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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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



LEFT: Two miniature phalaenopsis: Liu's Cute Angel 'KF#3' AM/AOS and ABOVE: Liu's Berry 'Orchid House' AM/AOS. Both are new miniature breeding from *Phal. pulcherrima* plus the addition of *Phal. lobbi* and *Phal. parishii* in the mix. Both were sale plants at the Noelridge Showcases.

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Our June meeting will be the final one of the spring season BUT it should be a lot of fun. Andy Coghill-Behrends will give his last student judging paper (presented in Jan.) on **Miniature and Novelty Phalaenopsis**. We sold a number of these at the two Noelridge Showcases this spring. In addition we plan an 'Orchid Swap Meet'. **We ask members to bring their extra orchids and related 'stuff' for placement on \$3, \$5, and \$10 tables for others to buy.** (Proceeds support club activities) **Remember, one person's junk is another person's treasure; although all orchids are gems!** We have invited those who signed up at the showcases to attend the meeting and hopefully become new members as well. Ole! For our picnic on May 5th; we repotted a number of member's plants and then had good tacos and fixings. A special welcome and thanks to

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Calendar of Events

June EIOS meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Social 6:30— Meeting 7 PM. Program 'Miniature and Novelty Phalaenopsis' plus Orchid Swap-	June 6, 2019
Central Iowa Speakers Day at Lions Club, Johnston, Iowa.	July 27, 2019
First meeting of EIOS in fall. Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Social 6:30—Meeting 7 PM. Program 'World of Orchids' General overview of orchids and how to grow them.	Sept. 5, 2019

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Our May Orchid Repotting Party!



About 25 folks attended the party and brought a variety of plants to repot. We used all different kinds of substrate mixes and Laynez brought some of his organic fertilizer to sprinkle on the final result. We then celebrated with a Taco picnic and some good conversation. Thanks to the Dusdiekers for hosting!



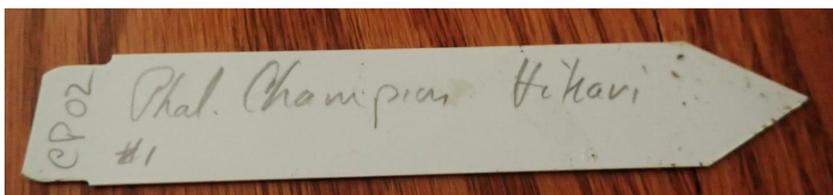
What is in a NAME! & Who CARES!



When Lois and I were out in San Diego we visited an import nursery for Taiwan Phalaenopsis. I really liked this light green 'big lip' and was careful to copy down the name. It was a mericlone and had the tag CP02 Phal. Champion Hikari. I decided to take it in to Chicago for judging - -- and that is when the fun began! Nile D



I always like to research the plants before submitting them for judging to be sure they haven't had prior awards and are properly registered. To my surprise - no Champion Hikari was registered. "Bummer!" I searched and found the Champion Orchid Nursery and sent an email to see if I could at least find the parentage. My email communication is at the right. The lady, Mei, sent me a picture and as you can see there is no *big lip*! Looking at the parents also showed no *big lip* in their background. Clearly ours was a lovely plant and flower but shall for now remain a lonely no-name!



MERICLONE

Champion Flora Co., Ltd.-網站訊息-有客戶於 CP02 Champion Hikari we use this name for selling and have the breeder's right in Holland. parents are P. (Sogo Yukidian x Gan Lin Yellow Lover)



- Commercial growers in Taiwan are really not interested in detailed listing of names, only in mass production for export and sales.
- Often when a hybrid is worthy of mericlone, the process is done by a separate lab which may not pass along the hybrid name or cross.

A note from Laynez Ackermann

I first read about “Purely Organic” fertilizer either in Orchids magazine or in Orchid Digest a few years ago. Being a Cattleya grower the pictures really intrigued me as they were showing remarkable results with Cattleyas. I bought some. Its not completely water soluble and so one way to use it better was to put it in tea bags and put the bags on the pot. Every time you watered a little of the nutrients would feed the plant. I bought empty tea bags from Amazon and pit a tablespoon of fertilizer in each bag I then stapled the bag shut. Small pots got 1 bag bigger pots got more. I had read other literature that said a mixture of organic and nonorganic fertilizers was best for plants so I scattered some Miracle-Gro Shake’nFeed on the media so every time I watered the plants got feed. Last year (my first full year of using this regime) I got remarkable results with my plants. Was it just a good year or did I really stumble across something? This year should give a better idea.

