

In This Month's Newsletter: Review of our orchid show, Blue Cattleyas, Pres. Notes, Info on our next meeting program.

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



PRESIDENT'S BLURB: LOOK ABOVE: OUR AMAZING DISPLAY AT OUR JUST COMPLETED ORCHID SHOW! We received the Show Trophy and a Silver Certificate for the Best Exhibit in the show. **We were voted People's Choice Award by attendees.** Our in the 'round' pictures above show each side's view. Each must be able to stand on its own. The show weekend was busy and many, many thanks to all our members who contributed time, plants, and food. The success of the show depended on YOU! We can all take a breather as our next two meetings will be just FUN! Folks interested in our club signed

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Calendar of Events

November meeting EIOS, Nov. 7,
Shueyville Methodist Church. 2019

Social 6:30, meeting 7 pm.
Program: special talk by Steve Gonzales on Cattleyas and how to grow them.

Holiday Party - pot luck, club Dec. 5,
provides meat and potatoes. 2019

Each member receives a blooming orchid gift

No January Meeting

Minnesota Winter Carnival Jan. 25-26
Show and Madison Wisconsin 2020
shows before our next meeting

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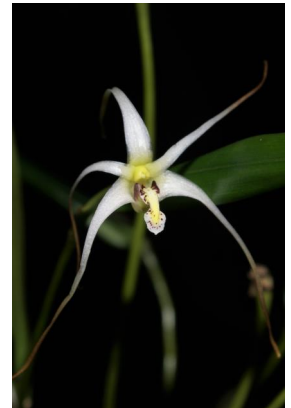
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Orchids WERE a Real Scream 2!
Highlights from the Show.
 Pictures by Nile Dusdieker



First time visitors, Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis; Baby Boo Award for *Bulb. Cras-sipes*. Each little pine cone cluster had numerous flowers. Above

Orchid Grower's Guild of Madison Display with the "Ghoul's Greatest Award" for *Diplocaulobium nitidissimum* also receiving an AOS award CHM for cultural merit. Grown in a jar for high humidity. Right



Illowa Society Display: Bushy plant at left received "Igor's Choice Award" for *Isochilus linearis*. Igor was always such a 'sucker' for little bloody flowers.



Orchid Soc. Minnesota received lots of ribbons including the "Grand Screamer Award" for the best plant in the show; the large purple Vanda at the top.

Central Iowa Orchid Society had large cattles and an impressive skeleton man



The Illinois Society Display features many terrestrial orchids including *Habenaria medusa* - the fluffy white cluster in the middle.



More Exhibits from the show.

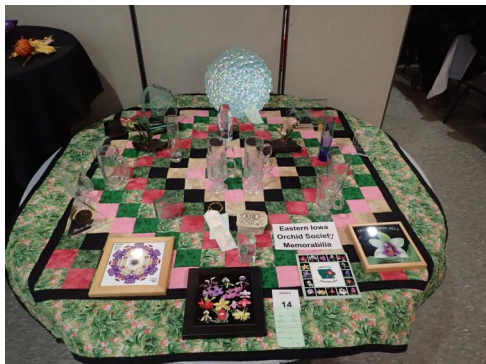


Batavia display above with 'bugs' on a pumpkin; Anything Orchids display top center, Natts corner right; Orchid Trading Co, right with Weird and Wonder Award for the *Bulb. arfakianum*.

Orchid Crafts and Collectables at the show



Clockwise from top: Andy's collection, Connie Harris' jewelry box, Lois Dusdieker's embroidered pillow, Katherine Weitz cards from Minnesota, Bill and Jean Snyder's photos, EIOS awards over the years on Lois' quilt, and finally Dorothy Hampton's fall orchid quilt.

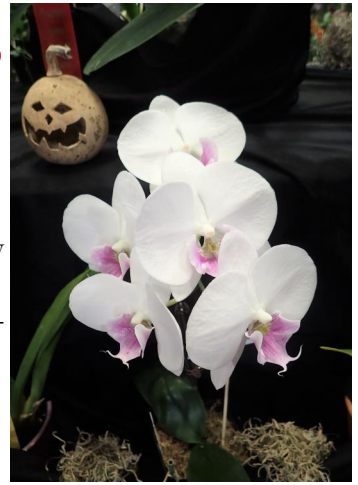
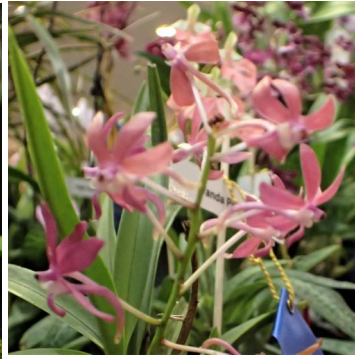


