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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

# The Spike

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



*Phragmipedium* Fritz Schomburg (*Phragmipedium kovachii* x *Phragmipedium besseae*) superbly grown by Jon Lorence. WOW what color!

### PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Summer is rapidly waning away and I really won't miss the heat or humidity! My orchids, on the other hand are loving the tropical climate. They seem to be blooming early which is too bad for orchid shows but Lois and I enjoy them anytime they choose to show themselves.

Our September meeting features a guest speaker, Barry Jones, from the Cincinnati area. He is well known to some of us 'old timers' as he used to live in Peoria and was active in shows and clubs in this area. He is an accredited AOS judge and likes to grow miniature orchids in a backyard sun room. He will have some unusual but

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### Calendar of Events

EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program by grower and orchid judge Barry Jones <b>Ten Orchids Everyone Should Grow</b> plus sale plants	9/6/2018
Wisconsin Orchid Show, Mitchell Domes, Milwaukee, WI	9/15-16/2018
26th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Fest	9/21-23/2018
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Program Quarter Auction	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 TBD	11/1/2018
EIOS Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Holiday Party	12/2018 Date TBD

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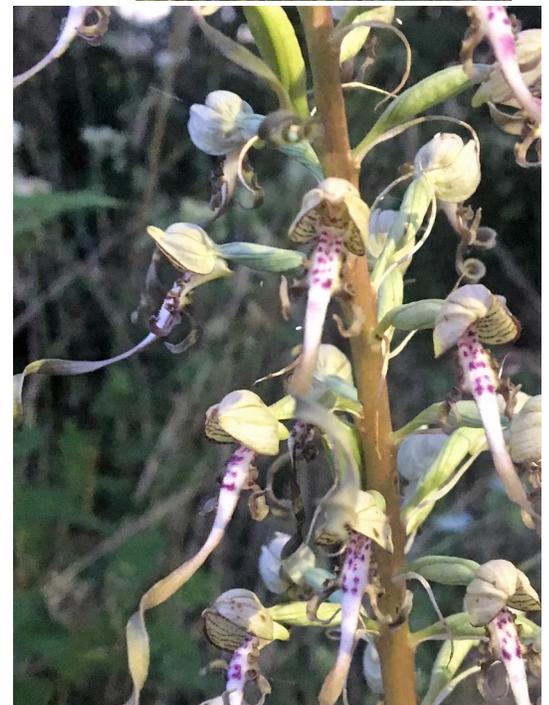
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## Andy's François Orchid Finds!

Text and photos by Andy Coghill-Behrends



Andy and Will Coghill-Behrends were taking an after-dinner walk on their last evening in a tiny village in Lozère, France, at the end of June. As they approached a horse pasture, Andy pointed to a small plant in their way and excitedly exclaimed "That's it!" Over the course of the next half hour, Andy and Will found about two dozen plants of *Anacamptis pyramidalis* - a fairly common terrestrial orchid in the area, but which usually would have been done blooming by that time of year. (Above) As they were making their way back along the rural road, Andy saw something that he thought was an orchid that had set seed. As they got closer, they realized that it was actually in full bloom... It was the much rarer (and much stranger looking) *Himatoglossum hircinum*, otherwise known as the Lizard Orchid.. It's named *hircinum* because it smells like goat. Glad I didn't try to take a whiff.. (Below)



## FUN PICTURES FROM LAYNEZ ACKERMANN

LayneZ is our AOS representative and loves to grow cattleyas. Here are some of his 'babies' and a little quiz!



Beautiful orange *Guarianthe aurantiaca* from Central America. What is unusual here is the spots on the lip, a know variation.



*Cattleya walkeriana* native to SE Brazil. It is recognized by the prominent petals that give it a stately rectangular shape. Above alba form and below coerulea or blue form

*Cattleya intermedia* native to SE Brazil. Below is pure white alba and right is the *aquinii* form parent for many splash petal hybrids.

