

In This Month's Newsletter: Note from the President
Winter orchid Shows, Special AOS awards, What's Up for
Spring

The Spike
Spring 2024

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Winter Cheer blooming in Jon Lorence's Green- house

This is *Cattleya cernua*
(many know it as
Sophronitis cernua) which
likes to grow on a mount. It
is native to the coastal
mountains of Brazil, and
can be found on the slopes
of 'Sugar Loaf' in the heart
of Rio. The flowers tend to
be small but last a long time.
A brighter red form and a
yellow form also exist.
Plants resent stale media but
also resist repotting. Jon's
plant is very happy!

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

I pray that you and your plants have successfully delt with the cold and low humidity. The heat in my greenhouse was n't able to keep up and the temperature got down to 54 degrees on more than one occasion. Plants had initiated spikes so we'll see if they finish.

Our February 1st meeting program was on Masdevallias given by Mary Gerritsen. Via Zoom.

Hopefully now your orchids are growing well., maybe even spiking for you. It's always the excitement, the anticipation, the wonderment upon seeing the spike beginning and having to wait. It's the waiting that feeds our addiction. When the bud breaks the anticipation is peaking, then, Ahh! Yeah, I did that! Gratitude, then, I NEED ANOTHER ORCHID!!! This early warm up has been nice for getting the usual spring chores done early. Raking, pruning, and cleaning

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Calendar of Events

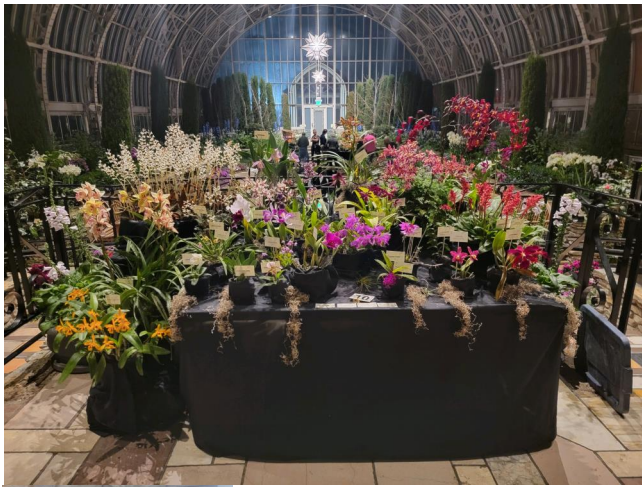
Wisconsin Orchid Show at Mi- laeger's in Racine, Wisconsin	March 2-3, 2024
AOS speaker's day with four lec- tures - see page 5	March 3rd, 2024
EIOS Monthly meeting; video presentation 'Orchid Muse'	March 7th 2024
Illinois Orchid Show, Chicago Bo- tanic Garden	March 9-10 2024
Noelridge Easter Showcase EIOS will display and sell plants	March 30- 31, 2024
AOS Spring Members' Meeting in Apopka, Florida	April 3-7 2024
EIOS Monthly meeting; Carson Whitlow 'Blue Cattleyas'	April 4th 2024
EIOS Monthly meeting Awarded Plants of 2023	May 2nd 2024

WINTER IS ABOUT OVER - ORCHID SHOWS WERE GREAT!

Our orchid show season started in St Paul for the Winter Carnival Orchid Show at Como Park, McNeely Arboretum. Andy and Will plus Jeff and Jim set a wonderful 50' display overlooking



