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**May 2019**

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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

# The Spike

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



Big Lip Phalaenopsis are being recognized more and more by the AOS judges. This Lioulin cross seedling of Doc Bannister's received an HCC at April Judging.

### President's Blurb for May!

Springtime has finally arrived with a new set of blooming orchids: Central American *Guarianthe*, *Oncidium*, multifloral *Paphiopedilums* just to mention a few. Also, the terrestrial *Cypripediums* are just peeking through! No April shows but our club had a lovely display at **Noelridge Showcase** over Easter weekend.

We had a successful sale of a variety of blooming plants to fund raise for our fall show. We will do this one more time for **Mother's Day** from 10 -5PM, May 12th at Noelridge Greenhouse, Council and Collins Road. Construction is planned for Council street but an entrance to the parking lot will be open from Collins Road side. We again will need some volunteers to man our tables.

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### Calendar of Events

EIOS picnic at Dusdieker home 1968 Elm Ridge Rd. NE, North Liberty, IA 52317. Repotting Orchids and Cinco de Mayo party. <b>NOTE CHANGE OF DATE , and LOCATION.</b> Guests and Significant others welcome! Starts at 2:30 PM	5/5/19
Mother's Day Showcase at Noelridge Greenhouse in Cedar Rapids. EIOS will have a display and sales plants	5/12/19
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church. Our last meeting till fall. 6:30 Social, 7 PM Andy Coghill-Behrends will talk on miniature Phalaenopsis.	6/6/19
Central Iowa Speakers' Day at Lions Club in Johnston, Iowa near Des Moines.	7/25/19
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church. 6:30 Social, 7 PM program	9/5/19

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Andy and Bill are inspecting sick plants brought to the meeting and isolated from the other show and tell plants. Some reference books are shown at the right along with common insecticides. Some contact products like 70% rubbing alcohol, castile soap, hydrogen peroxide are effective but short lived. Other products like Orthonex or Bayer Complete have contact and systemic properties and are longer lasting.

## Our April Orchid BUGFEST!

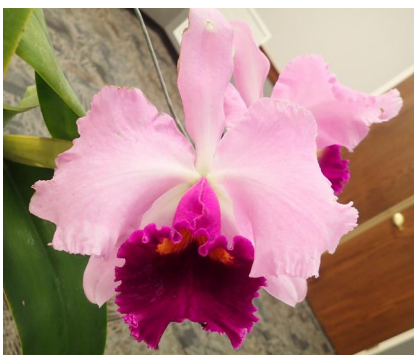


**Some Club Business Items:** Jean and Bill Snyder audited our accounts for the past several years.

**REPORT OF EIOS AUDIT COMMITTEE** Having examined the bank records and other documents provided by the EIOS treasurer, we find no discrepancies between receipts and expenditures for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Our recommendation would be that the executive committee check the availability of Certificates of Deposit to a nonprofit organization and place approximately \$5,000.00 in a CD. William D. Snyder and Jean Snyder; April 8, 2019

Our current balance is about \$9000 which is excellent for a club our size. These funds support our educational activities for club members and the public. We hope to sponsor an out of town speaker next fall.

**Officers of the club for 2019-20 year starting in July.** I have spoken to members of the executive committee listed on the left column of the front page of this newsletter and they suggest we offer the same slate of officers for next year. The President and Vice-Pres. usually serve for 2 years and many of the rest such as Cathy Wilcox our treasurer have served for many years. As you will recall, Peggy Green was President in 2017-18 and turned the position over to Nile Dusdieker (Vice-Pres) at year end when she moved to St. Louis. Nile was elected in the Spring of 2018 for a full year and is willing to serve a second term provided the membership is comfortable with that option. Andy Coghill-Behrends is our Vice-Pres and is willing to step forward the following year. These nominations will be discussed and a vote taken at our June meeting. Volunteers and nominations from the floor are very welcome. This is all of our members' club and we do not want any perception of dominance by any one group of people. We have been extremely fortunate to have as many club members support our activities at our meetings, our very successful local show, away shows, and Noelridge and Master Gardener events.

