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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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



THIS IS A WEIRD ONE! *Dendrobium spectabile* native to the Polynesian islands of the eastern Pacific. Grown by Bruce Byorum, *grotesquely beautiful!*

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Hello, EIOS! The weather is getting colder out there and – if you're like me – you have been preparing your growing spaces to make room for all your plants to keep them comfortable during the long winter we have ahead of us... my plants have been “debugged” (hopefully) and will be coming inside to live with me in the next couple of days. Hopefully you have saved some space for the plants we ordered through Sunset Valley Orchids. I will be unpacking my new acquisitions tonight and giving them a little TLC before they head into “plant quarantine” until they can join the rest of my collection.

This month, Fred Clarke will be

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Calendar of Events

EIOS Monthly VIRTUAL meeting via ZOOM. Andy will send invitation via email to our google group. Fred Clarke of SVO Orchids In California will speak on 'Growing Small Cattleyas'	Oct, 1st, 2020 6:30 sign on, social 7PM program
EIOS ORCHID SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELLED THIS YEAR	Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2020
EIOS Monthly Virtual Meeting. Program pending	Nov. 5th, 2020
Holiday Virtual Meeting, Program pending	Dec. 3rd, 2020

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Dorothy's Habenarias 'Music to Anyone's Eyes!' By D Hampton



Dorothy Hampton shared her blooming Habenarias. *Hab. carnea* × *rhodocheila* (pink) on right and *Hab. rhodocheila* 'Gabby' AM/CCM/AOS (Coral) on left. Tubers planted in sphagnum were purchased from Joel Edwards at Hauserman's in February 2020. They had started to show growth and he instructed me to keep them moist. Joel is known for his Habenarias and his awarded exhibit at the Illinois show in 2019 received the show trophy and a silver certificate (ST & SC/AOS) This photo was also submitted for the OFF Award to the AOS as the Chicago Center's choice for best display for 2019. Pictured below left.



Closeup of *Hab. rhodocheila*; the yellow form. (Nile D)

Habenaria are terrestrial and often lithophytic plants native to SE Asia: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaya, China, and the Philippines. They grow from lowland meadows to mountain altitudes up to 3600 feet. Plants grow from small round corms with a single stem that flowers at the apex. After flowering they tend to die back and when leaves drop a rest period with very little water is suggested. Media suggested is compost with adequate drainage. Joel grows his on sphagnum moss and says that sometimes the plants go dormant only for a short period of time. He puts Styrofoam peanuts in the bottom of the pot to insure excellent drainage. Nile D

Our Club's Orchid Order - A Big Success! *Can You Unmask the Members?*

Many 'kudos' to Fred Clarke and Sunset Valley Orchids for sending this wonderful order to EIOS. Since we are not meeting in person and won't have our usual holiday plant gift table, Andy thought it would be fun to do a group order instead. We received a great discount and the plants were amazing. We had a drive thru pickup on Sunday the 27th of September. All 2020 paid members received a \$10 credit on their order (and if they did not order will receive \$10 credit toward 2021 dues) Also remember the AOS book on Orchid Culture is a gift for members as well. Pictures were taken at our drive thru with appropriate social distancing being observed.



A: Lois Dusdieker opens order from SVO, **B:** Andy's big order, **C:** B Englert, **D:** Snyders' pickup, **E:** Melissa and Roger Jensen get AOS culture book, **F:** fearless Michael Hampton, **G:** Wilcox's plant and money grab, **H:** Dorothy H & Lois D ; a bit chilly to be barefoot!



Catesetum Fanfair, a hybrid I got from Bob Lewis years ago. Nile D.



ORCHID SHAPES!

Miltonia bluntii, native to the mountains near Rio de Janeiro

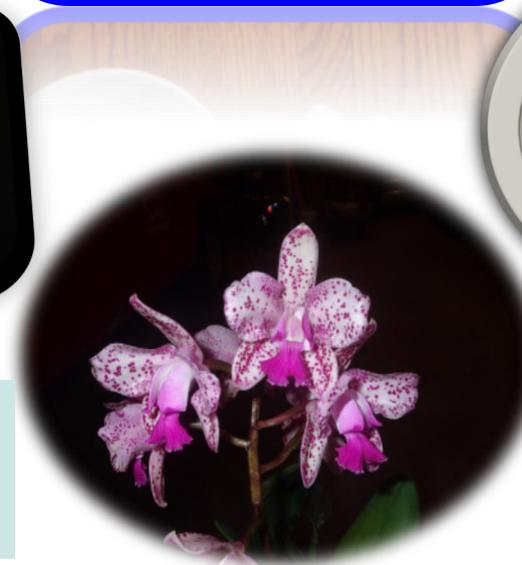


Not All Peanuts are the SAME: Be careful when one uses packing peanuts from online shipments as some are made of corn byproducts and dissolve when wet - not good to place in pots for air space.

C. Gertrude Hausermann (C. Empress Bells x C. Bow Bells) Very old hybrid made in 1964; below



A reminder of our EIOS past shows with the Halloween theme, this is *Miltoniopsis Lillian Nakamoto* (Mps. Lorene x Mps. Lynne Waihee). The famous *Bat Wing Pansy Orchid!* Thanks Bruce for the pic!



Left: C. Penny Kuroda. Not as simple as it sounds. There are 4 groupings of Penny K. each listed with a date. This is Caudebeck group (1995) and was C Caudebeck. The 1976,1978 groups are called the Sophia Martin groups. All are variants of Summer Stars x guttata but some have spots , splash petals or solid petals.

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Lois' friend, Dr Donna D'Alessandro does wonderful embroidery as a hobby and she made this picture of Blc. Lois Lovely which was one of our first crosses to grow up and bloom in the early 90s The plants have long since died but this picture will preserve the memory for posterity. Absolutely beautiful! Nile D.

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joining us on October 1st to present on Mini and Compact Cattleyas – he is a wonderful speaker, so you can be sure that our meeting will be amazing! I will be sending out a link to the Zoom meeting in the days before the meeting; we will have social time at 6:30 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, please plan to arrive at 6:30 so that we can make sure you will be able to participate fully. Also, be ready with your questions as to how to care for your new babies: Fred has grown them up this far, now it's our turn.

I hope the past few weeks have kept you safe and healthy and I can't wait to see you again in a few days on ZOOM. Happy growing! Pictured here is my Vanda Peaches (used to be Ascofinetia Peaches)

-Andy



Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Directions to the First United Methodist Church in Shueyville, Iowa (When we resume in person meetings) 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!