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The Spike
March 2019



SPOTLIGHT

Orchids in Watercolor

Masdevallia Dean Haas 'Gina' HCC/AOS
By Marcia Whitmore



Congratulations to our member, Marcia Whitmore who not only grows magnificent orchids but also is an amazing artist. Her art work will be featured each month in the American Orchid Society, *Orchids* magazine. She talks about growing the plant, photographing the blooms and then making the sketch and final painting. Look for her work each month for the next year in the magazine. Reprinted from Feb. Orchids Magazine

COLD President's Burr—Blurb!

How things have changed since my last note. We chickened out on the Minnesota Show for good reason. Our own plants survived the way below zero spell but our greenhouse did get down to 47 degrees one night. In the cold room in our basement (underground foundation) temps dropped to 50 degrees, so masdevallias and pleurothallids, you had better start blooming! Conditions improved a bit and we all went to Madison first week of February and set-up a beautiful display. Ditto two weeks later for the Batavia Show in Wheaton, Illinois. Thanks to all who contributed plants. Bill and Jean Snyder handled our Master Gardener table the same weekend at Kirkwood Campus. We ended up not selling plants because with the

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**Calendar of Events**

Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Show in Neenah, Wisconsin. EIOS will have a display.	3/2,3/2019
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program: Orchids 101 your questions answered. Moderator Sharon Neff	3/7/2019
Illinois Orchid Show. Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glencoe, Illinois. EIOS will have a display.	3/9,10/19
Illowa Orchid Society Show at the Quad Cities Botanical Center. EIOS will have a display. This show is close to home!	3/16,17/19
AOS national meeting in San Diego, CA EIOS will be represented	3/20,24/19
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program Orchid Pests and Disease: Workshop—hands on training	4/4/2019

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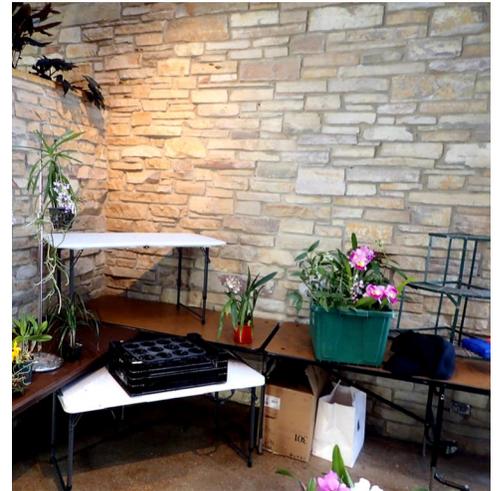
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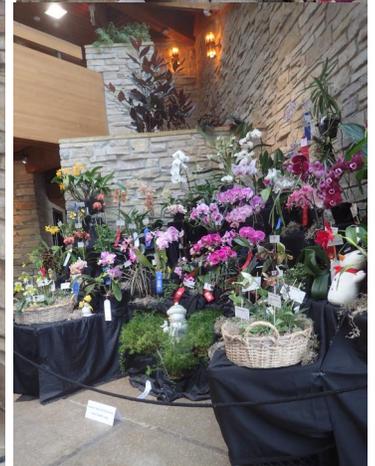
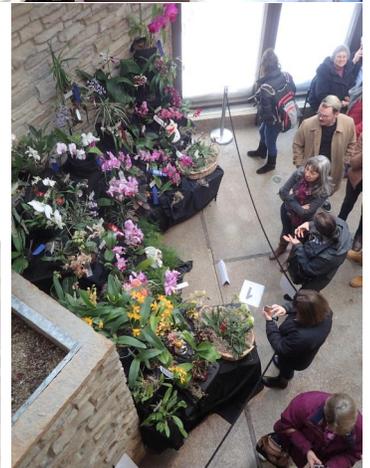
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**Orchid Quest 2019
Olbricht Botanical Gardens
Madison Wisconsin. Feb. 2-3**

Setting up the display can be a lot of fun (*in between arguing about where a plant should be placed*) The sequence (*clockwise*) shows unwrapping plants, structural foundation, black cloth and placing plants, damage to a flower, final product with photo before going to dinner.



