

**In This Month's Newsletter:** Note from the President, Vignettes of past orchid shows, AOS information page, and pictures from our first in-person meeting in a while.

The Spike  
**October 2021**

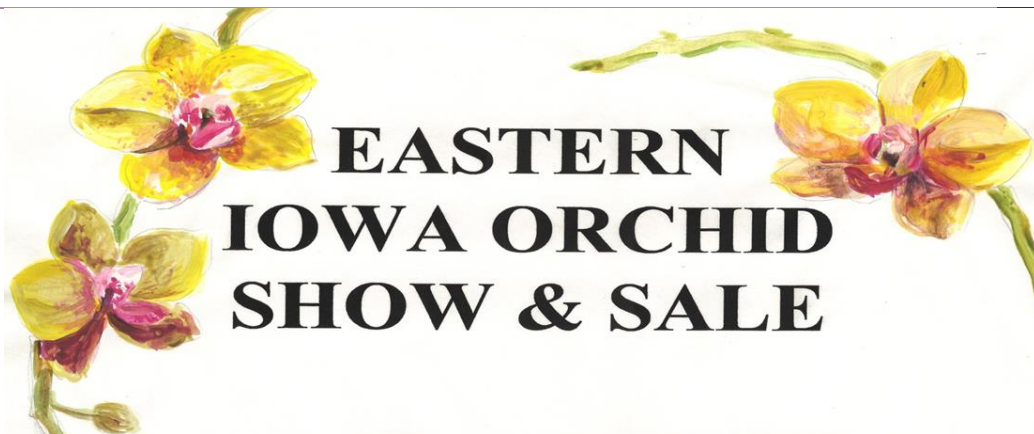
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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

# The Spike

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



## EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SHOW & SALE

**ELKS LODGE HALL, 801 33<sup>RD</sup> AVE.  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
2021**

### PRESIDENT'S BLURB

We had an amazing turnout at our September meeting; it was our first in-person meeting since March, 2020, and 29 members (and potential members) attended! It was wonderful to see all of you and I am hopeful that conditions continue to move in the right direction so that we can continue our in-person meetings. As I hope all of you know, the members present at the September meeting voted to proceed with our show as planned: "Orchids Are A Scream... Returns" which will be held on October 23-24 at the Elks Lodge #251 in Cedar Rapids.

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### Calendar of Events

EIOS Oct. Monthly Meeting	Oct. 7th 2021
Planning session for our Orchid Show & Quarter Auction of member plants	
Shueyville Church 6:30 Social	
7pm meeting	
<b>EIOS ORCHID SHOW &amp; SALE</b>	<b>Oct. 23-24 2021</b>
<b><u>'Orchids are a Scream Returns!'</u></b>	
<b>ELKS LODGE HALL 801 33rd Ave, Cedar Rapids, Iowa</b>	
EIOS Nov. Monthly Meeting	Nov. 4th 2021
Andy Coghill-Behrends Presents at the Shueyville Church	
EIOS Holiday Party at Shueyville	Dec. 2nd 2021
United Methodist Church	

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## We're Back - September EIOS meeting at Shueyville Church



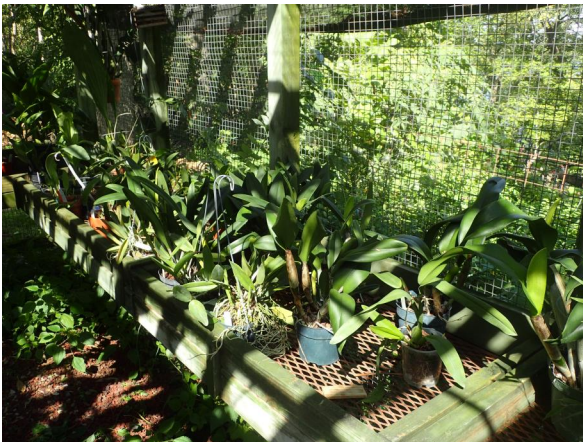
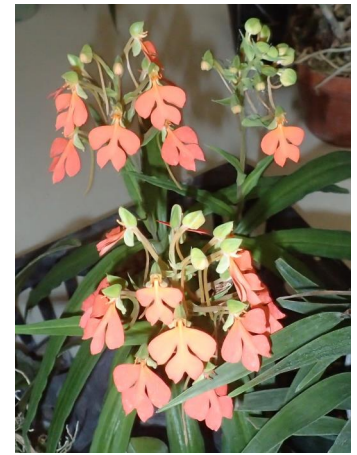
Twenty nine of our members braved the 'wilds of our time' and came out to our first in-person meeting since early 2020. We discussed and decided to proceed with our upcoming EIOS show **'Orchids Are A Scream Returns!'** We likely will have a smaller show than in the past and we will observe and encourage proper Covid precautions. Everyone in attendance at the meeting received a free orchid for confirming their membership. Nice show and tell plants were enjoyed by all. Photos below.



