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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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



Bill Snyder and his wife Jean setup EIOS booth at the Linn County Master Gardeners' Winter Garden Fair at Kirkwood's Hiawatha Campus. The club provided information on growing orchids; plus, we had miniature phalaenopsis for sale at \$10 each and some potting bark mix. Thanks to the Snyders.



PRESIDENT'S BLURB:

February was a busy month for our club. We had two lovely displays at regional orchid shows and had a booth at the Kirkwood Winter Gardeners' Fair. Two of our members received new AOS awards and the club received a donations of pots, plants and orchid stands from David Mohre. He and his wife are moving to the Middle East and could not take orchids with them.. Sadly, we lost a club member, Irene Leeson, mid month (photo on back page).

PLEASE NOTE OUR MARCH MONTHLY MEETING DATE HAS MOVED TO 3/12/20. We still meet at the church usual time. The program will be a workshop on how to properly present orchids in bloom and then classify them for an

Calendar of Events

Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Show 'Orchid Magic' in Appleton Wisconsin. Andy is taking an EIOS exhibit	March 7-8, 2020
MARCH MONTHLY MEETING. NOTE DATE CHANGE	March 12, 2020
Workshop on Presenting orchids for optimal viewing	
Illinois Orchid Show at the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glen-coe, Illinois. EIOS will display.	March 14-15, 2020
Illowa Orchid Show at Quad Cities Botanical Center. EIOS will have a display. Close to home!	March 21-22, 2020

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Orchid Quest 2020 at Olbricht Botanic Gardens, Madison, Wisconsin



Hamptons and Dusdiekers setup the exhibit (2nd Place) above. Doc Bannister's Rlc. Lisa Irene 'Melinda' won Best of Class Cattleya. He also provided numerous phalaenopsis like the new breeding 'big lip' Charming Crystal Waters below.



New member's Haley Peden's Oncidium Peden Pleasure received a Third Place Ribbon. right



Dusdieker's Lc Gold Digger 'Buttercup' 1st place ribbon and specimen plant. below



Dorothy Hampton's Phal. OX Golden Apple 'Ox 1595' AM/AOS; 1st place ribbon for yellow coloring with markings. left



Cold! Batavia Orchid Show *A Love Fest!*



The theme was 'Love' and we all needed it to keep warm. At setup, outside it was in the single digits. All the plants were covered and survived the trip fine. The exhibit was in the corner with our 'old standby' trees and hearts as accents. We received 26 ribbons for 51 plants (not bad shooting percentage in basketball). Bill Page's spider, Brat. Kauai's Choice 'Tropical fragrance' AM/AOS at left and Andy's big Paph Hellas 'Westonbirt' x Kinzua 'Bufo' above left. We do have fun at these away shows. Putting the display together takes about 2 hours. We welcome any newcomers that would like to participate!.





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FOR OUR SOCIETY MEMBERS FROM THE AOS: Remember to let your society members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. *Individual Society membership (EIOS) and AOS Membership are not the same. Each requires separate membership dues. AOS members have exclusive access to thousands of awarded photos in OrchidPro! Sign on to the AOS website. Click on your name on the top right side of the page to find the dropdown menu. Select OrchidPro. Be inspired! RIGHT.*



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Look at the upcoming AOS webinars on the table at the right for this month and the next.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	March 19, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	March 31, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	April 23, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	RECORDED WEBINARS at your convenience
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Junior Orchid Show A Success Story	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Barb Schmidt AOS Education Committee member	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More

RECENT AOS AWARDS



Paph Deno's Success 'Forest Park'
AM/AOS 86 pts awarded to EIOS
and ILLOWA member Deno Kandis
at the Madison Show.



Phragmipedium QF Halia 'Cheri'
HCC/AOS 78 pts (Phragmipedium
QF Kamakakilo Tyler x Phragmipedi-
um kovachii) exhibited by EIOS and
ILLOWA member, Dave Wujek. This
is an interesting color for a Phrag. *ko-
vachii* hybrid! Above



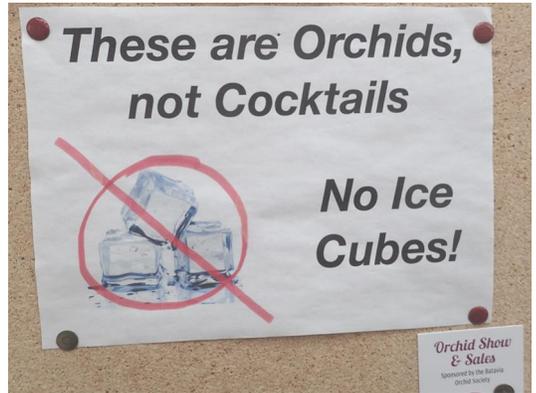
ORCHID TIDBITS

THE CLUB THANKS YOU!



Pictured above are just some of the material donated by David Mohre to our club. Members were very appreciative and quickly sorted through and divided up pots, potting material, plants, and plant stands. We hope David will be able to start a new collection on his trip to the Arabian Peninsula

*This sign was on
the bulletin
board at Hauser-
manns Orchid
Nursery in Villa
Park, IL.*



'T's the season for Phrag. *kovachii* hybrids to bloom and these two below were awarded at Batavia (not to our club members) The left is Phrag. Fritz Schomburg 'Nicole Ashley' FCC/AOS and on the right Phrag Peruflora's Spirit 'Twin Sisters' AM/AOS.



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Irene Rose Leeson passed away on Friday, Feb. 14th. She joined the Eastern Iowa Orchid Club after attending our 2018 orchid show. She was an avid gardener and especially enjoyed her potted plants of which many were orchids. Her memorial service was held Feb. 22nd at Murdock Funeral Home. Her husband, John, and family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Irene be made to the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society or a charity of choice. We will miss Irene and will assist the family with care of her orchids as they wish. NILE DUSDIEKER

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exhibit. The meeting date is the Thursday before we leave for the Illinois Orchid Show the next day at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. This is a perfect time for members to bring plants they would like to exhibit at the show. We might even pretend judging the ones present. Our April meeting will again be on the first Thursday and we have a guest speaker, Cheryl Erins, an AOS judge and excellent grower. She will talk about growing orchids under lights. We might entice her to show some pics of the World Orchid Congress in Taiwan which she (hopefully) will have just returned from.

A couple business items: Annual dues (\$20 single, \$30 couples) are now due. Several have already paid. Thank you!. Also, we need volunteers for leadership positions in the club. A new vice-president is needed. Please contact Andy Coghill-Behrends if you are interested. We need helpers to setup the Illinois Show in Chicago March 13-15 and especially for the Illowa Show at the Quad Cities Botanical Garden in Rock Island March 20-22. This is close by and usually at lot of fun! NILE

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Diane Oakley

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!