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what is happening in the greenhouse.

The Spike
November 2020

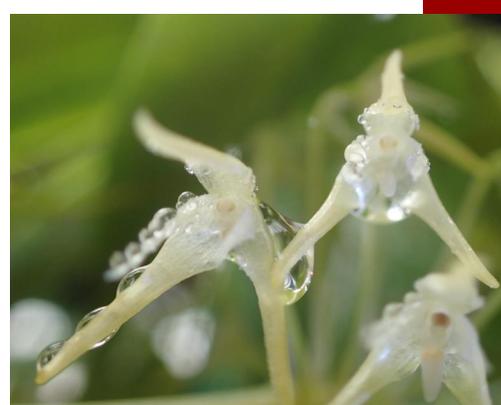
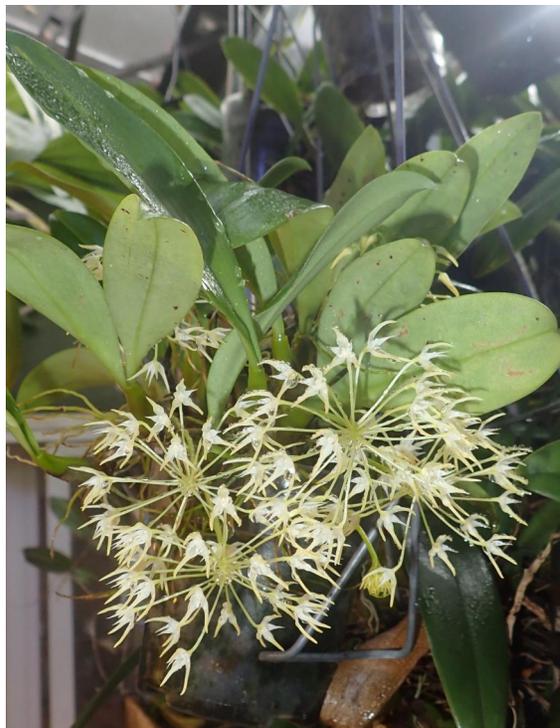
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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

The Spike

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



Bulbophyllum laxiflorum, native to SE Asia is a proliferate bloomer several times a year if grown intermediate to warm and in mild shade. Photo taken just after misting in the greenhouse. Nile

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Hello, EIOS! Hopefully, by now, your work during the active growing season is starting to bear some fruit (or at least some flowers). I have several cattleyas and catasetums getting ready to put on a show and am looking forward to a cold winter warmed by tropical blooms.

Our next meeting will feature **Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn, Ltd.**, who will be presenting to us **Multifloral Paphiopedilums and Their Culture**. He has been growing orchids for about 40 years and has been hybridizing with paphiopedilums for about 30 years. Orchid Inn breeds, raises, and markets all of their products. I will be sending out a link to the Zoom meeting shortly. As usual, Social Time will begin at 6:30 and the business meeting/presentation will begin at 7:00.

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Calendar of Events

ZOOM virtual meeting:	Nov. 5, 2020
Social at 6:30 and program 7 pm	
Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn talks on Multifloral Paphs and Culture	
ZOOM virtual meeting:	Dec. 3, 2020
Social at 6:30 and program 7 pm	
Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids program topic pending	
ZOOM virtual "New Years Holiday Party!"	Jan. 7, 2021

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Orchids Are A Virtual Scream! This is what our members are blooming now.
 Photos from EIOS members.



From Laynez Ackerman: *C. Angel Bells*, *C. Bob Betts*, and *C. guttata* (below)



From Dave Wujek: *Bulbo lasciochilum*, *C. Sea Swirl* 'Whirlpool' and *C. George King* 'Serendipity' (below)



These would have made a wonderful exhibit at our fall show. More to come.

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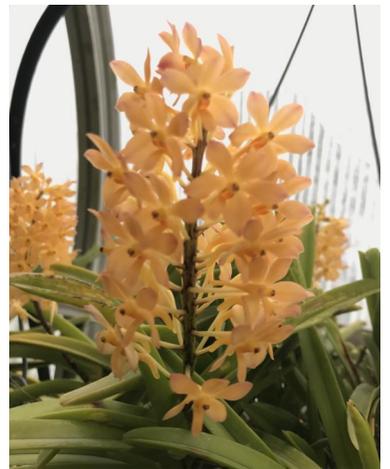


C. bowringiana:
Cathy Wilcox



*Warczewiczella ama-
zonica* (syn. *Cochlean-
thes amazonica*)
: Bill Page

From Marcia Whitmore: *Bulbo* Crownpoint 'Timberlane' AM/AOS ,*Paph* Dollgoidi, *Vanda* (*Ascocentrum*) *miniatum* (below)



From Deno
Kandis:
*Paph. hele-
nae* (left) and
Paph Doll's
Kobold
(right)



What's Going On In the Greenhouse?