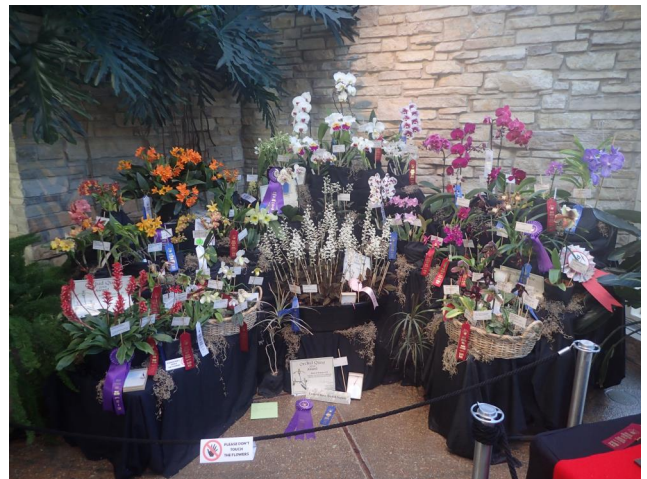
the sunken garden. The display, (left) featured a number of specimen plants with many ribbons and two AOS cultural awards (see the next page for details) A huge crowd visited the show over the two day event. It was especially popular this year as Minneapolis did not have the usual snow or really cold weather for other activity such as ice carving and snow sculpture.



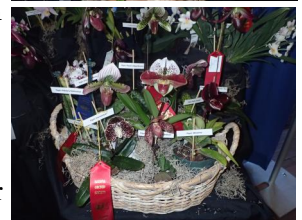
The following weekend EIOS went to Olbricht Gardens



Greenhouse in Madison, Wisconsin for the Orchid Quest Orchid Show. We had a 'V' shaped exhibit (right) that received 1st place and Best of Class for orchid society exhibits. Our orchids received 8 special or Best of Class awards. Marcia Whitmore won Best of Class for her Brassavola Little Stars and just for fun, a special Kids' Favorite for her Vanda Sansai Blue. (left) An AOS award for culture went to the orange cattleya on the left side. Ten club members contributed plants to the presentation. A popular aspect of this show was the large variety of vendors, most of whom sold out. After a 2 week break the club went to Can-



tigny Park Welcome Center in Wheaton, Illinois for the Batavia Orchid Show. We must confess that about half the plants displayed were veterans of a previous show. (left) We did well especially with our Paph baskets which are a compact way to transport the orchids and display them with complimentary colors. We centered our exhibition on pink to lavender colors that featured a Nobile Dendrobium, a very dark Cattleya and several lofty Phalaenopsis. A special thanks to Doc Bannister for sharing a number of his marvelous Phalaenopsis for our exhibits.



Show season is about over with Wisconsin show at Racine and Illinois Show in the first 2 weeks of March.



		MADISON ORCHID QUEST 2024
Andy Coghill-Behrends	1ST	Ludisia discolor 'Island View' CCM/AOS
Jeff Metcalf	1ST	Rlc. Smiley Cupid 'Wilson' HCC/AOS
Jon Lorence	1ST	C. Sea Swirl
Marcia Whitmore	1ST	Phal. MS Purple Fireworks
Robert Banister	1ST	C. Orglade's Grand AM/AOS
Robert Banister	1ST	Phal. Doc's Peachy
Robert Banister	1ST	Phal KHM C163-1
Robert Banister	1ST	Phal. Yu Pin Lucky
Robert Banister	1ST	Phal. OX Queen 'OX Phoenix'
Marcia Whitmore	1ST	Paph. Petula's Distinction
EIOS	1ST, BOC	EXHIBIT
Jeff Metcalf	1ST, BOC	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside' HCC/AOS
Jeff Metcalf	1ST, BOC	Cym. tracyanum
Marcia Whitmore	1ST, BOC	B. Little Stars
Nile Dusdieker	1ST, BOC	Rth Shinfong Little Sun "Young-Min Gold-
Phil Mears	1ST, BOC	Stenorrhynchos speciosum 'Maisie'
Andy Coghill-Behrends	1ST, PRES	Ludisia discolor 'Island View' CCM/AOS
Marcia Whitmore	1ST,KIDS	V. Sansai Blue
Deno Kandis	2ND	Paph. Fred's Triumph
Deno Kandis	2ND	Paph. Winwine
Deno Kandis	2ND	Paph. God's Pearl
Jeff Metcalf	2ND	C. Angel Eyes x C. Virginia Dickey
Jim Wasser	2ND	Epi. Comet Valley x Epi. Rose Valley
Jon Lorence	2nd	C. Bob Betts
Marcia Whitmore	2ND	Paph Payakka Kodkod
Marcia Whitmore	2ND	Paph. Egret's Moonbeam
Marcia Whitmore	2ND	Paph. Mount Toro
Marcia Whitmore	2ND	Den. Spring Doll
Marcia Whitmore	2ND	Ons. Midnight Miracles (Masai) 'Red'
Phil Mears	2ND	Stenorrhynchos speciosum 'Maisie'
Robert Banister	2ND	Phal. Queen Beer
Robert Banister	2ND	C. Daffodil
Robert Banister	2ND	Phal. Yu-Yang Little Peacock
Robert Banister	2ND	Phal OX Purple Girl
Deno Kandis	3RD	Paph. Leopard Sparks
Marcia Whitmore	3RD	Paph. Amusingly Wood
Nile Dusdieker	3RD	Xylobium lentoglossum
Robert Banister	3RD	Phal. Surf Song
Robert Banister	3RD	Phal. Ching Hua Magic x Phal. Taisuco
Robert Banister	3RD	Phal. OX Sunshine Coast
Nile Dusdieker	3RD,	Rth Shinfong Little Sun "Young-Min Gold-

