Do I Grow Them" and "Green With Envy: Green Cattleyas - Origins"

AOS Judging will be held at 11:00 A.M.

Everyone is invited to bring or send plants for judging!
Plants must be in place by 10:00 A.M.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 28, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast, Plant Sales
8:00-10:00	Plants registered for AOS Judging
9:00-11:30	Morning presentations, one by each speaker
11:00	AOS Judging
11:30	Buffet Lunch / Plant sales
1:00 p.m.	First afternoon presentation
1:45	Afternoon Dessert Bar
2:30	Second afternoon presentation
3:15	Drawing for Door Prizes / Plant Sales

All times are approximate and subject to change at this time.

Both speakers will have plants for sale throughout the day.

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee of \$30.00 per person covers all costs. (\$35.00 at the door)

Early reservations would be helpful in planning the event.

For more information, reservations, etc. please contact:

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Our sales table at Noelridge Mother's Day Showcase. A time to sell a few plants to fund our upcoming show and talk a lot about orchids!

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hands on exercise followed by a 'dogs and burgers' picnic. Our Iowa weather turned suddenly warm and that signals time to move some of our orchids outside to enjoy natural rain, humidity, and even some beneficial beasts such as tree frogs to help clean off unwanted bugs. Watch out for squirrels in August as they seem to like to munch on roots that time of year. I don't put Phals or Phrags out in the summer as they are very susceptible to crown rot although some folks hang them at an angle so water does not accumulate. Cool growers can go out now but during the peak of summer will need someplace where night temps get down closer to 60 degrees F. (Pleurothallids, Miltoniopsis, Masdevallias). Our first meeting in the fall will feature a guest speaker, Barry Jones from Cincinnati who will talk on miniature orchids and will have several for sale. He is an AOS judge and used to reside in Peoria attending many of our shows at that time. The only formal orchid activity for summer is Central Iowa Orchid Society's Speaker Day (see website for details) and monthly judging in Chicago the second Saturday of each month (please send plants) NILE

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Denise Klemp

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!