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Rlc. Husky Boy grown by Bill Englert was exhibited at the Batavia Orchid Show and received a first place ribbon in its class.

This is a complex Cattleya hybrid with two known 'yellows' in its background: *C. briereri* a small Brazilian species and *C. dowiana* a large yellow with darker lip. Nice flower!



Calendar of Events

March EIOS meeting Note New day of week and new place Program; Orchid Classification and Judging	3/2/2017
Northeast Wisconsin Show	3/4/2017
Illinois Orchid Show at the Chicago Botanical Gardens	3/11-12/2017
Illowa Orchid Show at Wallace's Garden Center Bettendorf, IA	3/18-19/2017
April EIOS meeting Note New day of week and new place Program; Stig Dahlstrom Finds Orchids	4/6/2017

Oh, it was almost spring for a while, but it was fleeting, and now we are back to winter again. Fortunately, we have no show this weekend, so we get to stay safe at home. It does look like this bit of winter weather will be gone very quickly, so there should be no problem getting to the meeting next Thursday, March 2. Remember, if you have orchids in bloom that you would like to have in Northeast Wisconsin show, which is Saturday, March 4, you can bring them to the meeting Thursday night. March is going to be a very busy month, with shows the next three, and possibly four, weekends; you will all have lots of opportunities to get those beautiful orchids, especially if they are something besides Phalaenopsis, into some shows, and

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Three Down and Three to GO: EIOS Spring Show Season Now Half Over!

Photos and Story by
Nile Dusdieker



Two hundred plant entries later with 126 ribbons and special awards received, EIOS finds itself at the half way point in our Spring show season. We have had great success and setup truly beautiful displays.

Our first show was the Orchid Society of Minnesota Winter Carnival Show at the Como Arboretum in St. Paul Jan 28-29, 2017. Our exhibit received 1st place and Best of Class for Orchid Society Exhibits and Nile and Lois Dusdieker received the EUROS (Prince of the East Winds) Trophy for best Old World species for their *Dendrobium kingianum*.

One week later, the Orchid Growers Guild—Orchid Quest was held at a new location in Madison, Wisconsin—the Olbrich Gardens and Arboretum. Our display again received 1st place and had a bit of a new look sitting up against a rock wall at a slight diagonal.

By the time many of these flowers made it to the Batavia show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on February 18-19th, they were well worn. We still received many ribbons and Best of Class and Best Specimen plant for Noelridge's Noel 2 a lovely no-namei Cymbidium which we placed front and center. Doc Bannister's Phal. Mount Lip was Best of Class Phalaenopsis.



Setup crew above.
Deno's Angraecum
Right
Marsha's Cynodes
Left



Doc's Rth. Kurt Hausermann and Dusdiekers Ctt. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'



Very special thanks to those who contributed plants to the displays: Samantha Appleby, Robert Bannister, Andy Coghill-Behrends, Nile and Lois Dusdieker, Bill Englert, Friends of Noelridge, Nancy Granner, Dorothy Hampton, Deno Kandis, Bill Page, Marsha Whitmore. Keep 'em coming as we will need more for our remaining 3 shows! Enjoy the pictorial review.

Also thanks to our transport and setup crew: the Dusdiekers, Hamptons, Andy C-B, and Bill Page. Michael Hampton had to strap on his back bumper with 'stretchies' to make the Batavia trip!



The crowds were constant. I wonder how many photos were taken of our plants, and what will they do with them! Photo on left taken of exhibit after hours.





EIOS display at Madison Show against the stone wall.
A view from upstairs where the lectures were held.



The lighter background really highlighted the color contrasts as shown above.
To the upper right, one can't beat beautiful white Phalaenopsis!
Andy's Phal. Pinlong Chervis ribboned 1st place at all three shows!

Batavia show 2017



Doc Bannister's Best of Class Phalaenopsis Mount Lip (left upper) and Noelridge's Best of Class Cymbidium Noel 2 (left) plus 1st place specimen plant.

Setup crew doing the chicken dance and putting finishing touches on the Batavia Show display.



We do have FUN at these shows and we probably eat too much!

MARCH MEETING PROGRAM

Come to our March meeting and learn how to classify the plants for a show and then ribbon judge them yourself. The process is not as easy as it seems. We will have at least 3 teams and compare results. Then we will judge the flowers present for quality.

Andy will be taking a smaller display (his transport vehicle will be full!) to the Neenah show the following day. After snack break the group will select plants worthy of his taking to the show! Bring plants you would like to classify and maybe take to the show.

Our final two shows are the 'BIG ONE', the Illinois Orchid Show at the Chicago Botanical Gardens March 11-12 where we have reserved exhibit space for display in the round! And our final show; the Illowa Show at Wallace's Garden Center in Davenport on March 18-19.

Chicago Botanical Gardens Orchid Exhibit now through March 26th Glencoe, Illinois



The Chicago Botanic Garden is a wonderful place to visit. Admission is free BUT parking will cost \$25 unless you have your AOS or a reciprocal botanical garden membership card with you. This orchid exhibit has a \$7 admission fee in addition. The large room shown above is where the Illinois Orchid Show will be held. Also pictured here are clusters of white Phalaenopsis, orchids hanging in the greenhouses, a Vanda wall, a Dendrobium cluster, orchid archway and even an orchid dress! Might need to wear something under that one!



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Bill Snyder and Peggy Green are shown above at the Winter Gardening Fair at Kirkwood collage these last weekend. They were joined by Jean Snyder and assisted by Samantha Appleby. They showed a variety of orchids and answered questions about orchids and orchid care

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win lots of ribbons. So keep your eyes open for all those emails you are going to be getting about orchids for the various shows as they come up.

Remember, at our meeting Thursday, we are going to be having some fun and games looking at orchid classification and also how they are judged in shows. If you have orchids blooming that are not quite show quality, but are at least identifiable, especially if they are something unusual, bring them to the meeting also, and we can use them in our classification and judging exercises. It's going to be a fun meeting; I hope you all can make it.

Bill

Hostess for Upcoming Meeting

Lois Dusdieker

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!