

**In This Month's Newsletter:** Note from the President, Review of Batavia Virtual Orchid Show, Marcia Whitmore's watercolors, and I feel Pretty?

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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

# The Spike

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

**From Trash to Glory!** *Phal.* OX Honey 'OX1370-Iowa' AM/AOS 82 pts awarded to Doc Bannister 2/12/22



Doc found this plant in the trash pile at Ontario Orchids in San Diego and brought it home. The flowers are huge (14cm across), the form is perfect and the presentation delightful! The judges gave the award as an example of established breeding with an outstanding outcome and culture. Remember *"one person's garbage is another's treasure!"*

## PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Hello, EIOS!

The Spring Show schedule is winding down. We only have one more show to go at Mileager's Garden Center in Racine, WI, the weekend of March 5-6. This will be my first time judging in Racine and I am looking forward to it. If you have a plant that you would like to submit for American Orchid Society judging, please bring it to our meeting next Thursday, March 3rd, and I can bring it with me. (Our club does not plan placing its own exhibit).

We are actively seeking candidates to assume the roles of President and Vice-President for the upcoming 2-year term. We rely on our members to fill these leadership positions and



## Calendar of Events

<b>EIOS In-person meeting. Social at 6:30, Program 7pm: Masdevallia Species and How To Grow</b>	<b>March 3, 2022</b>
<b>Wisconsin Orchid Society Spring Show at Mileager's Greenhouse, Racine WI</b>	<b>March 5-6 2022</b>
<b>EIOS In-person meeting. Social at 6:30, Program 7pm: Native Orchids.</b>	<b>April 7, 2022</b>
<b>Noelridge Easter Showcase EIOS will set small display and have plants for sale. <i>Tentatively</i></b>	<b>April 16-17, 2022</b>

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### We participated in an orchid show after all!

As most of our readers know, Winter - Spring orchid shows here in the Midwest were severely limited or cancelled. The Batavia Orchid Society (West suburbs of Chicago) cancelled the in-person show but decided to do a virtual show online. Invitations went out to submit photos of one's blooming plants and register them just like if they were in a live show. I believe only 4 EIOS members submitted plants (Dusdieker, Bannister, Byorum, Whitmore) No exhibits were submitted but over 200 entries were received. Larry Sexton arranged for several Chicago Center Judges to review classes and do ribbon judging. Pictures from our submissions that received ribbons are shown on this page. This was a nice way for all of us to share our blooming plants and receive some recognition. The only 'live' orchid show left is the Wisconsin Society show in Racine, 3/5-6/22. Hopefully, we all will be back to normal next fall. Our EIOS show is scheduled for Oct. 22-23, 2022 - another 'Orchids Are A Scream!'. Exhibitors: 16.1 Dusdieker, 16.2 Bannister, 19.1 Whitmore, 19.2 Byorum



Guarianthe Herbert Oesterreich (Dusdieker)



Ric Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle' above, Paph. Lathamianum below (Dusdieker)



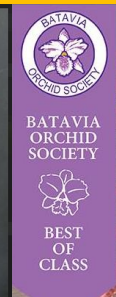
CLASS 34-1 Paph. Lathamianum 'Dusty's Yakman' HCC, 16-1



CLASS 34-1 Phalaenopsis Ming Hsing Red Rose (Phalaenopsis Ming-Hsing Eagle x Phalaenopsis Ming-Hsing Red Rose), 19-3



CLASS 57-1 Phalaenopsis Zheng Min 'Concentric', 19-1



CLASS 109-3 & 113-1 Dendrobium wenzelii 'Timberlane' CCM/AOS, 19-1



CLASS 40-2 Paph. Londonlight x Paph. Hellas , 16-1



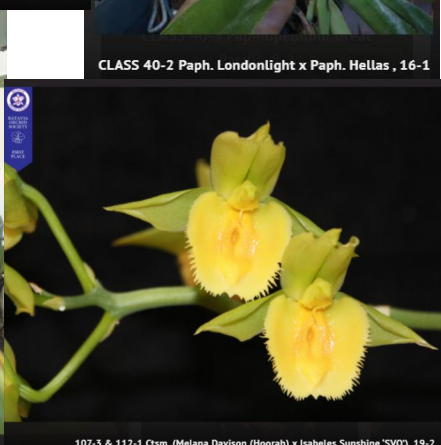
Paph Avalon Druid above, Haerids' Mark below ( Byorum)