Results of Madison and Batavia Shows:
Ribbon judging 1st - Blue, 2nd Red, 3rd, White
BOC is Best of Class Special Ribbon.
GOOD JOB FOLKS!

Jeff Metcalf	1ST	Rlc. Smiley Cupid 'Wilson' HCC/AOS
M Whitmore	1ST	Paph. Emma Decker.
Marcia Whitmore	1ST	Paph. Amusingly Wood
Marcia Whitmore	1ST	Ons. Firecat 'King Snake'
Nile D	1ST	V. Princess Mikasa 'Indigo' AM/AOS
Nile D	1ST	Gur. Herbert Oesterreich Crownfox' AM
Nile D	1ST	Ctt. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' #1
R Bannister	1ST	Phal. Doc's Happy Face
Robert Banister	1ST	Phal. Doc's Peachy
Robert Banister	1ST	Phal KHM C163-1
Robert Banister	1ST	Phal. Sogo Yukidian 'V3'
Robert Banister	1ST	Phal OX Purple Girl
Andy C-B ACB	2ND	Ctt. Blazing Baby
D Kandis	2ND	Paph. leucochilum
Jeff Metcalf	2ND	Paph. Joanne's Wine x Paph. Red Zinger
Jeff Metcalf	2ND	Den. Star Sapphire
Jim Wasser	2ND	Rlc. Shin Shiang Diamond '#1'
M Whitmore	2ND	Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Fireball' JC/AOS
Marcia Whitmore	2ND	Petula's Wood
Marcia Whitmore	2ND	V. Sansai Blue
Nile D	2ND	Mps. QF Kaneohe
Nile D	2ND	Phal. EIOS#3
R Bannister	2ND	Rlc. Sarah Palin 'Hockey Mom' AM/AOS
Robert Banister	2ND	Phal. OX Sunshine Coast
D Kandis	3RD	Paph. Hawaiian Spectacular #3
Deno Kandis	3RD	Paph. Whitmoor 'Noriton'
EIOS A	3RD	EXHIBIT
Marcia Whitmore	3RD	Paph. Mount Toro
Marcia Whitmore	3RD	Ons. Midnight Miracles (Masai) 'Red'
Nile D	3RD	Ctt. Gold Digger 'Buttercup' HCC/AOS
Nile D	3RD	Ctt. Jewel Box 'Orange' HCC/AOS
Nile D	3RD	Clowesia Grace Dunn
R Bannister	3RD	Rlc. Edith North
Robert Banister	3RD	Phal. Surf Song
Robert Banister	3RD	Phal. Yu Pin Lucky
Robert Banister RB	3RD	Phal. Queen Beer