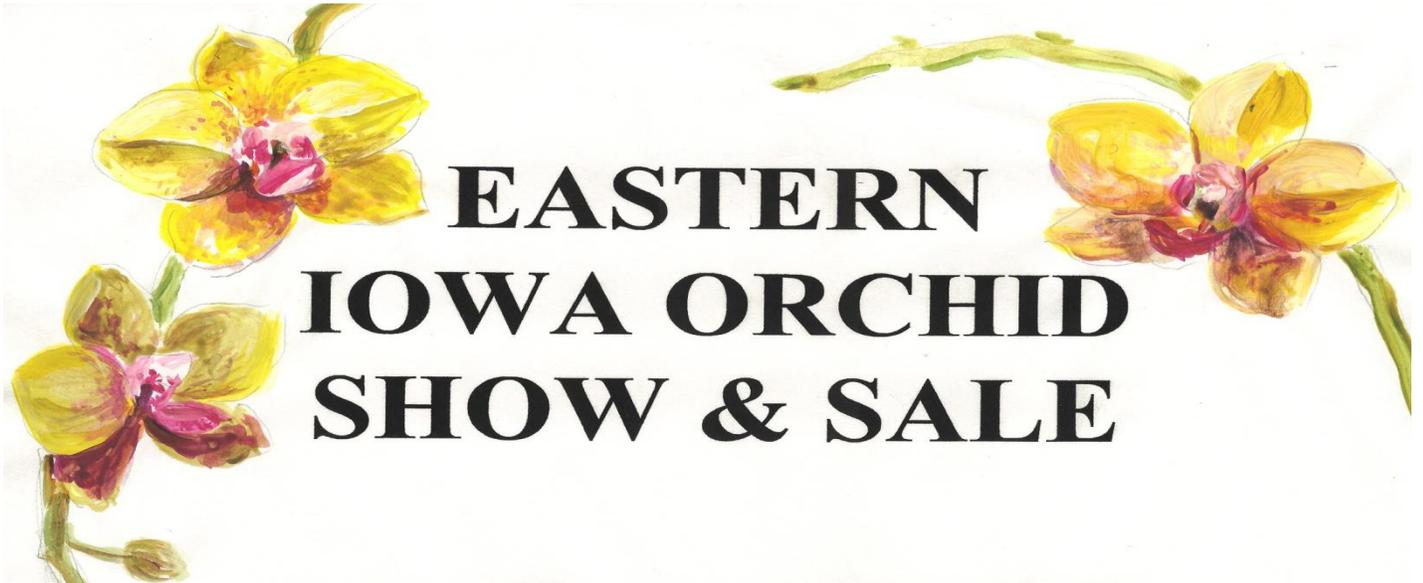


### LAYNEZ' QUIZ?

Here is one for expert eyes. These pictures are from last winter. All 3 plants are *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Summit'. One is a piece of the original plant. One is a clone. One is a selfing. I was lucky enough to have them all bloom at once last year. Can you tell which is which? Answer on back page!



