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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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



Den. thyrsiflorum in full bloom

President's BLURB!

We had a great April meeting with Nile and Andy presenting pictures of orchid displays of the Santa Barbara Orchid Show and other Show Trophies and Silver and Gold Certificates. 15 were in attendance with three guests. Bill and Jean Snyder have submitted a local grant request for funding for our fall show and educational activities. We voted to spend up to \$1500 on paid advertising for our fall show "Orchids are a Scream" at the Elks Lodge at 801 33rd Ave SW in Cedar Rapids, Oct. 27-28, 2018 as it will be a new venue location. **Our next meeting** will feature a hands on program "Repotting Your Orchids" at the home of Nile & Lois Dusdieker,

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Calendar of Events

EIOS Meeting at DUSDIEKER's HOME Program 'Repotting Your Orchids' 2-4 PM Picnic afterward. 1968 Elm Ridge Rd NE, North Liberty	5/6/2018 NOTE NEW DATE TIME
Mother's Day Showcase at Noelridge Greenhouse 10-5 Volunteers needed EIOS will have display and sales plants	5/13/18
EIOS meeting at Shueyville Church 6:30 social 7PM program by Andy Coghill- Behrends on Latouria Dendrobiums	6/7/18
NO SUMMER MEETINGS	
Central Iowa Speaker's Day at Lion's Club in Johnston, Iowa Speakers: Peter Lin and Ron Midgett	7/28/18
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Church Program to be announced	9/6/18

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Club Activity This Last Month!



Denise, Samantha, Micheal, Andy, Bill, Nile and Lois all worked shifts at the Noelridge Easter Showcase which was a big success. Our orchid display caught many an eye and we sold all the orchids for our fund raising endeavor. Perhaps the most fun was just talking orchids all day long with lots of different folks. I do think we need to make a big sign **'NO ICE CUBES!'** as everyone seems to think that is the way to water those little phals.



Darrel Granner and Bill Snyder inspect a blooming *Miltonia flavescens* with about 25 flowers. This grows warm like cattleyas and the flowers last for weeks (if one remembers to water the plant regularly)





Layne Found Something NEW! By Laynez Ackermann

Have you seen this before on a Cattleya? I did once on a *Cattleya intermedia* in Herman Pigor's greenhouse. The plant had rot on growths from the usual place. Herman said he thought that plant really wanted to live! It was possible for Catts to put out growths from any node. This is the only time I have seen it from a healthy plant. As you can see this plant has 2 "regular" growths and then this third growth from an upper node. This plant is *C. Leoloddiglossa coerulea* X *C. bicolor coerulea* from Sunset Valley Orchids. The plant is big but I have yet to bloom it. Maybe this year????

I talked and sent pics to Fred Clarke. No comments from him on the odd growth but he said I should give it lots of light and it should bloom this year. Light seems to be the key. I gotta just find the balance between Cattleya blooming and my checkbook. How can I give them plenty of light without spending too much on electricity? Maybe the odd growth was from lack of light??

(Send us your interesting anecdotes for the newsletter)



Spring Bloomers! Photos and text by Nile Dusdieker



It never ceases to amaze me why our orchids burst into bloom every spring just after orchid show season is over! Maybe they do not like going out in the cold! Certainly, our last show in the Quad Cities was a cold snowy weekend, in late March no less!. Actually, as the days grow longer and the sunlight is more intense, many different spring bloomers are triggered to show off! These were in our greenhouse last week. Top left is *Vanda Kultana Purple* (a plant salvaged from the garbage at the Chicago Botanical Gardens two years ago) Top right is a comic *Enantbleya Charlie Brown* that I dropped down into the sunlight-Wala! Bottom left are two old standbys; *Cattleya Jose Marti 'Mother's Favorite'* a Hausermann's corsage orchid for many years. Behind is *Dendrobium Gatton Sunray*, a cross between *pulchellum* and *chrysotoxum* from Thailand. Below right, the upper photo is *Maxallaria rufescens* that we brought back from Ecuador and below that a holiday plant *Cattleya Hsin Buu Lady*. BUT my favorite is pictured on the front cover, *Dendrobium thyrsiflorum* which happens to be one of Herman Pigors stud plants we obtained when his greenhouse (Oak Hill Gardens) closed. [Enjoy and share your bloomers too!](#)



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address on calendar. Time: 2-4 PM with light picnic to follow. **DIRECTIONS:** Drive to turnoff for MidRiver Marina Road off of Hwy 965 (about 4 miles north of North Liberty or 5 miles south of Exit 10, I-380). Drive into MidRiver Residential past the mailboxes and left on Elm Ridge Rd. At top of hill road curves right and our house is on left, green with greenhouse. Lost, call 319 360 0219. Bring a lawn chair please. Nile will have a large variety of potting materials to try and each member can bring ONE plant to repot. If it is large maybe we can split it up and share! Specifically, we will address how to repot Taiwan Phalaenopsis grown in sphagnum moss. Our club will have a display and plants plus some potting mix for sale at the Noelridge Mother's Day Showcase on Sunday May 13th from 10-5PM, Noelridge Greenhouse on Council Street in Cedar Rapids. We will need some volunteers to help staff the table. Our June meeting will feature Andy Coghill-Behrends' judging talk on Latouria Dendrobiums. The only other local activity for summer will be the Central Iowa Speaker's Day on July 28th near Des Moines. Summer is the time for our orchids to GROW GROW GROW!

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Picnic at Dusdieker house following program

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!