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY AWARDS TO EOS MEMBERS

By Nile Dusdieker

This year's show season start holds a record as far as I can remember for our club members receiving AOS awards! Two awards at Minnesota, one at Madison, and one at Feb. Chicago Judging! Here they are:

20242556 *Ludisia discolor* 'Island View' CCM 86pts Andy Coghill-Behrends (cultural award)



Approximately 950 flowers and 44 buds on 45 staked inflorescences to 48 cm on a 77-cm wide by 25-cm tall plant grown in terrestrial mix in a 68-cm wide oval 15 gallon plastic stock tank; leaves burgundy-brown with burgundy gold veins, 5 cm by 10 cm; flowers white; dorsal sepal and petals fused at base; column white, yellow distally, pollinia cream; substance firm; texture crystalline. Andy has shown this plant in past years but this was by far the largest and most showy version of his terrestrial orchid. Not sure where he got the stock tank!

20242550 *Stenorrhynchos speciosum* 'Maisie' CCM 83pts Phil Mears (cultural award)

One hundred ninety-five flowers and 118 buds on eleven erect inflorescences up to 39 cm, plus two immature inflorescences, on a plant 60 cm wide by 16 cm grown in sphagnum moss in a 34-cm plastic pot; leaves broadly lanceolate up to 4.8 cm wide by 27 cm long, medium green, longitudinal striations lighter green; flowers tubular; sepals carmine, fused at base; petals cream, blushed carmine, fused dorsally, apiculate; lip apiculate, mimics petals above, cream, flushed carmine distally; column white, anther cap blue-gray; substance firm; texture matte. Phil has grown this for many years and this bloom was his best ever. This may be his first AOS award. Big Congrats!



20242562 *Rth. Shinfong Little Sun* 'Young-Min Golden Boy' CCM 83 pts N&L Dusdieker (culture award)

Sixty-five flowers and 16 buds on 13 inflorescences to 14 cm on a 84-cm wide by 30-cm



tall plant grown in a 29-cm plastic pot; sepals and petals ovate, bright orange, red at base; lip surrounds column, margins undulate, orange, midlobe red at base; column pale yellow, anther cap white; substance firm; texture matte. I can't take full credit for this plant as it is one I got from Dave Wujek several years ago. It was repotted and seemed to like it this year!

20242565 *Onc. John Miller* 'Kimberlyn Helen' AM 82 pts Jeff Metcalf (flower quality award)

Seventy-four flowers and fourteen buds gracefully arranged on one multi-branched, 92.4 cm inflorescence on a plant 63.5 cm wide by 30 cm tall; sepals and petals broadly lanceolate, margins gently undulate, cream, patterned burgundy; lip margin

ruffled, white, overlaid pink distally, burgundy patterning, crest yellow, red striped mask; column winged, white; anther cap yellow; substance firm; texture satiny. This is an intergeneric *Oncidium* hybrid. The shape of the flowers are closely related to the cool growing genus *Odontoglossum* which is no more, as it was reclassified as simply *Oncidium*.

Photos by Nile and Andy - official AOS award photos at AOS.ORG not published here due to lack of permission.



WHAT'S UP! EIOS ACTIVITY PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

PAST: A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY PARTY was had by all at our Dec. 2023 meeting at the Shueyville Church. Jon Lorence is shown with the table of gift plants and special thanks to Doc Bannister for donating the Phaleanopsis and Fred Clarke and Nile and Lois for the



other mixed genera. Wonderful food was had by all. Our members seem to outdo themselves every year! We have about 52 members at present. Please do remember annual dues are on a calendar basis (\$20 single, \$30 couple)

PRESENT: We are getting ready to go to the **Racine Orchid Show** the first weekend in March. We still have lots of blooms to show although some are a bit road



weary. (below) Also, as an added plus, Racine is the world's capital for Danish Kringles. The very next week on Thursday we plan a literary look at orchids by author Erica Hannickel on the "Orchid Muse".