Final Result: A beautiful 3 tiered floral “Snowmen Spectacular”: against the brick background. Forty two ribbons including 14 first place blue ones for the 62 entered plants from 6 of our society members. The exhibition room was open and bright with excellent attendance considering the cold weekend. Super bowl Sunday allowed us to take down early and drive home in the fog! *Photos, pics, Nile D*



EIOS: ORCHID 'LOVE' AT BATAVIA ORCHID SHOW FEB. 16-17, 2019

Our club is known for setting up different style exhibits at the shows. This time we decided on a 'LOVE' theme. Our space allocation was linear along the wall so we elevated our screen (*which we had to tape together - only been used regularly since 1992*) and wrapped the outside of the display with a red ribbon roughly in the shape of a heart. The judges either liked it or hated it! We had some nice feature plants which highlighted Valentines Day colors. *Phais tankervilleae* and a basket of red and orange *Ctt. Jewel Boxes* were the center attraction with dark colored phals on each side all tapering to lighter colors in front where the red ribbon was tied in a big bow! 52 plants from 7 members received 33 ribbons (12, 1st place) and the display was commended for the excellent color flow! Andy's *Paph. haynaldianum* and Bill Page's *Epi. Muir* (right); Dusdieker's *Ophrys* (Bee) *sphagodes* and Phais lower far right; Doc's phals below and Jewel Box basket; set-up crew, bottom.

Photos Nile D



Rod Hunt: The Ribbon Meister!

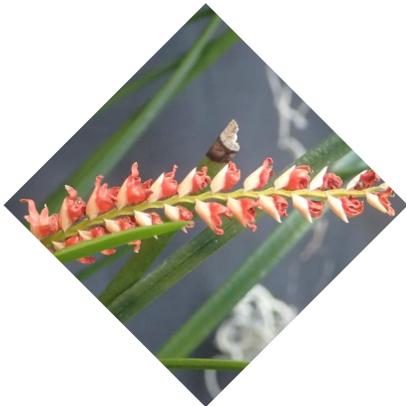


Fredclarkera After Dark (Mormodia Painted Desert x Catasetum Donna Wise)
2nd at Madison, 3rd at Batavia

Rod Hunt is one of our newest members. He contributed 12 entries for our Feb. shows and came away with 9 ribbons! Below are pics of some of his beautifully grow orchids.
Text ,photos Nile D



Phal. Rod's Yellow Spots 2nd at Batavia



Closeup of *Dendrobium wenzelii*
3rd place at Madison. Interesting species from the Philippine Islands



Phal. Rod's Pink Pattern 3rd Madison

Several of these phalaenopsis are unnamed hybrids and are not eligible for AOS judging BUT we can give them a name and they qualify for ribbon judging.



Phal. Blushing Yellow was the 'Coup de Grau' (left) winning 1st place ribbons at both shows in the 'other color phalaenopsis' class. Phal. Purple Hunt (right) won 3rd place in the same class at Madison.

Isn't this fun! Members take note; you too can get ribbons by sending plants for our shows. Especially consider the Illowa Show which is close by the 3rd weekend of March!

Kind of like basketball - make a basket and get your name in the paper. Ditto for our newsletter!



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Thanks to Bill and Jean Snyder for manning our society informational table at the Linn County Master Gardeners' Winter Garden Fair at Kirkwood College on Feb. 16th. They promoted next year's orchid show and answered lots of questions. How appropriate is the 'No Ice Cubes' this season!

Photo Jean Snyder



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weather we couldn't travel to get them from Des Moines. Sorry we had to cancel the regular Feb. meeting but glare ice on roads and the church lot made it unsafe. Andy will take a display to the Neenah Show (weather permitting) and he promises to give his talk at a later club meeting. Our March meeting should be a lot of fun. Sharon Neff will moderate and we will have a panel "**of the whole, experts one and all,**" answering growing questions or any other questions (non political please) about orchids. We will have a raffle. If weather allows, bring your blooming plants for show-and-tell and get a free raffle ticket. Also bring plants to share for our Illinois Show display the following weekend. Our final away show of the season will be the Illowa Show in the Quad Cities March 16-17. Please consider coming down and helping with setup on Friday the 15th. We would like to display as many member's plants as possible. If members would like to exhibit collectables or crafts at the Illowa Show, let me know. Show season this year has been a 'cold' challenge but a successful one. In April we plan a 'Bugs and Disease' workshop with hands on experience evaluating sick plants; *which none of us have, RIGHT!* Nile

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Sharon Neff

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!