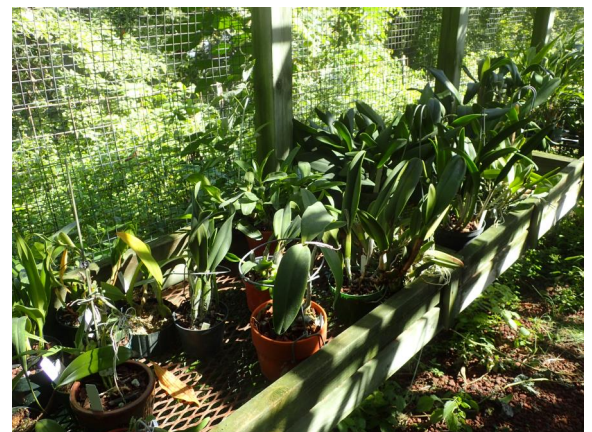
Lorence's cattleyas (left) and a *Bulbophyllum umbel* (right) which actually has 11 individual orchid flowers; plus *Habenaria rhodocheila* which is a blooming terrestrial orchid for the fall season (below right) were a few of the flowers for show and tell.



**Be sure to bring your left over, extra orchids or ones you can't bloom for the QUARTER AUCTION at our October Meeting. Photos of some of the plants awaiting auction are shown below in Dusdiekers' pergola. Some are from Dave Wujek's collection as well. Remember - bid in whole numbers for fun but pay in**



**quarters! Makes things more exciting! A bid of 40 is only \$10.00 what a deal!**

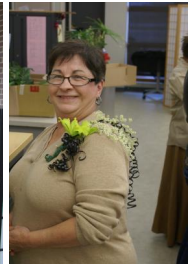
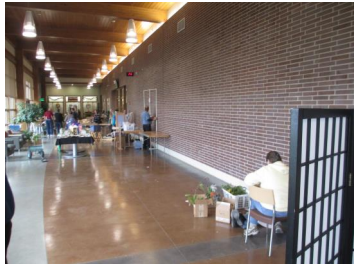


# EIOS ORCHID SHOW VIGNETTES

## *A LOOK BACK AT OUR LAST SEVEN SHOWS.*



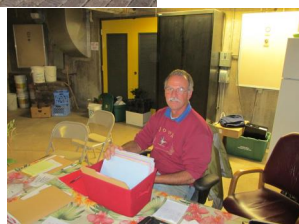
Our first show was Oct. 2012 at the Horticultural Hall lobby at Kirkwood College. Our display took the Show Trophy and Kris Sigsbee's pictorial of Rochester Cemetery Orchids, a Best of Class. Phyllis White did a class on corsages and Dorothy Hampton and Andy Coghill-Behrends displayed crafts.



In 2013 - we moved the show to Noelridge Greenhouse and even helped Noelridge with their own display, (below). Plenty of room for setup and natural foliage backdrops. Our exhibit again won the show trophy.



We repeated the 3rd EIOS Show and Sale at Noelridge, October of 2014 and again took the show trophy. This was the first year Dorothy Hampton exhibited her quilt and received an Artistic Certificate from the AOS. Jon Lorence did yeoman's work categorizing the entries for the show. We had clubs exhibit from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas and of course Iowa. We continued to have craft displays including Marcia Whitmore's paintings.



# VIGNETTES CONTINUED

October 2015 again saw our show at Noelridge Greenhouse with another EIOS show trophy exhibit. The Illowa Orchid club from the Quad Cities has been an exhibitor at our shows since the beginning. Deno, Jackie, and Pat pictured with their display. Bill Englert showed a Bonsai table. Lois Dusdieker showed her *Cypripedium acanle* quilt and photos.

