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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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



EIOS Show Trophy winning display at Wisconsin Orchid Show, Milwaukee, WI

Notes from the President for October

October brings us cooler weather as well as more opportunities to add to our orchid collection. My orchids are still outside, but I'm preparing for their annual migration to my indoor habitats. I've got several orchid growing spots in my house: upstairs bathroom with plenty of natural light and humidity; living room with east facing windows; and my basement grow cave under the stairs with high intensity lights, cramped quarters, not as much humidity as I'd like, and tons of spiders. Unfortunately, I really haven't figured out which area is best for my various orchids because I've never had the patience to keep each orchid in the same spot over the entire winter. I'm an impulsive orchid mover and reorganizer. But, who said you had to follow established scientific methods for growing orchids? I manage to get many, but not all, of my orchids to bloom each year. My method isn't perfect, but it works for me.

The various American Orchid Society shows are underway and I attended the Wisconsin Orchid Show in Milwaukee in mid-

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Calendar of Events

October EIOS meeting at Shueyville	10/5/17
Methodist Church Program: Quarter Auction	

Sixth Annual Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale Noelridge Greenhouse Cedar Rapids, IA CANCELLED	
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November EIOS meeting at Shueyville	11/2/17
Methodist Church Program to be presented by Andy- Coghill-Behrends	

Holiday party with each member receiving a blooming orchid!	12/7/17
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No January meeting

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First Orchid Show of the Season: A Hot Success!

By Nile Dusdieker

August was unusually cool; September was **Hot, Hot, Hot!** Our club ventured into the Mitchell Park Botanical Domes in Milwaukee and set up a **Hot** display. Mike and Dorothy Hampton, Peggy Green, Andy Coghill-Behrends, and Nile and Lois Dusdieker literally were drenched in sweat when the exhibit was done Friday evening, 9/15. Saturday judging was equally sweltering. We were fortunate that orchids like the tropical climate. Each plant was dipped in water before the show and stayed remarkably fresh. The public still ventured into the domes for a look!

So — no surprise — we had a **Hot** display with **Hot** results in the form of ribbons, best of class, and American Orchid Society awards! The exhibit received the first place ribbon and won the show trophy for the best display in the show. This is an AOS award and the photo will be published and placed in the national data base. With 6 members of our society helping, we really worked together. Our main point of discussion was what to do with the large white vase from the raffle table at our last meeting. We had only one white flower and placed it in the center of the display in the white pot. “Should we cover the pot in black or leave it as an accent?” Apparently, the accent worked!

Several individual member’s plants also won an AOS award. Deno Kandis’ *Paph.* Toni Semple ‘Forest Park’ HCC/AOS had six flowers on one inflorescence with lovely color and presentation. Doc Bannister contributed several large, *and I mean really large sized flowers*, phalaenopsis for the exhibit and his *Phal.* Chian Xen Pink Pearl ‘DMS 1336-Iowa’ also received an HCC/AOS. Lots of folks wanted to buy these! We also had Marcia Whitmore’s *Bulb.* Crownpoint ‘Timberlane’ which we had at the September club meeting that Andy took to Chicago judging the week before receiving an AM/AOS and CCM/AOS. Photos of these awards are on the following pages.

Nine members of the club contributed plants for the exhibit with 36 ribbons awarded. Deno’s *Paph.* Toni Semple received Best of Class for *Paphiopedilums* and Doc’s *Phal.* OX Red Lion received Best of Class for *Phalaenopsis*. Our exhibit clearly had a phalaenopsis focus with hybrids that were not available from the vendors at the show. **Hot, Hot, Hot**, and **Wow, Wow, Wow!**



AOS Award Winners!



Doc Bannister's *Phal.* Chian Xen Pink Pearl 'DMS 1336 - Iowa' HCC/AOS (above) and his Best of Class *Phal.* OX Red Lion (right). Both flowers were over 5 inches across!



Marcia Whitmore's *Bulb.* Crownpoint 'Timberlane' AM-CCM/AOS. These photos are by Lois Cinert taken at Chicago Judging on 9/9/17



More Show Pictures



Andy's *Paph.* Macabre Glory x *Paph.* Hsinying Rubyweb (left); Marcia's *Vanda curvifolia* (center); our blue *Vanda* and *Cattleya* tree (below)



Lois cooling down the orchids with mist! (left upper); Dusdieker's *Phrag.* Allison Strom, a *kovachii* hybrid with 2 blooms at the same time and they held for the weekend! (left lower); mid-afternoon attendance at the **Hot** show was sparse, as viewed from atop our exhibit.

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The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society

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Emma Lazarus — *'Give me your tired, your
poor, Your huddled masses (of orchids)
yearning to breathe free, ' Bring to the
October meeting for the quarter auction!*

NEWS RELEASE 9/29/17: 2PM

The EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SHOW and SALE, OCT. 21 & 22,
2017 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED** due to unforeseen complications at
Noelridge Greenhouse. The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society wishes to
thank the volunteers who have worked on the show to date including
club members, Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation and Friends of
Noelridge.

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September. I clerked for the first time in the cattleya categories and learned how difficult it is to judge and decide which orchid gets first, second or third when all the specimens are fabulous. I'm glad I wasn't the judge. Orchid shows also mean plenty of opportunity to acquire more orchids and I came home with 2 more impulse buys: an epidendrum and a phragmipedium. I've never grown either one before, but I hear they're easy. Now...., which growing area in my house should I put these new orchids? Decisions, decisions.

You'll be able to add to your orchid collection in October as well. Our next EIOS meeting is Thursday, October 5 and we'll be having our quarter auction. Bring your orchid divisions and extra plants and we'll auction them off to the highest bidder. Be ready to bring home some impulse buys of your own. The auction proceeds will go towards our December holiday party expenses for food and a blooming orchid for each EIOS member who attends. See you in October!

Peggy, never had enough orchids, Green

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Dorothy Hampton refreshments

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!