EIOS 'SCREAM 2' DISPLAY PHOTOS

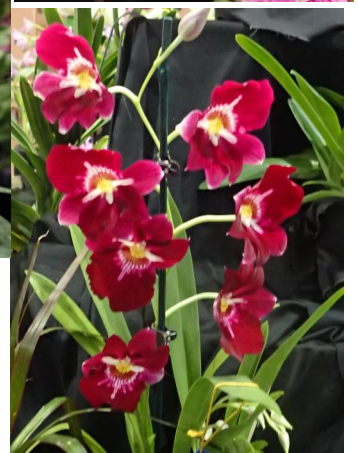
What to do with nearly 100 plants? That was our conundrum facing us early Friday AM at the Elks Club. Too many plants for a circular display and large clusters of magenta and blue (coerulea) cattleyas plus 2 hay bales, and our signature scarecrow couple. The solution was a slightly altered H shape with legs for the dominant colors: a witch theme on one side and the farmer-hay theme on the opposite side with colors flowing in between. All 4 sides are seen on the first page of this newsletter. Seventeen members contributed plants which I think is a record! 51 ribbons and awards (competition was tough with over 420 entries in the entire show). We really appreciate the clubs that drove a long way to attend. Also, thanks to Pei's Chinese Restaurant for hosting the crowd after setup. Pepsi-co, Raining Rose, and Farm Progress were sponsors and provided gift material for the vendors, judges, as well as exit gifts in the Halloween spirit for show attendees. Next year, if all goes well, **Scream 3** will be actually on Halloween weekend - 10/31 and 11/1 at the same place! The Elks club and their staff were GREAT! Nile



Setup is a BLAST!



Nancy Granner's Phal. Ox Honey Moon - 1st above
Doc B's Da Shang Happy Valentine big lip 1st below



Top row: Dorothy Hampton's Hsinying Fancy Gold, Andy's Vanda Peaches, Far left: Diane Oakley's Cycnodes Wine Delight, next left Nile's awarded Phrag. Spirit 'Dusty's Sweetheart' HCC and small *Pleurothallis sphaeranthae*; Below: Rod Hunt's Phal Rod's Pink. All in all a nice variety of quality blooms. More on next page.

Photos - Nile Dusdieker

Denise Klemp's Milt. Bert Fields 1st & first time show entry above; Paph Sumurun of Jon Lorence 1st below.

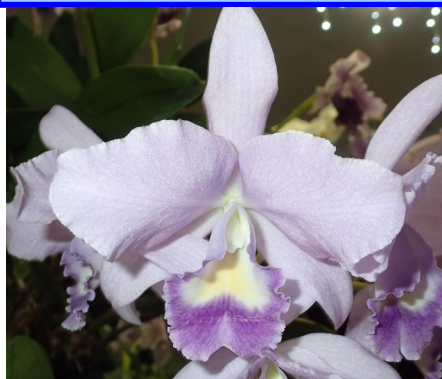


Blue is the Color of My True Love's Cattleyas!

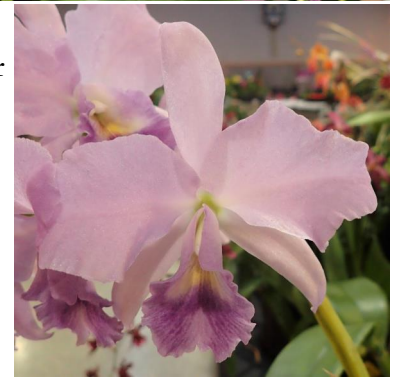
Photos and text by Nile Dusdieker



I can not remember a time when I have seen so many coerulea (Blue) Cattleya Alliance hybrids exhibited in the same display. Many of these are original crosses from Carson Whitlow preserved in Doc Bannister's collection. Most of these hybrids have *Guaranthe bowringiana* (top left - Laynez' plant) and *C. labiata* (Middle above - Doc B's plant) in their background. Cattlea (Ctt.) Portia is a cross between these two (originally made by Veitch in 1897), right. Veitch also made Ctt. Ariel (*bowringiana* x *gaskelliana*) and Carson Whitlow remade the 'blue' version during his time at Stewart Orchids, California in the 1960s. Ctt. Sir Jeremian Coleman (Ariel x *walkeriana*) is another Carson hybrid. This is a division of his original cross. Other more complex heritage 'blues' include Lois McNeil (Victoria x Portiata) and Laynez' specimen plant Ctt. Mary Elizabeth Bohn (Blue Boy-another Carson hybrid x *bowringiana*. What a JOY to see! Note color changes due to photo lighting!



Portia right, & above, Ariel far left, Sir Jeremian Coleman middle, Lois McNeil below left and Mary Elizabeth Bohn below & right.



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Steve Gonzales standing with the Minnesota Exhibit at our show. He will be our speaker at the November meeting !

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up at the show and will be invited to our November meeting. Steve Gonzales from Minnesota will be talking on "Cattleyas and how to grow them." We should have some raffle plants and members are encouraged to bring plants for show and tell. We also will have some time to answer questions on "how to grow those plants we just purchased at the show!" Our December meeting will be the annual Holiday Party with chicken and potatoes provided by the club. The rest will be pot luck. Our members are not only great growers but great cooks. We plan a brief business meeting then as well. No January meeting is planned. Be thinking about topics for our spring club meetings. I have heard interest in lighting, small miniature orchids, any other ideas? Hope you all enjoy the show photos in this edition.

Special Thanks to All Who Helped:

Layne Ackerman, Samantha Appleby, Doc Bannister, Andy C-B, Dusdiekers, Farmers, N Granner, Hamptons, Connie Harris, Rod Hunt, Denise Klemp, Lorences, Morris', Sharon Neff, Diane Oakley, Bill Page, Snyders, Wilcoxs

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Dorothy Hampton

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!