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LIVE & IN PERSON SEPT 9TH SEPTEMBER EIOS MEETING!

Come and see old friends! Shueyville Church 6:30 Social and 7pm meeting.

Program: Discuss plans for our upcoming October Show; Question and answer session on 'How we grow;' Discussion and suggestions for upcoming meetings.

FREE PLANT FOR ALL PAID MEMBERS ATTENDING!

We will have social distancing, mask personal preference, the church is agreeable to our meeting.

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Hello, EIOS.

I hope the summer finds you and your plants doing exceptionally well. The ups and downs of the weather have been significant – from cool and damp to hot and dry – but the second half of August looks to be almost perfect for orchids (if a bit warm for the rest of us). Many fall blooming orchids are getting ready to put on their big shows, including many cattleyas, habenarias, and catasetums. I hope to see many of these beauties at our meetings this fall.

Our September meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the Shueyville United Methodist Church on **Thursday, September 9th; Social at 6:30 and Meeting at 7pm.** By that time, we should have a clearer

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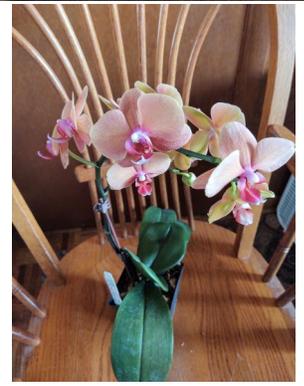
Calendar of Events

EIOS Sept Monthly Meeting NOTE DATE - 2ND THURS	Sept 9th 2021
Shueyville Church 6:30 Social 7pm meeting	
EIOS Oct. Monthly Meeting Quarter Auction of plants	Oct. 7th 2021
Shueyville Church 6:30 Social 7pm meeting	
EIOS ORCHID SHOW & SALE 'Orchids are a Scream Returns!'	Oct. 23-24 2021
ELKS LODGE HALL 801 33rd Ave, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	
EIOS Nov. Monthly Meeting Andy Coghill-Behrends Presents Shueyville Church	

Summer Fun at Central Iowa Speaker's Day in Johnston, Iowa July 24th, 2021



David Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise and Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids, both from California, presented wonderful talks at the 32nd Central Iowa Speaker's Day. They are pictured at the sales tables above with Bill Page assessing the prospects of a purchase. A good crowd from Minnesota to Nebraska, Missouri and of course Iowa was present. Hamptons, Marcia Whitmore, and Lois Dusdieker are pictured at right. Every attendee received a free phalaenopsis as well. Dorothy Hampton shared her gift plants at right. Three AOS awards were given at judging. Doc Bannister received an AM for his *Phal. Lainher Red Diamond 'Iowa'*; Larry Sexton's *Paph. rothschildianum* cross yet to be named received an 83 pt AM and our friend from Minnesota, Ross Hella, received an HCC for his *Paph. Nathaniel's Spectra 'Deerwood'*. Pictured left to right below.



Judging Conundrums! By Nile D



As an AOS judge, my goal is to recognize and award quality orchids. To judge a flower, I look at its form, color, and the presentation of flowers on the plant. These characteristics are then compared with a database of prior awards to the same flower (species or hybrid) and to parents of the hybrid. I present two interesting situations encountered at the August Chicago Judging.

Conundrum #1:

Deno Kandis brought this plant to me to take for judging (left). First look shows a magnificent *Phragmipedium* with *kovachii* in the background. Since discovery of *Phrag. kovachii*, subsequent hybrid crosses produce some of the largest flower sizes in the genus and enhanced lavender colors. Since the initial illegal importation of *kovachii* (read 'A Scent of Scandal' by Craig Pittman) plants of this species have been seed grown in nurseries and hybridization done in Peru and now in US as well and are now entirely legal. Naturally, properly documenting the crosses and maintaining that information is necessary for evaluating a flower for judging. Deno presented the plant as *Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit* by *Phrag wallisii* shown at right. *Phrag. warszewiczianum* is now the accepted name for *Phragmipedium wallisii*. But also in the past, *Phrag warszewiczianum* variety *wallisii* was recognized. Two hybrids were registered for this cross: *Phrag. Quintals Warwick* (*Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit* x *Phrag. warszewiczianum*) and *Phrag. QF Pohu* (*Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit* x *Phrag. warszewiczianum* var. *wallisii*). Deno's flower was awarded but the conundrum is *under which name*. Fortunately neither grex has a prior AOS award. So this hybrid is a 'two timer' - congrats to Deno! The award will be delayed till final name is determined. (Orchid Hybrids are registered by the Royal Horticultural Society and ultimately they need to make the determination.)



Conundrum #2: I like to grow unusual species, especially ones Lois and I saw in Ecuador a few years ago. I legally acquired this *Eileanthus blatteus* from Ecuagenera Nursery and presented this first bloom for judging. The AOS likes to recognize species and enter them into their data base for future reference. A CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition) was given provided the AOS panel of SITF (Species Identification Task Force) can confirm the species identity. A series of photos of the plant, flower, and dissection of the flower is often needed. Currently there are 129 species in the genus *Eileanthus* and several are quite similar. The award (CBR) is listed as 'provisional' until SITF signs off. *Now the problem:* it seems that two

earlier CBRs were submitted for the same species in 2017, however, not enough photo information was available to make a determination. I have submitted 20+ photos and will see if that is enough for identification. Award photo above and some others I sent to SITF are below. We Shall See?





WE GROW!
 This beautiful yellow *Paphiopedilum Dollgoldi* was grown by Marcia Whitmore. We failed to rendezvous at the correct McDonalds and they didn't get taken for AOS judging in August. Nice pics.
WHAT AWARD WOULD YOU GIVE?



Summer and fall are the seasons when *Phrag. kovachii* hybrids seem to bloom. To my surprise, I found this *Phrag. Incan Treasure* blooming in my basement. This is a hybrid of (*Phrag. kovachii* x *Phrag. longifolium*). Very large flower and more buds to open soon! Nile



Late summer is the season for *Paph. rothschildianum* and its hybrids to bloom. They usually have multiple flowers on upright inflorescences and prominent petals that extend with an outward reach. Marcia sent pictures of *Paph. Chou-Yi Angode* (*Paph. godefroyae* x *Paph. adductum*) It was originated by Chou-Yi Orchids in 2006 and to date has 4 AOS awards. What an excellent cross and apparently quite hardy!

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Dear Orchid Friends, **SAD** News from the AOS

Due to concerns over the ongoing Covid-19 and its delta variant coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health and well-being of our members, volunteers, and guests, **the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have opted to postpone the Centennial Celebration event** and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 **until April 6th - 9th, 2022.**

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picture of what the COVID Delta Variant has planned for us and we will need to revisit the fate of our show which is scheduled for October 23-24th. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to "flatten the curve," hold our show safely, and continue to have in-person meetings. The health and safety of our society members, vendors, and guests needs to be of utmost importance. (The church has oked the meeting and suggests masks for those not vaccinated - please use your own discretion for attendance.)

One of our members, Dave Wujek, has decided to discontinue growing orchids and we have acquired some plants from his collection. All members in good standing and current with dues will receive a free plant at the September meeting. I hope to see you all there. Happy growing, Andy

AGENDA for meeting: Discussion and planning for our show: Orchids Are A Scream Returns!

How we grow orchids - everyone inputs

Free plant choice.

Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

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 in the family life center 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!