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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

# The Spike

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



## PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Hello, EIOS! (From your new President - Andy Coghill-Behrends)

I hope that all of you are doing well and staying healthy and safe. It is hard to believe how much the world has changed since we were last together. I don't know about all of you, but spending a lot less time with friends and family and a lot more time at home has also meant spending a lot more time with my orchids. And I think it is showing; they all look very happy and healthy and are starting to reward me for all that attention. My *Cymbidium aloifolium* typically blooms every 2-3 years and this was one of those years. The flowers are extremely fragrant and filled the room with their sweet scent. (Above left) And then there was this beauty. (Above right) First, you should know that I can **NOT** grow Phalaenopsis, no matter how hard I try, except this one which I have had for about 2-1/2 years. This spring and early summer I took the time to meticulously train



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## Calendar of Events

**ZOOM** virtual Sept. 3rd  
EIOS meeting. In- 2020  
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Other fall meetings  
pending at this  
time.

**NO 'SCREAM 3'** Oct. 31,  
EIOS ORCHID 2020  
SHOW this year

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# Orchids in Quarantine!

By Nile Duschieker

In these difficult times of COVID 19, we may feel isolated in one place in our own little world away from friends, restaurants, church, concerts etc. Our orchids live their entire lives that way. I suspect most of us have spent more time with our plants and some rewarding pictures from members are shown below. Dorothy and Michael Hampton built an outdoors gazebo for their orchids and it survived the wind storm. Pictured at the right.



From Bruce Byorum: *Miltoniopsis* Mont Mado (left) and complex *Paph.* Mele Star (right) - unusual for a summer bloomer.



From Dave Wujek: Two bulbophyllums, *Bulb. maxillare* (top left) and *Bulb. macranthum* (below left)) plus the beautiful old corsage hybrid *C. Canhamiana*, the *coerulea* form. (right)



Connie's gift to Greg Harris was this *C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'* (center left) HCC/AOS. This hybrid was registered in 1982 by famous cattleya breeder Benjamin Kodama in Hawaii.



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The following has been copied from the American Orchid Society's monthly newsletter to affiliated societies of which EIOS is a member. During this time of virus isolation when orchid shows and judgments are on hold, one way to learn more about orchids is to view an AOS webinar. These can be found at AOS.org and are archived for several years. Upcoming Webinars for the fall are listed below.

## Webinars-Coming Attractions!

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| <b>When</b>  | <b>September 01, 2020</b><br>8:30pm EST<br>Tuesday                                 | <b>September 10, 2020</b><br>8:30 EST<br>Thursday                                   | <b>October 06, 2020</b><br>8:30pm EST<br>Tuesday                                     | <b>October 20, 2020</b><br>8:30pm EST<br>Tuesday                                 |
| <b>Topic</b>   | Greenhouse Chat<br>(Orchid Q&A)<br><i>Send in your Questions!</i>                  | Encydias and their<br>Hybrids   | Greenhouse Chat<br>(Orchid Q&A)<br><i>Send in your Questions!</i>                    | Understanding How<br>to Care for your<br>Paphiopedilums                          |
| <b>Presenter</b>   | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>Chief Education<br>and Science Officer                      | <b>Mike Curtin</b> AOS<br>Student Judge and<br>member of Oregon<br>Orchid Societies | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>Chief Education<br>and Science Officer                        | <b>Dave Sorokowsky</b><br>Owner Paph Paradise<br>Awarded grower and<br>AOS Judge |

**WHAT ARE WEBINARS?** An Affiliated Society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it's easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the [scheduled webinars](http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx) and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

**ALSO NOTE ALL AOS WEBINARS ARE FREE FOR THOSE THAT VISIT THE WEBSITE**

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** Let your society members know; we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. *Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues.* **DID YOU KNOW?** Annual AOS digital membership is just \$54? That is just a little over \$1 per week. All 2020 [membership](http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx) rates can be found on the AOS website! Need [print applications](http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx) Find them here: <http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx>

## PERGOLA SUMMER ACTION,

As many of you know, most of the Dusdieker orchids live outside in our pergola from late May to October. The change in scenery is associated with lots of new growth but not so many blooms. With our isolation this summer, the orchids have received a bit more attention. Almost daily I find something new - a bud, new flower spike, resurrection of a plant that looked like a 'goner', and of course some crown rot and deceased plants as well. I try to inspect each orchid in May when I take them out. Re-pot those in need, remove diseased leaves, spray with systemic insecticide and drench with fungicide. I check off the plant name and identification number on my excel plant list. I will note if plant was virus tested and negative with date as well as the health of plant and update flowering dates. Interestingly, those orchids that I listed as sickly in May usually were true to form and didn't survive the summer. Enjoy some pictures. Nile



**Clockwise from top:** *Onc. Sweet Sugar* and *Maxillaria schunckerii* below it, *Encyclia Aberdeen*, *Gongora scaphephorus*, prosthecias - *cochleata* on top and Green Hornet below in same picture, C.Pat Thrall 'Dusty's California Dreamin' HCC/AOS, and *Habeneria rhodocheila*



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### **ZOOM Host for Upcoming Meeting Sept. 3rd, 2020**

**Members of the EIOS Google Group will receive an invitation via email to join our meeting via ZOOM. Click on the highlighted link in the email and follow the instructions. You may be asked to download the ZOOM App which is free and takes only a few seconds. You can join on your phone or laptop or computer. You do NOT need to create your own ZOOM account unless you want to host a meeting yourself. You do need internet connection. You MAY be seen if you have a camera on your device and enable it.**

**OUR meeting will start at 7PM CST and I suggest you click the link and sign in a few minutes early. There is a test box for your microphone and speakers. Also a view button that allows you to view all members signed on. If you click the microphone button you can mute or unmute as you wish. Andy will host our meeting, and will control your login and screen view. You do not have to use your phone or computer camera and can attend with audio only if you wish. Nile D**

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the emerging flower spike into a cascade for perfect presentation. Unfortunately, just as the buds were beginning to open, I noticed some mealybugs had found them. I hand-picked, I sprayed, but in the end my efforts were in vain. I managed to get rid of the bugs, but – in the end – only one of the eight buds on the spike survived. Sometimes no matter how much work you put in, something unexpected can come along and derail your efforts. And so it is with the EIOS Orchid Show and Sale. After receiving feedback from many members of the club, it is clear that the overwhelming sentiment is that we should cancel our October Show and start planning again to come back even better in 2021.

**We will also need to find a platform that the club can use for our monthly meetings. Shueyville UMC has let us know that no groups will be using their facilities through at least the end of this calendar year. For our meeting on September 3, we will use the Zoom platform which is highly-flexible and can be joined either through a traditional computer/laptop or through your mobile device. Please be looking for an email invitation to join soon. (See above additional information)** We will have lots to talk about when we meet, including how to claim some goodies that the club has for you, a temporary change to the membership dues schedule, alternative ideas for our annual Holiday Party, and nominations to fill the vacant position of EIOS Vice President.

**Happy growing!**

**Andy Coghill-Behrends**