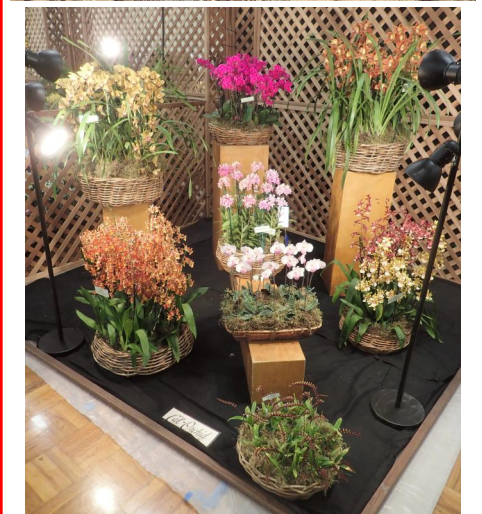


**Show  
And  
Tell  
Plants**



# So So San Diego

By Nilo and Lois Duzdieker



San Diego County Orchid Society display below; above is just a collection of plants in a cubicle!



Mt. Palomar Society Display above; open exhibition tables with Cymbidiums and Dendrobiums; display cubicals seen below.



Lois and I attended the American Orchid Society semi-annual meeting in San Diego in late March in conjunction with the San Diego Orchid Show. Weather was cold but hospitality was warm. I expected a mammoth amazing show and we were disappointed, only a few small cubicle displays and several tables of open exhibition plants. The show was limited to local societies and vendors. Clearly, they had some amazing plants to view, especially the Australian Dendrobiums and Cymbidiums which all grow outside year around in southern California. Their show did not do ribbon judging as we are accustomed, but rather had their own people assign ribbons and awards in a somewhat arbitrary fashion. I did participate in AOS judging which all plants in the show were eligible, BUT most plants were preselected by the exhibitor for judging even before the judges had a chance to survey the entire show. The AOS meeting had excellent speakers. Membership is now up over 10,000 and growing. The major new change was the reduced membership rate of \$40/year for online membership with online magazine. Hard copy is available for \$65/year. Members have access to current and back webinars and grow sheets plus other orchid related activities. The organization is undergoing a complete revamping of their technology and online presence. **CONSIDER JOINING NOW?** We visited Ontario Orchids and brought back some miniature Phalaenopsis. Traffic was horrendous even on a day trip to the desert. I did like the sign, right, at Mt Laguna State Park where my photo above was taken. It was peaceful there once the 'Gran-Prix' road racers passed us by.





**EIOS Display and Vendor Table at Noelridge Easter Showcase, April 20-21, 2019**



Every year our club has a vendor table at Noelridge Easter and Mother's Day Showcases. We use the proceeds to fund our show and other educational activities. The top pictures show the finished product. Bill Page looks like he is resting, but as you can see, he and Andy Coghill-Behrends, Sam Appleby, Lois Dusdieker, and Diane Oakley worked hard on the setup! Right, Nile unwraps sale plants shipped from Hawaii, Newman's Nursery. - The Phalaenopsis came from Iowa Orchids, Des Moines. The club netted over \$800 for the weekend which will pay for the Elk's Club hall rental. Special thanks to Dusdiekers and Doc Bannister for donating plants for sale.



