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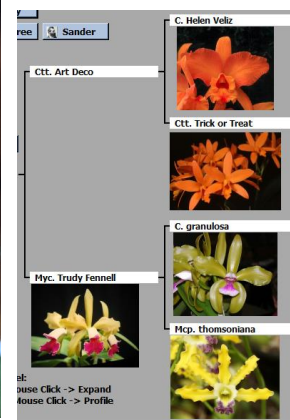
EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

The Spike

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



Guaricatophila Liana Graf! What a name - Complex cross between *Guaricanthe*, *Cattleya*, and *Myrmecophila*. Grown by Andy Coghill-Behrends.



PRESIDENT'S BLURB: TILL WE MEET AGAIN * AND WE WILL!** This will be our last newsletter till Fall. This spring has been quite an ordeal but hopefully we are all doing well with no CoVid 19 complications. Our orchid hobby group's activities including shows, judging, club activity, and educational sessions have been cancelled. As noted on the right **no June EIOS Club meeting, and no Central Iowa Speaker's Day in Johnston, Iowa.** I do hope we can get together safely in early September and our Halloween show is still scheduled. At least the orchids are growing and blooming like nothing has happened! Members can share what they are doing with orchids via our google group



Calendar of Events

NO JUNE EIOS MEETING

NO SPEAKER'S DAY IN JULY

EIOS fall monthly meeting: detail to be forthcoming. Sept 3rd, 2020

EIOS 'Orchids are a Scream 3!' tentatively still in planning stage Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2020

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Remember Back Then

I think this was our club's first AOS Show Trophy. Newsletter was a 1 pager front and back with no pictures. Does anyone still have some of the plants listed?

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Newsletter of the Iowa City Orchid Society
210 Park Road West
Iowa City, IA 52246
May, 1994

Next ICOS Meeting

The next meeting of the Iowa City Orchid Society (ICOS) will be held on **Thursday, May 5,** in the auditorium of the Coralville Public Library at 1401 Fifth Street in Coralville. (Note this change from our regular meeting time on the last Thursday of the month. The auditorium was not available at our regular time.)

The social period will begin at 7:00 p.m. to be followed at 7:30 p.m. by a presentation by Nile Dusdieker, who will show a videotape that he made of the recent ILLOWA show. Nile will also present all of the exhibits that were entered in the 1994 ILLOWA show, as well as the steps in the "making" of the AOS award winning Iowa City Orchid Society exhibit. This is a not-to-be-missed presentation for those who were unable to attend the show and those who plan to exhibit in next year's show. Current and prospective members of the ICOS are welcome to attend!

1994 ILLOWA Show

Several ICOS members participating, the Iowa City Orchid Society exhibit won the **AOS award** for the best exhibit in the 19th annual ILLOWA Orchid Show, held on April 8-10 at the Duck Creek Mall in Bettendorf, Iowa! This prestigious AOS award, which is a beautiful medallion encased in acrylic, will be available for AOS members to see at the May meeting.

John Schwind, Nile Dusdieker, Cathy Wilcox, Laynez Ackermann, and Ann York assisted with the design, set-up, and tear-down of the ICOS exhibit. John Schwind, Nile Dusdieker, Anne Glenister, and Ann York provided the 39 orchid plants that made up the ICOS exhibit, which portrayed a peaceful oriental garden, complete with a Buddha and Chinese lantern.

Eighteen of the ICOS-entered orchids received ribbons, including one first, five seconds, and one third for John Schwind and two firsts, three seconds, and six thirds for Nile Dusdieker. The orchid plants that received ribbons included:

Phal. Hausermann's Fireball 'Meteor'; first: phals, pink with stripes; John Schwind.

Phal. Abendrot 'Evening Pink' x Evening Shade 'York'; second: pink with spots or bars; John Schwind.

Phal. Blanea Grande 'Lehua' x (Hawaiian Cloud x Hakalau 'Queen'); second: phals, white with colored lip, no markings; John Schwind

Cle. Dixie 'Reiko'; second: cattleyas, red; John Schwind.