FUTURE: Easter and Mother's Day Orchid Sale and exhibit at Noelridge Greenhouse. We need volunteers to man the booth. Carson Whitlow will be talking on Blue Cattleyas at our April meeting and for die-hard orchid lovers, the AOS Spring gathering is at Apopka Florida near Orlando hosted by Krull-Smith Orchids; wonderful orchid nurseries, swamp tours, maybe even a "Ghost Orchid in Bloom!" To those reading this - please offer some articles and pics for our next newsletter. The AOS speaker's day info is below. NILE



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AOS SPEAKER DAY MARCH 3rd, 2024

Register at AOS.org and view online.

The 5th Orchid Culture Day is Coming Up!
Sunday, March 3rd starting at 11:00 AM EST
Four Orchid Experts, Boundless Learning

Our four expert orchid speakers: **Eric Sauer**, prominent Maxillariologist from River Valley Orchids (Ohio), **George Hatfield**, from Hatfield Orchids (California), **Lourens Grobler** from AfriOrchids (South Africa), and **Julien Baruch**, from Krull-Smith (Florida)

Don't Miss It!



Let's Swing Into Spring with Orchids

Enjoy a day learning about a remarkable variety of orchids, their history,

Current Schedule (All times EST)

- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Lourens Grobler "Latest Developments in Angraecoid Culture and How to Grow them at Home"**
12-12:15 am - Break
- 12:15 - 1:15 pm - **Eric Sauer "It is Not Just tenuifolia Anymore"**
1:15 - 1:30 pm - Break
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm - **George Hatfield "Growing Award-winning Cymbidiums"**
2:30 - 2:45 pm - Break
- 2:45 - 3:45 pm - **Julien Baruch "Orchids in Red. Breeding and Culture Across Four Genera"**
3:45 - 4:00 pm - Wheel of Orchid Fortune

\$35 fee for this all-day seminar. Register [Here](#)

Can't attend the live streaming? Not a problem! Just register and we will send you a link to the recording of the talks.

Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Annual Meeting for 2023

Held at Shueyville Church, Shueyville, Iowa during the December EIOS Holiday gathering **Dec. 7, 2023**. Called to order by Pres. Jon Lorence at 7:50 pm

Club Officers: Jon Lorence President; Leadership Committee Joan Lorence, Sharon Neff, Denise Klemp; Michael Hampton, Secretary; Cathy Wilcox, Treasurer; Andy Coghill-Behrends, AOS Representative; Nile Dusdieker, MAOC representative; Bill Snyder, registered agent in charge of filing nonprofit forms. Club currently has about 50 members: a quorum was present.

Our club is a non-profit organization (501c3) with a major emphasis on education of members and the public about orchids. Fund raising activities solely go to meet that purpose. Major activities of the club this year included sponsoring the Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale 'Orchids Are a Scream 2023!' at the Elks Lodge in October. Local orchid displays at Easter and Mother's Day Noelridge Showcases and participation in regional orchid shows throughout the Midwest. We plan to continue eight monthly meetings with educational programs open to the public, some may still occur via ZOOM during winter months. Guest speakers are paid an honorarium and travel expenses if they are not club members. Activities (minutes) of the club are recorded in the monthly newsletters. A Treasurers report will be given by Cathy Wilcox and published in the Spring 2024 newsletter.

Several motions need annual approval.

MOTION: To approve the activities of the club and specifically the actions of the officers of the club for 2023 including Treasurer's report and meeting documentation in the newsletter. By Bill P, Jeff M. unanimously passed.

MOTION: The club shall provide documentation of donated volunteer services upon request which states that no goods or services were received by the donors from the club. By Andy, Nile – unanimously passed.

All club activities are provided by members on a purely volunteer basis. This includes meeting preparation, refreshments, representing the club at regional orchid shows and orchid judging events, orchid field trips and arranging speakers and educational programs.

