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



Orchids Around the World

Michael Duke, our daughter's husband, sent this picture from a shopping mall in Hornsby, Australia. This is a display set up by the local Berowra Orchid Club. It is mid-winter there, but they have lots of blooming orchids. Many are similar to what we display at shows, phalaenopsis, cymbidiums, mini-cattleyas. The center of their display had many Aussie Dendrobiums which I find fairly hard to grow. People love orchids all around the globe. NILE D

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

A big **Thank You** to those able to attend the September Plant Auction. The money generated by the sales goes toward the Christmas Dinner. Mark on your calendar Thursday December 1st. Remember, each attending member receives a free Orchid.

As cool weather approaches, our growing conditions change. Our plants can be exposed to a more confined environment. They can experience less air movement, decreased humidity, and cooler temps. Watch for pests like mealy bugs and scale.

One more thing to think about. There is an increasing amount of direct sunlight coming in your south window where your orchids might be. Be careful, don't let your orchids get sunburned by the sun's rays.

Our next meeting will help you learn how to identify and clean your orchid

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Calendar of Events

EIOS Monthly Meeting: Preparation for our Fall Orchid Show, How to enter your plant in the show. Social 6:30 Program 7 PM Shueyville Methodist Church	Thursday Oct. 6th 2022
Setup for Orchid Show begins 8AM at Elks Hall.	Friday Oct 21, 2022
Orchids are a Scream 2022 EIOS Fall Orchid Show. Elks Hall 81-01 33rd Ave SE , Cedar Rapids.	Weekend Oct 22-23, 2022
EIOS Monthly Meeting: Intro to orchid growing, Nile	Thursday Nov. 3rd, 2022
EIOS Holiday Party: Appetizers 6:30 Meal 7 pm	Dec. 1st, 2022

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We've Still Got IT! EIOS wins big in Wisconsin

On Friday 9/16 several members gathered in the rather 'hot' Mitchel Park Domes in Milwaukee, WI to setup what we thought would be a small display. By the time all the plants arrived, that was not to be the case. We were told the location would be small on the terrace but fortunately the Parks staff let the show move to the show dome floor as in years past. We started with tiered tables covered with black cloth. Then we decided which were our feature or focal point plants. Bruce Byorum sent several pendant catesetums which required special locations to project the inflorescences (and we remembered not to touch the flower or it would 'shoot' pollen at us!).

When the plants were placed - we needed more room so we turned over the tubs and added them to the display. The final result was really quite spectacular. The club won a 1st place ribbon, Best of Class orchid society



display, and was scored by the judges to receive the Show Trophy (best display in the show) and a Silver Certificate of 86 points. The scoring consists of 1/3 arrangement, 1/3 varied genera, and 1/3 quality of plants. I believe this is only the second Silver Certificate our club has ever received. Special thanks to those who helped: Bill

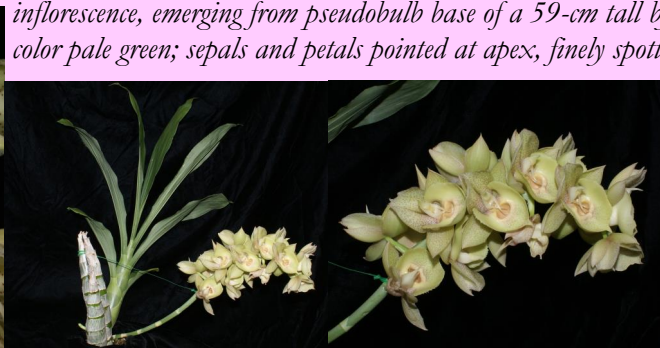


Page, Andy Coghill-Behrends, Jeff Metcalf and Jim Wasser and Nile and Lois Dusdieker. Also, we appreciated the plant contributions from ten of our members - they all got ribbons. Keep up the spirit - our show is coming! NILE



Special Awards in WSC. for a special grower - Bruce Byorum

When it comes to growing certain genera, some folks just have the knack. Bruce is one of those people who can grow and bloom plants of the *Catasetum* Alliance. At the Wisconsin show, his *Catasetum* Fong Cing 'Pat' received AM/AOS 82 pts for a beautiful pendant inflorescence of light green flowers with maroon spotting. In addition, his plant was Best of Class for all *catasetums* and he received the Memoria Bob Lewis award for the best *Catasetum* in the show. Bob was an AOS judge that loved to grow these plants and was from Milwaukee. The award photos and description are shown here. *Sixteen flowers on one arching 47.5-cm inflorescence, second small immature inflorescence, emerging from pseudobulb base of a 59-cm tall by 39-cm wide plant; flower base color pale green; sepals and petals pointed at apex, finely spotted magenta; lip round, side lobes spiculate margins, mid-lobe saccate, tan center, spotted magenta distally; column white, crossed antennae extend from base, anther cap intact; substance good, texture matte, noted for stringent citrus scent.*



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Bruce also entered 3 other

blooming ones in the show. *Fdk.* Philip's Pride 'Select A' and *Monn.* Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS. Both are very dark, almost black in color as shown on the left. He sent the below pics of ones that bloomed earlier. The yellow below is *Ctsm.* DF Adriana Feitoza (*Ctsm.* John C. Burchett x *Ctsm.* Susan Fuchs) and the red *Ctsm.* John C. Burchett x *Ctsm.* Millie's Frilly Dragon



MORE AOS AWARDS FROM THE EIOS DISPLAY!

