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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 first place orchid display at the Wisconsin Orchid Show, Sept. 15th, 2018

President's Blurb:

October is a big month for our club. We will be sponsoring our 6th orchid show in a new venue and on a new date. **"Orchids are a Scream"** is the theme for the show to be held at the Elks Lodge Hall October 27-28, 2018. (Flyer on last page) At our upcoming meeting we will finalize hospitality and volunteers to help with setup, docenting, judging, and takedown of the show. We need **'great' club member participation** as in the past for the show to be a success. We also need to get the word out about the show and ask our members to friend the EIOS Facebook page as well as email and talk with friends and other organizations about the show. Anyone with



Calendar of Events

EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program Orchids Over the Andes by Nile and Lois Dusdieker	10/4/2018
Sixth Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale "Orchids are a Scream!" at Elks Lodge Hall 801 33 Ave. SW Cedar Rapids IA	10/27-28/2018
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program Tentatively Andy C-B on Miniature Phalaenopsis	11/1/2018
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church; Holiday Party All members choose a free blooming orchid!	12/6/2018
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program TBD	2/7/2019

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HOT , HOT, HOT, Wisconsin Orchid Show at the Mitchell Park Domes in Milwaukee

Photos and text by Nile D



NEW WHEELS! This was the first orchid show for our new Ford Expedition. All went well but we miss 'Mongo' the old Tahoe.



Dusdiekers and Andy C-B brought over 70 plants from 11 EIOS members to Milwaukee for show setup. It was nearly 90 degrees F. outside and well above that in the domes . We had to take **'cool down water breaks'** every hour or so. Most of the flowers in the exhibit were more tolerant of the temperatures than we were. We did keep them generously watered. Our final result is shown on page one.



SPECIAL THANKS

To members that contributed plants! This time of year can be sparse for blooming orchids. Marsha Whitmore sent *Paph.* Gloria Naugle (right), new member Bruce Byorum sent *Zygosepescalum* Zesty Kaila (left) and Laynez Ackerman sent beautiful blue *Ctt.* Mary Elizabeth Bohn (right below). We are fortunate to have some joint members with our sister Illowa Society whose plants Andy picked up on his way to the show!



More Show Pics!



Doc Bannister's wonderful phalaenopsis (left); Deno Kandis' *Den. bracteosum* (center) and some of his paphs along with Dusdieker's *Prosthecia* (right) For this early a show, EIOS had great variety!

Andy designed a peninsula of miniature phalaenopsis in the center of the display. (photos right) Incidentally that will be the topic of his next presentation.



CONGRATS! DOC BANNISTER! Not only did he provide 25 plants for the display but he received TWO AOS Awards. Left is *Phal. Fuller's 3545 'Iowa FL89195'* AM/AOS which also received Best of Class Phalaenopsis in the Show.

Below is *Phal. cornu-cervi 'Iowa'* AM/AOS presented as a synonym *Phal. borneensis*. Very large glossy flowers for this species!



OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Over 20 members attended the first EIOS meeting of the Fall season and learned about the wide variety of orchids that **“anyone can grow”** Barry Jones and his wife Jane were our guests for the evening. They imparted some “down home” advice on growing orchids. Also, they had some unusual plants for sale that seemed to disappear quickly. Barry talked the previous night at the Illowa meeting and they really enjoyed seeing old friends from both societies. Some pictures of plants brought for Show-and-tell and our newest member Rod Hunt is in pictures below. Welcome to our club! *Photos and Text by Nile D*



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ORCHIDS ARE A SCREAM!

Orchid plants have beautiful and exotic flowers! Some are even a bit scary such as *Draculas* or *Gongoras* (Flying Dragons). Come see hundreds of blooming orchids at

The Sixth Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale on October 27 & 28, 2018,

at the **Elks Club Hall, 801 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.**

The show is **free and open to the public**
Sat. 10AM - 5 PM and Sunday 10AM - 4PM.

The show consists of floor and table top exhibits of blooming orchids and displays of orchid related crafts and collectables. Orchid plants will be for sale by three regional vendors from the Chicago area. Daily lectures are scheduled on *Orchid Culture*. This show venue is family friendly and offers visitors an “up



close and personal” view of some of nature's most exotic flowers in artistically arranged displays around a seasonal Halloween theme.

Gongora orchid (Flying Dragon) right

Dracula orchid from South America, left



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ideas for promotion of the show should contact me or Andy Coghill-Behrends.

The program for the October meeting will be ‘Orchids over the Andes’ which shows the wide variety of orchids Lois and I found in Ecuador last November. Some amazing plants growing in unusual places .

Our September meeting had great attendance for Barry Jones’ talk about orchids we all can grow. Barry brought some small different orchids for sale which folks seemed to like. We also reviewed our new officers as voted in June. The group decided against the ‘quarter auction’ this year as only a few members had plants to contribute. We will have raffle plants at our October meeting and anyone bringing plants for Show-and-tell will receive a free raffle ticket.

As always, bring a friend to the club meeting as we welcome anyone interested in orchids and we are always looking for new members. *Nile Dusdieker*

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Dusdiekers

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!