Phrag. Nitidissimum 'Gleneyrie'; second: allied paph species; John Schwind

Phal. Double Delight x Kathleen Ai 'Tokyo Beauty'; second: seedlings, flowering for the first time; John Schwind.

Phal. Hausermann's Candy 'York' x Phal. Lucille Lundberg 'Scott'; third: phals, white with stripes; John Schwind.

Cym. Nonna 'Goldilocks'; first: cymbidium hybrids, miniature yellow; Nile Dusdieker.



June 2005

President Speaking

Here we are! time once again to elect officers for the next year. There are several items that need to be discussed at the June meeting. (2005) Richard Bennett will be moving into the presidents position in September and a new vice president will need to be chosen. This position involves planning for the next years meeting and may require time in bringing those plans to fruition. Several names have been offered to me as possibles for this opportunity. If you would enjoy this position, please let me know and I will be pleased to present several names to the voters! It is a good thing to have people who are interested in the Society and willing to participate. Some other suggestions have been to have the officers do a two year term instead of one year. Also, it has been suggested that the progressive dinner be changed from May to June as the weather would be nicer and members may not be quite as busy. Those are a couple of things to think about and please don't be afraid to suggest anything more to me. Let me know by email if you have suggestions or bring them up at the meeting. I would like to thank everyone for making this time for me very easy. Richard has been in control of much of the planning and Nile has been a great support. Also, Lee Ann has been doing a lovely job with the newsletter and I know she had some help in the beginning from Beverly. Cathy, as always manages the funds very well! All the people who volunteer to bring refreshments and those who help to set up the shows. It's so good to know that so many people are supportive and interested in the ICOS. Vicki Milddenstein

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Calendar of Events	
ICOS Progressive Dinner	05/01/05
ICOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA	06/02/05
Central Iowa Orchid Society Speaker's Day at Camp Dodge Recreation Hall, 7700 NW Beaver Dr., Johnston, IA. Contact: David Brightwell, 5726 NE 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50313 (515) 289-2853	07/31/05
ICOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA	09/01/05
ICOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA	10/06/05
Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis Shaw, Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw, St. Louis, MO	10/22-23/05

NOSTALGIA: Excerpts from our newsletter 15 years ago(2005). Also our calendar of events - remarkably similar to what we would be doing this year. Note Cathy Wilcox and Laynez Ackermann have been in their positions the entire time. Thanks so much.

Progressive Dinner

By John Koch

Lee Ann and I picked up Marilou Gay, Cathy, and Rachel Wilcox and drove out North Dubuque St. headed for Anne Glenister's house for appetizers then we were invited to the tour of her greenhouse and I found myself with enchanted by the swaying of trees in the forest around her home.

We then left for Lois and Nile Dusdieker's home on the Coralville Reservoir for the main course. Their house is unique because they have three dinning tables. Orchids in the greenhouse were beautiful.

We then departed for Nancy Kennedy's home taking the scenic route crossing Coralville Dam which gave Marilou willies and arrived at Nancy's beautiful home where we had dessert. The great room can hold all of our ICOS members with ease. Her view of beautiful landscape is magnificent.

I thought that she could grow orchids in most of the rooms because the house was facing South and had skylights.



Laelia Laynez!
Nope, Cattleya Ackermann:
Cattleya purpurata

Laelia (now Cattleya) purpurata is a beautiful species from southern Brazil that blooms late spring. Flowers come in many color forms as Laynez's pictures show. A bit of info from Orchid Wiz below. Nile D

ORIGIN/HABITAT: Brazil. Plants were originally found on the narrow, swampy, coastal plain, but the habitat is now known to extend from just east of Santos southward through the states of São Paulo, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul to the region south of Porto Alegre. Within this coastal zone, plants are uncommon in the swamp forest, but they are more plentiful in the heavy forest along small creeks, usually below 600 ft. (180 m). The habitat extends some 750 miles (470 km), but it is seldom more than a few miles wide. *Laelia purpurata* was originally common throughout much of this range. Early visitors to the region reported that plants were so plentiful that they even grew in the sand along the beach. Because of excessive collecting and habitat destruction, however, plants in the wild are now found only in very tall trees in remote, hard-to-reach areas. Miranda (1990) reports that in Rio Grande do Sul plants grow on large old trees a bit inland from the sea, in Santa Catarina they are found on scrubby vegetation growing on rocky hills directly facing the sea, and in São Paulo they grow in swampy areas. -- Source: Charles Baker