CLASS 109-4 Calanthe [Cal.] argenteostriata, 16-1



CLASS 106-1 Ang. Safia (Ang. virginialis x Ang. uniflora),



107-3 & 112-1 Cism. (Melana Davison (Hoorah) x Isabeles Sunshine 'SV0'), 19-2



# Orchid Blooms Can Last Forever! Watercolors by Marcia Whitmore.



*Paph. delenatii*  
var. *dunkel*



*Vanda M. Pearman.*



*Paph Raisin Pie x Coronado's Quest*

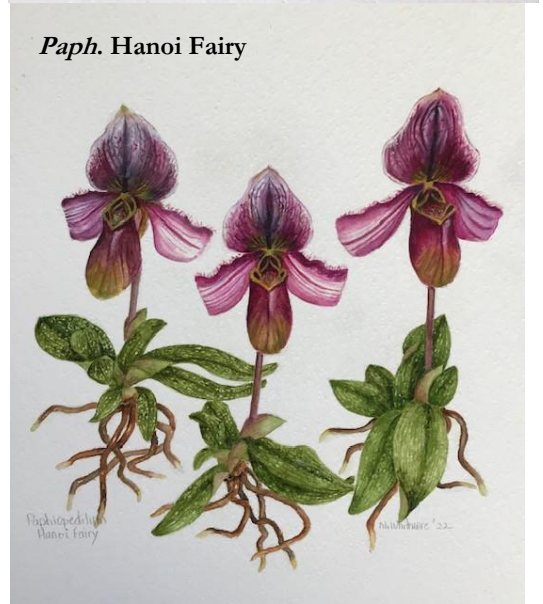
EOS member, Marcia Whitmore who lives just across the Mississippi is an amazing orchid grower with many of her flowers seen in these newsletters. She also is an impressive artist, She likes to paint her favorite orchids. Several of these have been featured in Orchids Magazine. She recently submitted her paintings here to the Batavia Virtual Orchid Show and received several virtual ribbons plus Best of Class designation. (See right )

Marcia sent the following information: **"I do most of my watercolors from my own plants or sketches I've done while out looking for orchids. All of the paintings entered in Batavia are from plants I grow. I start by drawing the subject on drafting paper. I do all corrections, erasers and redraws on that paper until I'm satisfied with the drawing. Then I flip the drafting paper over and trace the drawing on the back. I place the drawing right side up on the paper I've chosen for the watercolor and go over the entire drawing which transfers a light drawing to the painting surface. Lately I've been working with Prismacolor pencils on grey/green Strathmore paper. I'm really enjoying this new direction....this is an example. For the best results, white or pastel flowers work the best. All of my work is for sale."**

What a wonderful talent! We have the *Galearis* in our dining room - it always reminds me of spring, especially in cold cold February days! NILE D



*Galearis spectabilis*, native Iowa Terrestrial Orchid



*Paph. Hanoi Fairy*



*Angraecum leonis*





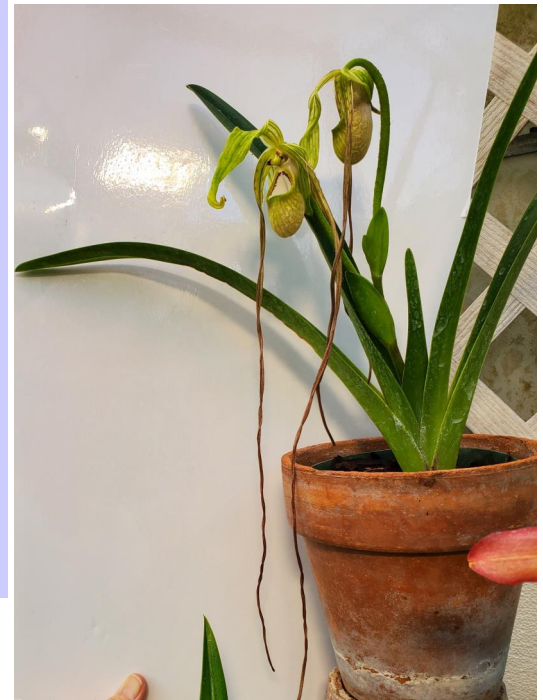
## LOOK AT THESE

Jon and Joan Lorence shared these amazing blooming Phragmipediums.

*Phrag* Cape Sunset 3N  
(Eric Young 4N 'Haley Suzanne AM/AOS X schlimii 'EYOF')

left

*Phrag* Tall Tails (walisii 'Dutch Treat ' x caudatum 'Nice Tails') right



**AOS NEWS!**

ORCHID PRO DATABASE at AOS.ORG

### One of the Fantastic Benefits of your AOS Membership

Did you know that AOS Members can access over 100,000 photos of award-winning orchids, exclusive data, in-depth genealogy and more with OrchidPro?



Simply click the OrchidPro link from the dropdown menu on the top corner of the home page where your name is displayed (Must be logged in!) or go to [op.aos.org](https://op.aos.org).

You can also open OrchidPro on your mobile device by logging into [www.aos.org](https://www.aos.org) on your device's browser and expanding your personal menu as it appears in the center of the homepage!

### Your chance to win the #1/100 Signed Centennial Poster!

In celebration of the AOS's 100th Anniversary, the AOS Centennial Committee will raffle a Limited Edition and signed (numbered 1/100) Centennial poster by Angela Mirro. Second prize is a select orchid collection from R.F. Orchids, Inc, valued at \$1,000. Third prize is a beautifully etched Heisey orchid candy dish, donated by Bob Fuchs.



