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The Spike
November 2017

EIOS is Now on Facebook! At [easterniowaorchidsociety](https://www.facebook.com/easterniowaorchidsociety)
And on the web at easterniowaorchidsociety.org



AN 'OLDIE but GOODIE!'
Rlc. Iroquois Trail
(*Cattleya* Lee Langford x *Rhyncholaelio-cattleya* Pamela Farrell), blooms in the Fall . This clone 'Midfarm' received FCC in Nov. 1974. Two flowers of outstanding brilliance in a dominant red-purple color; excellent shape, texture and substance. Someone got a piece of this at the auction last month!

November EIOS President's Note

We've spent the month searching for a new venue for our 2018 EIOS orchid show. The venue should be available for the entire weekend of 10/26 through 10/28 2018, have high visibility and easy access from both Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. We need to accommodate between 20 to 25 exhibitors, up to 4 vendors, and have a private space for hospitality. We'd also like to keep the cost below \$1000. The Dusdiekers looked at Hawkeye Downs, Ushers Ferry, Lowe Park, and the Elk's lodge. Bill Page checked out the Veterans Memorial building in downtown Cedar Rapids as well as Prairie Woods and the IBEW union hall. I looked into the Indian Creek

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Calendar of Events

November EIOS meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church. Program by Andy Coghill-Behrends: Two New Paphs!	11/2/17
Holiday Party at Shueyville Methodist Church. Gather at 6:30, Supper at 7:00 All members received blooming orchid!	12/7/17
No meeting in January	
February EIOS meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church. Program pending.	2/1/18



Habenaria medusa: Native to Borneo and Sumatra in SE Asia, a deciduous terrestrial orchid grows in shade and blooms on a 1 1/2 foot inflorescence in late summer or fall. After the bloom has faded the leaves yellow and plant goes dormant but stays moist and warm. Vegetative growth starts in March and the cycle repeats. Looking at the flower, one wonders “how is this an orchid?” What are the standard parts of the flower? Can you identify them? The parts are shown below on this plant that has been in bloom now for about 2 weeks and has another spike coming. NILE D (*I hope I got this right?*)

Column is hidden in the center of the flower. The feathery lip attracts the pollinator as does the nectar in the spur

Tiny insignificant **petals**

Each flower has a pendant 2 inch **spur** at back of flower

Lateral sepal: Green and folded on side of flower



Dorsal sepal : Hooded and concave

Side-lobe of the lip: Multiple thin fringe like projections

Base of lip is firm and reddish brown. This is called the mid-lobe

Point or apex of the mid-lobe of the lip

Quarter Auction from our October Meeting by Nile Dusdieker



Every year in October the club has our “quarter auction” Members contribute plants as shown on the left and everyone salivates over the ones “they” want to bid on.” Sometimes the bidding can get hot and heavy-other times no one is interested as shown in bottom left. Bill is asking “What do I do with this now!” The implied threat was that if no one bids, then we have no funds for the main meat at the holiday party in December. There is always Spam or Captain Crunch Cereal! We did well! Show and Tell plants presented by Nile D bottom right



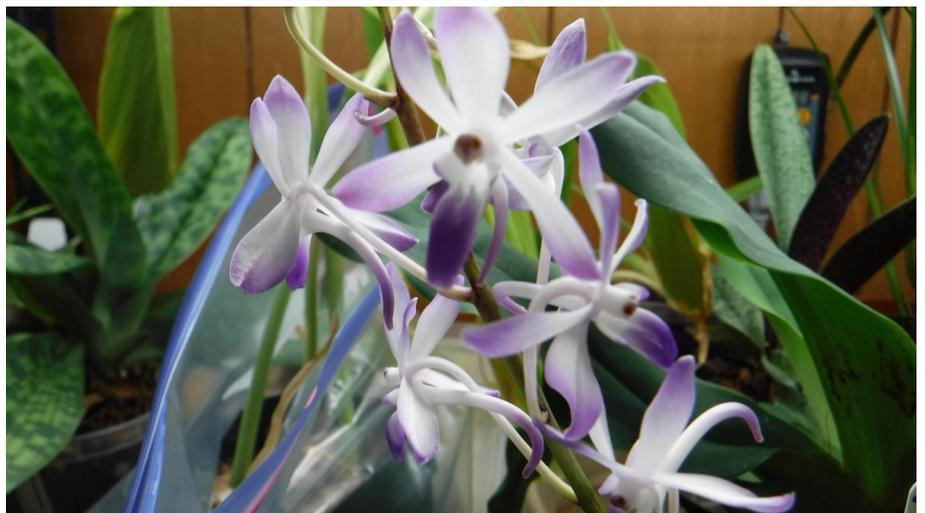
Photos by Dan Say with his new field camera!

Top left: *Paph. primulinum* Top right: No-namei from Aldi's

Middle: *Phal. tetraspis*

Bottom: *Vanda (Neostylis) Lou Sneary*

Send your favorite photos to post in the upcoming newsletters!



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Bring your blooming orchids to the Nov. 2nd meeting *Show and Tell!* Bill Page will likely take some with him for our club's display at the Kansas City Orchid Show, Nov.4-5.

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Nature Center and the lodge at Squaw Creek Park. Nile has reserved the Elks Lodge for 2018, but we'll review everyone's findings and make a decision at our November 7 meeting. The Quarter Auction at our October EIOS meeting was a huge success. We sold 41 items and made \$193 which will pay for our main dish at our annual Holiday Party on December 7. All members attending the party will go home with an orchid, so don't forget to pay your 2017 membership dues (\$20 single, \$30/couple). We'll have a potluck sign up sheet at the November 7 meeting. Andy Coghill-Behrends will be presenting a talk on Paphiopedilum section Emersonian and the ethics of judging illegal plants. Paula Ellsworth has volunteered to bring our meeting snacks. Bill Page is setting up an EIOS orchid display at the November 4 Kansas City orchid show. If you have any blooming orchids you'd like to have in the display, you can bring them to Bill at the meeting.

I hope to see you there!

Peggy Green

Host for Upcoming Meeting

Paula Ellsworth

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!