MOTION: The club has a policy to reimburse individual members for purchase of items specifically designated by the officers for general club use. By Andy, Bill E – unanimously passed. At times the club needs to purchase items for club activities such as holiday food, gift plants, and support items like ribbons and awards for our show. These items may be purchased and paid for by individual members at the direction of the club officers with bills submitted to club treasurer for reimbursement.

MOTION: The club will donate \$100 to the Shueyville Church for use of their facilities for 2024 Motion approved unanimously.

OTHER Business:

Planning for next year's Orchid Show? Best date Oct 19-20 'Orchids Are A Screen' – already reserved at Elks.

Selling orchids to raise funds for our fall show at the Easter and Mother's Day Noelridge Showcases.

The club plans to exhibit at several orchid shows in the Mid-West this year

Next meeting Feb. 1, 2024

Winter Carnival Show in St.Paul will be 1/27-28, 2024 watch email for details.

SPECIAL THANKS: To our officers and all our club members that have given of their time and funds to support the club. We should be especially proud of the recent orchid show at the Elks Lodge.

Thanks to Michael Hampton and Nile Dusdieker, our newsletter editors and web masters.

Thanks to Cathy Wilcox our long time Treasurer.

Special thanks to Doc Robert Bannister for donating so many plants for our various functions including the Phalaenopsis for our holiday party and to Deno Kandis for donating the Paphs. **MOTION: In consideration of Doc Bannister's and Deno's support of the club – their 2024 membership dues shall be waved.** Motion by B E & Nile passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm 12/7/23

EIOS Financial Report for 2023	
Beginning Balance 1/1/23:	\$3596.55
Revenue:	
Dues:	\$710.00
Quarter Auction,raffle, plants sold at meeting:	\$607.20
Show: (plant sales, vendor fees,donations)	\$2601.00
Interest:	\$2.18
Total:	\$3920.38
Total revenue & beginning balance:	\$7516.93

Expenses:	
Donations:AOS,church	\$400.00
Holiday party:	\$92.75
Supplies	\$24.15
Website support (4yrs)	\$864.25
Raffle plants	\$115.21
Show:	\$2092.77
(AOS show fee, venue, advertising, gifts,ribbons)	
Total Expenses:	\$3589.33
Ending balance after	\$3927.60
Club also has a \$5000+ CD due in 2025	

The annual quarter auction was held at the September 2023 meeting. There were 56 plants up for auction and 18 members added these plants to their collections. Some bidders took home one plant and the most was nine plants. Winning bids ranged from \$1 to a high of \$35.00 and the total amount received by the club for all plants was \$389.20.

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LeeAnn Koch Passed Away Feb. 6th 2024

She was one of the founding members of the Iowa City Orchid Society (the forerunner of our EIOS) and had been responsible for doing the club's newsletter for a number of years. She and her husband John (pre-deceased) facilitated our prior meeting venue at the First Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. We will miss them both!

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plant beds have been at the top of the list, and I'm even getting some done. However, every coin has two sides, so even though I'm getting spring work done early, I am losing out on my normal winter couch potato time. This may have psychological effects.

My plants are enjoying the warmer days. They are putting on new growth and some spikes. Yeah! Can't wait to see the blooms.

Please join us March 7th for a program given by "Orchid Muse" Author Erica Hannickel. Programs begin at 7:00 PM. Please bring a plant for show and tell.

Carson Whitlow will again speak to us on "Blue Cattleyas" at our April 4th meeting.

Our only Society fund raiser, selling orchids at Noelridge Greenhouses is once again upon us. Easter March 30th & 31st and Mothers Day May 12th are the dates. A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting.

Saturday May 18th our society will be repotting Noelridge Greenhouse's orchids. Please consider helping. A sign up sheet is available at the meeting.

Hope to see you at the meeting. Jon

Hosts for Upcoming Meetings

March Jeff Metcalf

April Denise and Sharon

May Bill Page

Directions to the Shueyville Church 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!