Deno Kandis 'heritage' *Vanda* (*Ascocenda*) Fuchs Ruby 'Forest Park' received an AM/AOS 80 pts. *Sixteen full, round, flat flowers on one erect 15-cm inflorescence; sepals and petals bright yellow overlaid pumpkin orange; lip mid-lobe rusty red becoming deep red at apex, side lobes golden yellow; column bright yellow, anther cap brown; substance firm; texture crystalline in the sun.* This grex was registered by RF Orchids in 1988 as a cross between *V.* Yip Sum Wah and *V.* Peggy Foo. It received 4 prior awards from 1992 to 2001 but none since. The color, size and presentation of Deno's plant surpassed them all. Taking a photo in the sunlight increased the WOW factor. Color was described as base color yellow overlaid pumpkin orange. Nile (photos by Nile and Bruce)



Other plants in our award winning display.



Hard to beat Marcia Whitmore's *Paph. Vanda M. Pearman*: a primary cross between *bellatulum* and *delenatii* (left) or the colorful collection of Doc Bannister's

phalaenopsis. All different shades of pink to lavender and mauve. (far right)

In the center of the exhibit we had a giant *Den. spectabile* from Bruce Byorum that has really weird twisted flowers. This species must attract some strange pollinators! It received a blue ribbon for specimen plant; blue and Best of Class Dendrobiums. We took it back for AOS judging but it had to compete with a prior award with nearly 1000 flowers. Yellow was the center of our display with Bill Page's *Oncidium Sweet Sugar* (upper left in photo above). A number of intergeneric Brassia/Oncidium crosses were featured such as *Brasidosteles* Gilded Tower and *Bratonia* Shelob, both very popular crosses and commonly available from vendors. One cattleya, C. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle' FCC/AOS in the upper left of photo (right) was blooming 'out of sync' for the Dusdiekers. It is known for its giant yellow-green ruffled lip. Maybe it will bloom again in the Spring as it has a couple sheaths. Jeff Metcalf contributed two masdevalias, his *Masd. Red Othello* won first and Best of Class



(above). We could not have set the display without his and Jim Wasser's help! Jon Lorence sent a huge art shade *Vanda Jairak* (right) which outshined most of the others in the show. It received the Best of Class for all vandas. The far corner shows our Show Trophy for the best display in the show. It was pointed for arrangement, plant variety and quality totalling 86 points - hence a Silver Cer-



tificate. Good Job Club!

EIOS MEMBERS: ATTEND, PROMOTE, VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

This will be our 9th show and we have even more displays with new clubs attending. We need help from all of our members to make the show a success. Setup is early on Friday the 21st (8 AM) including our display in the center. In the afternoon we help others bring in plants and assist with their needs and registration. Joan Lorence is spearheading hospitality but will need help with food. We provide breakfast for vendors, Judges, and Clerks Sat AM and lunch plus snacks etc. Volunteers are needed to man the information table and be docents to answer questions of the public. Finally, takedown is Sunday at 4 pm. Thank you all in advance!

ORCHIDS ARE A SCREAM 2022!

**The Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale, October 22 & 23, 2022,
at the Elks Lodge 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.

Orchid plants have beautiful and exotic flowers! Some are even a bit scary! Come see hundreds of blooming orchids exhibited by orchids societies from around the Midwest and displays of orchid related crafts and collectables, all centered around a seasonal Halloween theme. Orchid plants and collectables will be for sale by four regional vendors. Volunteers will answer questions. Covid precautions are optional. The show venue is family friendly and offers visitors an "up close and personal" view of some of nature's most exotic flowers.

Visit our website: <http://www.easterniowaorchidsociety.org>

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Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Display at the 'Orchids Are A Scream' show

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Many thanks to all who contributed plants for the Sept. 'Quarter Auction' The Club earned enough that we will have *more than Spam* for our main entree at the Holiday party. Special thanks to Nancy Granner for her donated plants.



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when preparing it for competition. It's more fun than it sounds and I think you will enjoy it. We will also finish the show preparation discussion.

Please consider contributing your blooming orchids toward our display at our own orchid show called "**Orchids are a Scream 2022**". We so appreciate and welcome your help to make the display a success. So talk to your plants and convince them to go.

Also, please consider contributing by baking or providing a dish, or by helping unload other societies and vendors. Thus, you will be able to see what is available at the vendor tables before the public.

Can't wait to see you all at the next meeting and at the show! Jon Lorence

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Andy and Will Coghill-Behrends

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, read our newsletters, attend our Fall Orchid Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and come join us at our next meeting!