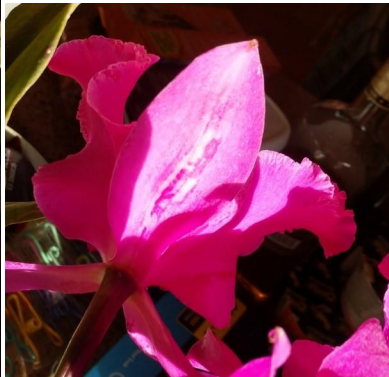
Tickets will be available online starting March 1st, 2022 and on-site at the Spring Members Meeting/ Centennial Celebration event. Further details will be shared soon - be on the lookout! for updates!



# I Feel Pretty



# Well, Not So Feel Pretty



Not So Pretty, So Pretty, At ALL!



# What To DO?

This great old cattleya has seen better days. What is shown here are color breaks in the flowers highly suspicious for a virus infection. The page at the right is taken from Sue Bottom's Pest and Diseases pdf from *features* on our website. To prove my case I did a virus test (same technology as the Covid quick tests) using the virus testing kit from Agdia. Some will remember when we had a speaker from the Elkhart Indiana company talk to our club a few years ago. Their test strips check for 2 of the most

**Symptoms** – Chlorotic and necrotic spots, streaks, lines and rings in the leaves. Flowers may show necrotic spots and streaks as well as color break. The virus, if present, is present in all parts of the plant.

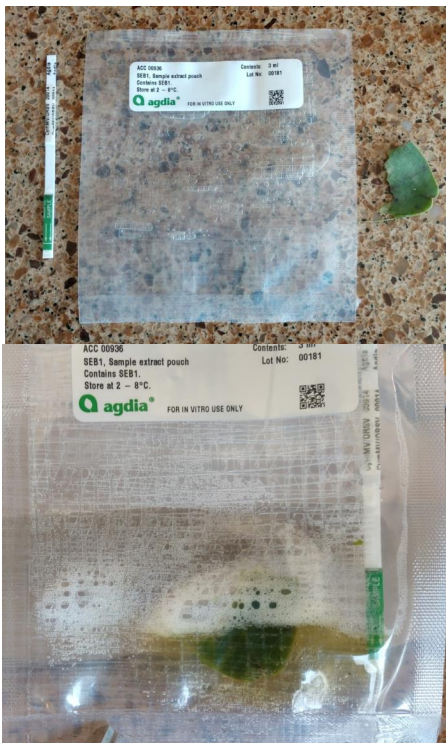
**Treatment** – There is no treatment for a virused plant. Destroy the plant to prevent it from infecting other plants. If the plant is valuable, isolate it completely from other plants and follow precautions to prevent infecting other plants.

First picture courtesy of the American Orchid Society



common orchid

viruses: Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus. The test, shown here, proved my suspicion! All I needed was the pouch with reagent, the test strip and a piece of leaf. The leaf is put in the pouch and rubbed to fracture cells and release cellular fluid. The test strip is placed down the side and as the fluid is drawn up the strip lines form to indicate virus - the top line is the control and shows the test was done properly. What to do next? **PUT THE POT & PLANT IN THE GARBAGE.** Nile D



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## Come to Our Meeting March 3rd!

Our speaker will come to us over ZOOM and be projected for all to see and hear. Bring some plants for 'Show and Tell' No raffle is planned at this time

## We Need Help! Volunteers!

Andy's 2 year term is up end of June and nominations are needed (including self nominations) The job is primarily organizational - run the meetings and arrange programs with the help of others. Nile and Lois will continue to see that the venue (Shueyville Church) is open and setup. The Orchid Show in the fall is a group effort with Andy as Show Chair and Nile as Registrant and Publicity Chair. We have had great participation from club members helping with the show! We need members to step-up with other activity.

Lori at Noelridge says tentatively the Showcases for Easter and Mothers Day are in the planning stage. We need volunteers to help man our booth.

*A Club is Defined by the Activity of Its Members*

Please help - let Andy know how you would like to participate.

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need your help. Please speak with me about your ability to help in this regard.

Our next two meetings will host presenters from the **Orchid Conservation Alliance**. On March 3rd, we will welcome Mary Gerritsen; she will present on '**Masdevallia Species and How To Grow Them.**' On April 7th, Peter Tobias will join our meeting to let us know about The Orchid Conservation Alliance's work preserving orchid species in their natural habitats.

In May, we will review the AOS Chicago Judging Center's candidates for the Annual National Awards for 2021 and see how well we can predict the nominations of the Center's judges.

Happy growing!

-Andy

### Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

#### 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](http://easterniowaorchidsociety.org), read our newsletters, attend our Fall Orchid Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and come join us at our next meeting!