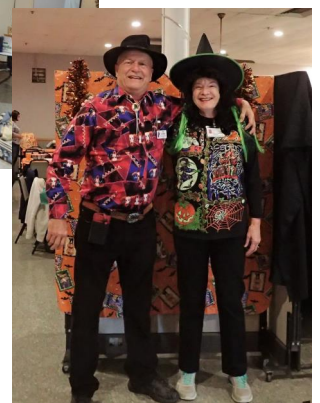


Our 5th EIOS show was held at Noelridge and our friends from the Batavia Orchid Society wanted a different backdrop; so, we provided an archway for them and they walked away with the show trophy. They also have been to every one of our shows. EIOS display featured several 'blue' cattleyas

and Nile did a number of crosses, some of which are just now in 2021 getting ready to bloom - wait and see! **2017 was our first disaster.** We had to cancel the show in early October on short notice due to unsafe conditions at Noelridge. That prompted us to look for a new venue. Our 2018 and 2019 shows were held at the Elks Club Hall in Cedar Rapids and we decided on



**'Orchids Are A Scream!'** Participants all bought into the Halloween theme. Moving the show back a couple weeks also brought some new varieties in bloom. Our 2018 show trophy exhibit was one of our first exhibits-in-the-round; to be viewed from all sides. In 2019 we did a larger 'round' and won a Silver Certificate, AOS special quality award. **WELL,** we all know what happened in 2020; locked down and locked out, but our orchids continued to grow. This year **'Orchids Are A Scream Returns!'** With careful covid precautions we hope the show will be a success. The Elks Hall is a large space where we can spread out. We have 4 vendors coming with plants and crafts for sale. So far, we have commitments from six clubs and craft exhibits in addition. Nile D.



## AOS Information PAGE

### GOOD NEWS Fall Members Meeting

The 2021 Fall Members Meeting virtual event will be held on **Saturday, October 30, 2:30 PM EST**. Check in to learn the latest about what's happening in the American Orchid Society!

#### Agenda

- \* Town Hall & Meeting of the Members including a State of the Organization Report
- \* AOS Projects & Innovations
- \* Committee Reports
- \* Introducing New Judging Personnel and Status Elevations...and more!

#### In Case You Have Not Heard

Due to concerns over Covid-19 and its variants, coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health of everyone involved, the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have postponed the 2021 Centennial Celebration.

#### GOOD NEWS

All events and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 are rescheduled for April 6th - 9th, 2022. [Watch for updates!](#)

#### Fall Members Meeting Registration

Registration Required <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2448907481855582733>

# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	<b>October 05, 2021</b> 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>October 21, 2021</b> 8:30pm EDT Thursday	<b>November 09, 2021</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>November 17, 2021</b> 8:30pm EST Wednesday
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Greenhouse Chat</b> (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	<b>Black Orchids</b> The Lure, The Lust and Licentiousness	<b>Orchid Collection</b> <b>Tour</b> The Huntington Botanical Gardens	<b>Greenhouse Chat</b> (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Dr. Leslie Ee, ND</b> Associate Judge, President of COC	<b>Brandon Tam</b> Orchid Collection Specialist, AOS Judge	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer

## Eastern Iowa Orchid Society

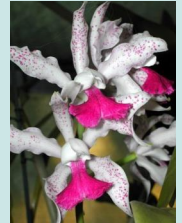
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### What do these two late summer blooming bifoliate cattleyas have in common?

- 1- both crosses were made and registered by Hausermanns in the early 1990s.
- 2- they both have *C. Interglossa* (*amethystoglossa* x *intermedia*) as one parent
- 3- they both have *C. guttata* in the pedigree

The only problem I have is that I can't seem to grow either of these parents but can bloom the offspring above on a yearly basis. This is called 'hybrid vigor! Nile D



## The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society

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A big thank you to Nile who has made a lion's share of the arrangements, but we will still have some details to tend to briefly at our meeting on Thursday, October 7th. Speaking of our October meeting, Fall is upon us. And as we prepare to move our plants to their homes for the Winter, it is a good time to make room in your growing area for new plants – by donating some of your current plants to the EIOS Quarter Auction! If you have growing supplies you don't need, plant divisions you would like to share with other EIOS members, or even just plants that simply aren't blooming for you and you'd like to give someone else a try, please clean them up and bring them to the October meeting for the auction action. [Note: while it is a "Quarter Auction," we do not expect you to actually pay in quarters] Looking forward to seeing you next week... Happy growing!  
Andy Coghill-Behrends

## Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

**Sharon and Denise**

### 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](http://easterniowaorchidsociety.org), read our newsletters, attend our Fall Orchid Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and come join us at our next meeting!