By Nile D

As you can see, the greenhouse is FULL and a few things are starting to 'pop'! A couple tips on bringing orchids inside when they have been outside all summer. **Plan your time such that you can look carefully at each plant, spray for bugs and fungus (even if you don't see them - as you can use a stronger spray outside), look and be sure the name tag is intact, and finally remind yourself how the plant likes to grow so you can place it in the proper location.** Next, try to adjust your growing environment for a gentle transition rather than a sudden shock back to your inside conditions. I leave the greenhouse vents and windows open and don't adjust the shade cloth till November. I cut the daylight hours with artificial lights to about 10 hrs. a day from November thru December This tends to stimulate earlier spring blooming. These are some of my techniques, but you don't have to have a greenhouse to apply them. They work as well for growing under lights, a windowsill, or in the basement. GOOD LUCK!



Paphs are getting ready such as **Paph. Anna-bellchen** (a primary cross between *liemianum* and *delenatii*) left. **Ctt. Akers Madison**, right, note flowers grow and change color as they mature. Right middle, one of our holiday plants from last year, mini **C. Purple Doll x Rth.Alpha Plus**. This has mini-purple in the background as discussed by Fred Clark. Middle left, an old standby, **Bulbo Elizabeth Ann' Buckleberry'** a reliable bloomer! Below left, **Ctt Sapphire** (Ariel x *labiate*) probably one of Carson Whitlows crosses at Stewart Orchids,1968. Finally **Ctna. Kat Golden Eye**, another mini: *coccinea*, *pumila*, *bicolor* and *Brotonia anquinea* in background.



American Orchid Society Update Page! From aos.org

The AOS Centennial Celebration - *Postponed until October 2021*



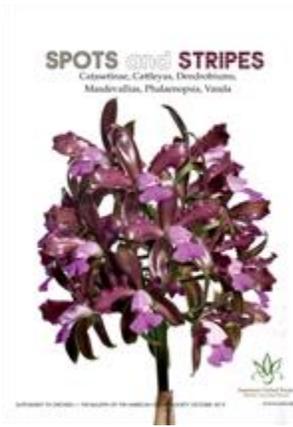
In order to ensure a safe and successful event, the Board of Trustees and the Centennial Celebration Committee have decided to postpone the Centennial Celebration including the Members Meeting activities and Gala Banquet to the Fall of 2021.

Same beautiful landmark location - The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida, same days of the week just moved forward to the last week of October. The Gala will be held on Saturday, October 30th, 2021. We look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

Why the AOS? Consider Joining Today

If you are like most of us, you will be spending a great deal of your AOS website time at aos.org, whether you are just beginning or have grown orchids for many years. Orchids are all about learning and striving to grow our plants better. You will find helpful tips if you are growing your first orchid under [ORCHID CARE](#). The [AOS VIDEO LIBRARY](#) and [WEBINAR](#) sections contain how-to topics and lectures by orchid experts and Greenhouse Chats with Q&As about orchid culture. The [CULTURE SHEETS](#) cover growing individual genera and can be translated into nearly every language. An [ORCHIDIST'S GLOSSARY](#) is an alphabetical list of orchid terms and helps you learn how to pronounce the genera names, frequently a challenge. [ORCHIDS A TO Z](#) gives genera information and culture requirements and has playable sound files with the proper pronunciation. The [ORCHID PESTS AND DISEASES](#) section is useful to all of us, and there are two webinars (found under the WEBINAR tab) on Pest and Disease management that you will find very helpful in dealing with these problems. The [KIDS' CORNER](#) has tips for sharing your love of orchids with kids. Check out [ADDITIONAL ORCHID RESOURCES](#) for lots of additional information that includes original material as well as articles from ORCHIDS magazine.

The Spots and Stripes Supplement



This month we also have the release of our Annual Supplement, featuring Spots and Stripes. All Current AOS members can [log in to read it online now](#).

Spots have always inspired mankind, taunting with the secrets of the universe. In nature, spots are never wasted. Flowers of hundreds of orchid species are distinctive by virtue of the colors and patterns of their spotting.

In this year's supplement to Orchids magazine Laura Newton explores the world of spotted cattleyas; Marguerite Webb and Cordelia Head survey striped and spotted Masdevallias; Robert Fuchs takes us through the development of spotted vandas; Fred Clarke the utterly stunning world of spots and stripes in the Cattasetinae; Pam Porteous helps us understand the development of stripes in dendrobiums and Esteban (Steve) Gonzalez rounds out or striking walk on the spotted side with the development and refinement of harlequin phalaenopsis.

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Andy's, C. Kenneth Sherouse, registered in 1979, a cross between C. Angelwalker and C. Fred Cole. Has never been awarded!

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Please come with questions on how to grow these delightful slipper orchids. You can order from the Orchid Inn website (<https://orchidinnusa.com/>) now and receive a 10% discount on your order... just enter the discount code "10OFFEIOS" when you check out. This discount will be available through November 12, 2020.

We will be shaking things up a little bit over the next couple months. On December 3rd, in lieu of our traditional December Holiday Party, we will be treated with a presentation by Peter Lin from Diamond Orchids. It is election season, so the topic of Peter's presentation will be voted on at the November meeting; please be present to have your voice heard! That will be followed in January with a virtual New Year's Party so we can ring in 2021! I hope you are all staying safe and healthy.

Happy growing!

-Andy

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Bring your own popcorn!

Directions to the First United Methodist Church in Shueyville, Iowa when we again meet there.

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!