**ORCHIDS ARE A SCREAM!**



**EASTERN  
IOWA ORCHID  
SHOW & SALE**

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

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH**

**10AM - 5PM**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 28TH**

**10AM - 4PM**

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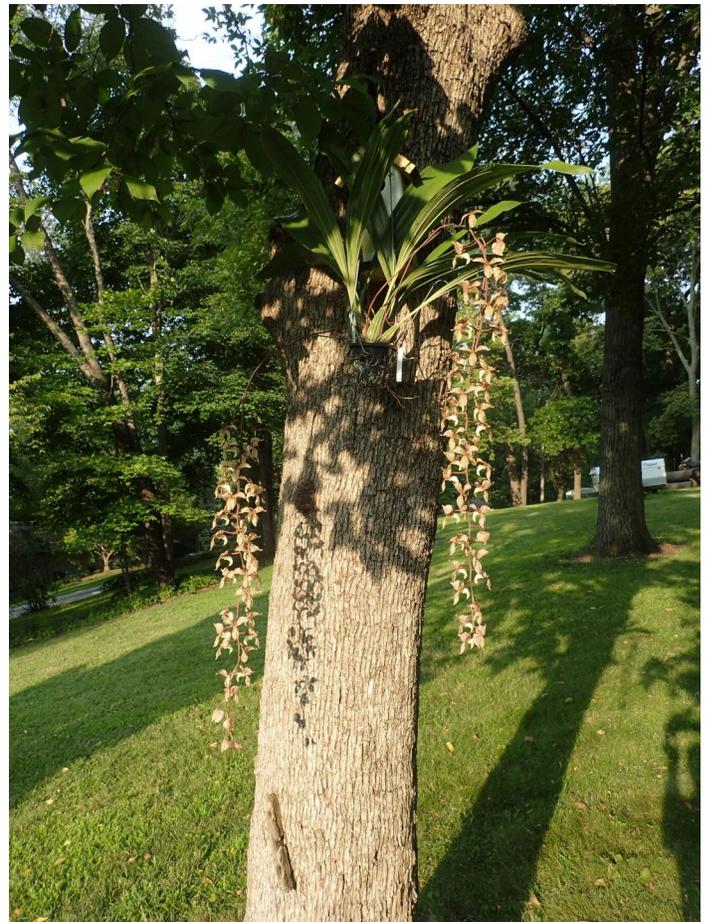
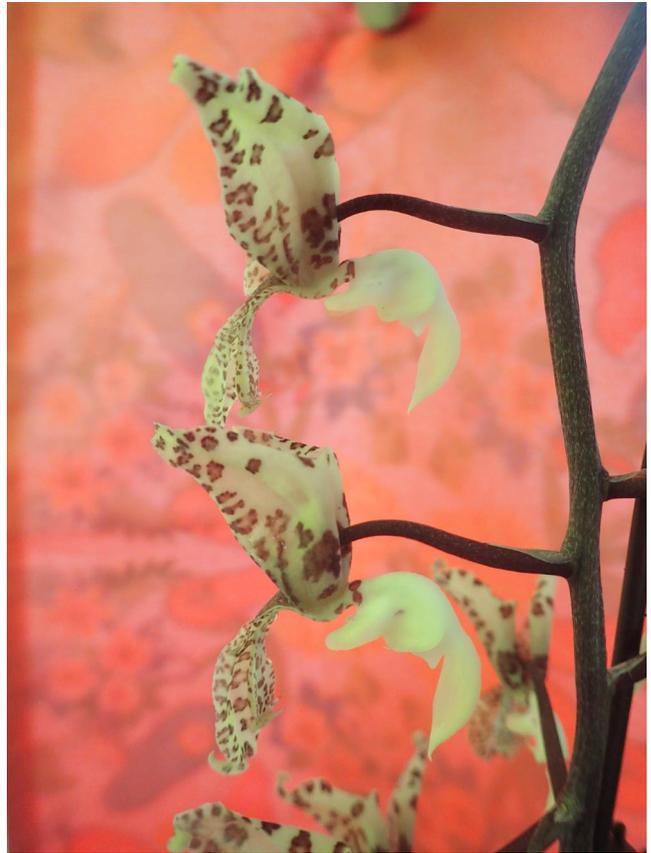
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# Flying Dragons!

Anyone who knows anything about Dragons, realizes they are formidable but unreliable foes! They fly in groups of 30 to 50 and announce themselves with a subtle sweet musky fragrance. Well this dragon was unusually vexing! I'm speaking of this *Gongora scaphephorus* that spent most of the summer 'sleeping' comfortably in the pergola only to send out a long inflorescence late July with over 40 buds. Lois found a second spike curled in a pot which I gently untangled and it too became pendant with 40 buds. The buds grew and grew and sat there for two weeks. As mentioned above, they fly in groups which means they all open at once. I had so hoped to take them into Chicago for judging but 'no flying' till 3 days later.

The head of the dragon is the dorsal sepal, the wings the recurved lateral sepals and the body is a complex lip with hypochile, epichile and prominent callus. The column sits just under the dorsal sepal and has 2 petals closely attached till near the end. *Can you see the parts below?* This species comes from the wet Amazon rainforest of eastern Ecuador and Peru. Nile Dusdieker

PS these dragons don't bite or spit fire!



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### ANSWER TO LAYNEZ' QUIZ

Left: piece of original plant; Center: two flowers are on a hybrid selfing of original plant (new mix of plant's genetics and in this case nicer flowers); Right is the clone of original plant which should be identical to flower on left.

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easy to grow small ones for sale at our meeting. He is doing a 'two-fer' as he will talk to the Illowa Society at their meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5th at the John Deer Carriage House in Moline at 7 PM on 'Growing Compact Orchids' and then will talk to our club Thursday night on 'Ten Orchids that Everyone Can Grow.' Members are welcome to attend both club meeting. Let me know if you need directions.

Finally, **EIOS WILL HAVE AN ORCHID SHOW** this year. We need to sign up volunteers at the September meeting to help with show setup, hospitality, docents during the show, take down, and certainly any ideas for publicity. The show theme is **'Orchids Are a Scream'** and helpers can dress appropriately. I will attach a revised poster to our google group email (had some typos on the first one) for dissemination.

Hope to see you all at the meetings and **BRING** a **FRIEND!** All are welcome, whether members or not. *Nile Dusdieker*

### Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

Bill Page

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