Try the stuff we got with Society funds and report your results to Nile to put in the newsletter.

Note: All members attending the June meeting will receive a free small bag of this fertilizer to try

The CENTRAL IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY
Presents the
31st ANNUAL SPEAKERS DAY
Saturday, July 27, 2019

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

Information contact: <http://www.c-we.com/cios/ciosreg.htm>

OUR SPEAKERS

Art Chadwick

Chadwick & Son Orchids, Inc., VA

Art holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State and an MBA from James Madison University. He founded Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc. in 1989 with his father who has been growing orchids since 1943. 'The Classic Cattleyas' is widely considered to be the definitive book on large-flowered Cattleya species and was written by Art and his father. Martha Stewart favorably reviewed the book and had both Chadwicks on her TV Show. Art has the distinction of naming Cattleya hybrids after the wives of the last five U.S. Presidents and personally presenting the flowers to most of the honored recipients. He is a 'regular' on the orchid society speaker's circuit and has spoken internationally at the Western Australian Orchid Conference as well as two World Orchid Conferences - France 2005 and Ecuador 2017. Each month since 2002, the Richmond Times-Dispatch has published Art's orchid advice column. The Winston-Salem Journal as well as several other newspapers around the country also run the popular column. Chadwicks operates 11 greenhouses in rural Powhatan County, a retail store in Richmond, and boards over 13,000 orchids for local clients. The company was recently featured in Southern Living magazine, The New York Times, Bloomberg News, and Smithsonian magazine.

Art's topics will be "Large Flowered Cattleya Species" and "Cattleyas and the Golden Age of Orchid Fashion"

Jason Fischer

Orchids Limited, MN

Jason Fischer works and helps manage Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota USA with his father Jerry Fischer. He has had a life-long education in orchids mainly from the opportunity to be raised in a family orchid business. Jason's educational interests were strongly influenced by Japan. He studied the Japanese language and culture for 6 years in high school and at the University of Minnesota. Jason lived in Kyoto, Japan from 2001 to 2003, and upon return decided to import Japanese orchid species and add a new niche to the business. Having worked for his father since the age of 5, Jason has learned the orchid world from the business and hobbyists perspective. He took interest in orchid hybridization and lab work around 14 years of age, and first started breeding with phalaenopsis, which later on lead to paphs, phrags and miscellaneous hybrids. Jason's first lecture on Neofinetia falcata at the Minnesota Orchid Society in 2004 was the kick-off for an amazing journey of lectures across America and Canada. He has a passion for orchids, and the communication skills he developed in Japan as an English teacher have helped him create interesting lectures that won't put the audience to sleep. Jason enjoys photographing orchids in situ, and has photographed orchids in situ in Japan, North America, Singapore, Malaysia and Western Australia. His main interests include hybridizing Vanda falcata varieties and Phragmipedium.

Jason's topics will be "Phragmipedium kovachii and It's Hybrids" and "The Jungle Log and Alternative Orchid Growing".

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

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Waiting for the doors to open on Mother's Day at Noelridge Greenhouse. Over 1000 people attended and we answered a lot of orchid related questions! Thanks to all who volunteered at both this and the Easter Showcases!

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several Illowa members who attended. We do have some club business to attend to: We will elect officers for July 2019 - 2020. The current slate is running and we willingly accept nominations from the floor! The club purchased a CD for some of our funds. Our club takes the summer off. Information on Central Iowa Speakers' Day, July 27th is enclosed in this issue. Our first fall meeting will be a general overview of orchids. We plan an out of town speaker later in the fall and maybe the second part of orchid diseases! We welcome ideas for future meetings and volunteers to tell us about their growing techniques. Finally, a pitch to join the American Orchid Society at aos.org. Our national organization has totally revamped its services and website. An online membership is only \$40/year which includes the Orchids magazine online. (\$65/yr. for hard copy of the magazine) The AOS has many educational activities and webinars and a new search function for past information published in its magazine. NILE

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Julie and Mark Farmer

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!