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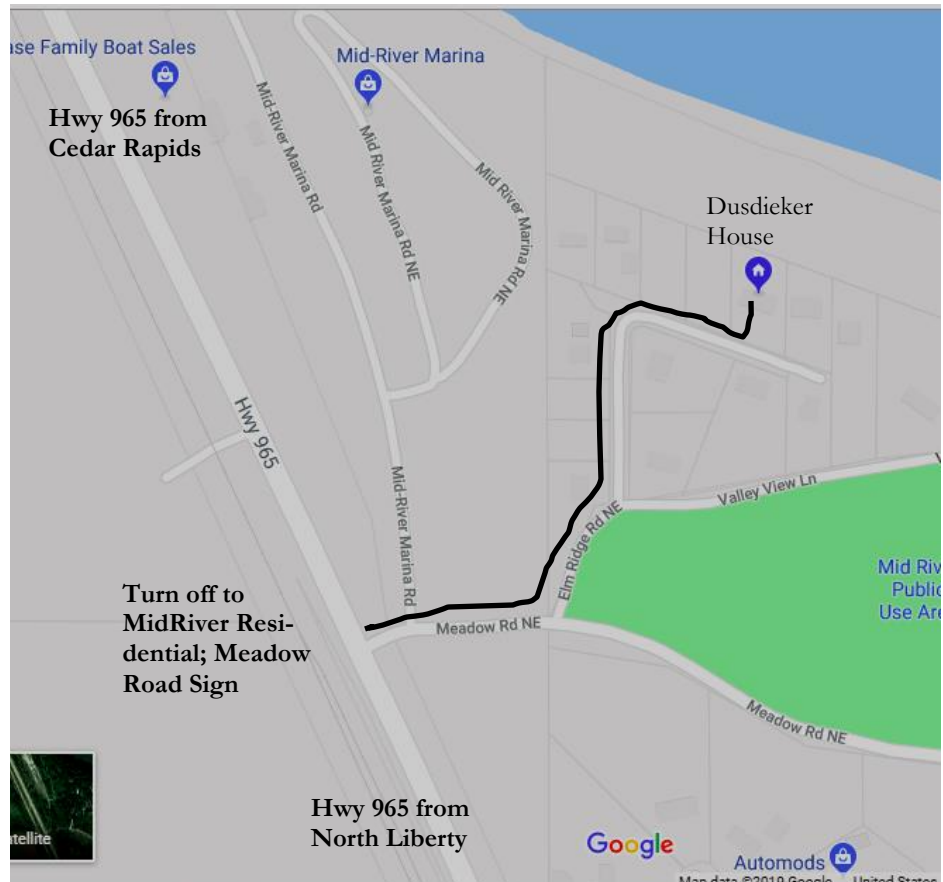
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Our **April meeting** was a 'Buggy Success' as we focused on orchid bugs and diseases. We watched an AOS webinar by Ron McHatton and then examined plants members brought with suspected diseases. We learned a few tips such as not brushing off crusted mature hard scale as inside are lots of eggs to re-infest the plant. Insecticides do not penetrate the mature hard scale shell. Also, some of the thinning and yellow blotches on Phalaenopsis leaves may be a 'very tiny' mite that is hard to see even with a magnifying glass. One must use a miticide to 'get 'em!' We will explore more orchid diseases at a fall meeting. Our **next meeting** will be a '**Cinco de Mayo repotting party**' at Nile and Lois Dusdieker's home on Sunday May 5th from 2:30 onward. A variety of potting media will be present and folks can bring one plant to repot in something new. After we get our hands and plants dirty, we can all partake of a Taco bar and Mexican libations. Bring some lawn chairs. Guests and significant others are very welcome. **Please RSVP to [niledusdieker@gmail.com](mailto:niledusdieker@gmail.com) if you are coming.** See the map and directions enclosed here. Address is 1968 Elm Ridge Rd. NE, North Liberty, Ia 52317

### Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

**Nile and Lois Dusdieker**

#### Directions to the Dusdieker House

**From Iowa City** drive north on 965 from Coral Ridge Mall thru North Liberty to turnoff for MidRiver Marina Road (Also says Meadow road) off of Hwy 965 (about 4 miles north of North Liberty or **from Cedar Rapids** take I380 south to Exit 10 right to 965, left and then 5 miles south to Mid-River turnoff. Drive into Mid-River 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. You may park at top of hill or along the road. See the Google map above. Lost? Call phone 319 6262236, cell 319 3600219