Picture by Mario Rosin from Orchid Wiz - *C. purpurata* blooming insitu, Below habitat and tree with moss and plants from our trip to Brazil in 2015. NILE





Slippers in a Cage:

No this isn't another story about the "Tiger King" who kept wild things (large cats) in cages. This is about our cypripedium bed in the back yard. It used to be larger but several factors changed that. #1 - four legged creatures (deer) and under ground moles did a number on the large original clumps - hence the need for cages and the new plants are growing in open slotted baskets buried in the ground. #2 - We lost some critical tree limbs and now late spring sunlight is bright enough to burn the leaves and wilt the plants - hence the shade cloth. New clumps are slowly being established and I will mulch with leaf compost as summer progresses. Here are some Cyp. Hybrids: NILE D

Cyp. x ventricosum (top) natural hybrid from northeastern China, cross *calceolus* and *macranthos* - seems hardy.

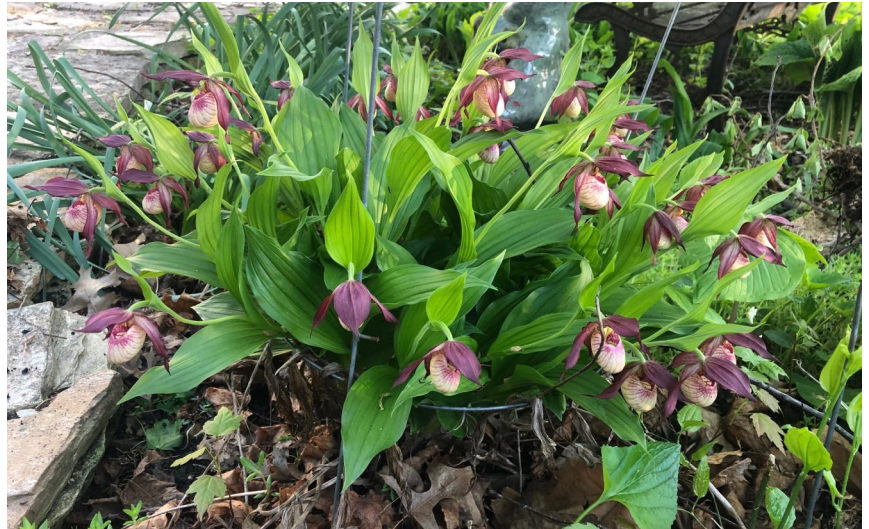
Cyp. Inge (lower side) cross of 2 continents: American *parviflorum* by Chinese *fasciolatum*. Both nice pale yellows.

Cyp. Annegret (below) cross of *parviflorum* Var. *makasin* (darker maroon petals) by *shanxiense*. It has rather unusual coloring for a Cyp. hybrid.



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email or on our Facebook page (search: eastern iowa orchid society).

Andy has agreed to run for President and is currently looking for a volunteer for Vice-President. We were to vote at the June meeting but will defer till September meeting (when new officers officially assume their new rolls.) We will also take nominations from the floor.

In this issue I thought some nostalgia would be in order looking back a 'few' years. (1994 & 2005). We have been a club for 30+ years with many great memories and wonderful long lasting friendships. Enjoy!

Have a great summer and keep in touch. NILE D

PS the Orchid Culture books from the AOS will get here sometime - they are still stuck in Fairchild Gardens (closed) in Florida. Watch your email for updates.

Speaking of Slippers!

Andy doesn't have any problem growing this grand hybrid Cyp. Gisela is his backyard. (*parviflorum x macranthos*)

Directions to the First United Methodist Church in Shueyville, Iowa for our Fall meeting.

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!